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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check box if no longer subject of Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations
 may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Riddle	W.	Curtis
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)

Gannett Co., Inc.	1100 Wilson Boulevard	
	(Street)	

Arlington	Virginia	22234
(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Gannett Co., Inc. ("GCI")

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

April, 1999

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Senior Group President/East Newspaper Group

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

Form filed by one Reporting Person
 Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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 Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,
 or Beneficially Owned
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/15/99	M	8,800	A	\$22.375	See Below	D	
Common Stock	04/15/99	S	8,800	D	\$70	4,094	D	
Common Stock	To 03/31/99					10,134.563	I	(1)
Common Stock	To 03/05/99					557.374	I	(2)

* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Responses)

(Over)

(Form 4-07/98)

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Stock Options	\$22.375	04/15/99	M	8,800	12/30/95 12/30/99	Common Stock 8,800	0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:
 (1) Held by the trustee of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, The Northern Trust Company.
 (2) Held by the trustee of the Company's 401(k) Plan, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company
 (3) Held by the trustee of the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan, Norwest Bank Minnesota.

/s/W. Curtis Riddle
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.