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FORM 5

ANNUAL 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 this box if no longer subject of Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).							
[] Form 3 Holdings Reported							
[] Form 4 Transa	actions Reported						
1. Name and Addres	ss of Reporting Perso	 on*					
Collins	Robert	т.					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)					
Gannett Co., Inc.	Gannett Co., Inc. 1100 Wilson Boulevard						
	(5	Street)					
Arlington	Vi	irginia	22234				
(City)	(City) (State)						
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol							
Gannett Co., Inc.	("GCI")						
3. IRS or Social S	ecurity Number of Re	eporting Person (Voluntary	7)				
4. Statement for M	:=====================================						
December, 2000							
5. If Amendment, D	e=====================================	 nth/Year)					

6. Relationship of Reporting Person				==	
(Check all applicable)					
[] Director [X] Officer (give title belo] 10% Owne] Other (s			
President, New Jersey Newspaper Gro				-==	
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)					
[X] Form filed by one Reporting [] Form filed by more than on		son			
		quired, Dispos	ed of,		
			4. Securities Ac Disposed of ((Instr. 3, 4	D) and 5)	(A) or
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Amount	(A)	Price
Common Stock	12/11/00	А	184	А	\$56.875
Common Stock					
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^{*} 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.

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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	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise 3. Price Trans- of action Deriv- Date	4.	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
		action	Trans-	of (D) (Instr. 3,	(Month/Day/Year)			Amount or
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Secur-	(Month/ Day/ Year)		4 and 5) (A) (D)		tion	Title	Number of Shares
Stock Options/ Option Surrender Rights	\$56.25	7/24/00	A	13,500	7/24/04	7/24/10	Common Stock	13,500
Stock Options/ Option Surrender Rights	\$54.31	12/05/00	A	16,500	12/05/04	12/05/10	Common Stock	16,500

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Held by the trustee of the Company's 401(k) Plan, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.
- (2) Held by the trustee of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, The Northern Trust Company.

/s/Robert T. Collins 1/30/01
------**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).

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