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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A (6)
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of
1934.

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) December 28, 1995

Commission File Number 1-16914

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

51-0304972
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

1105 N. Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware
(Address of principal executive offices)

19801
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (302) 478-4141

Not Applicable
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since
last report.)

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AMENDMENT TO CURRENT REPORT ON FORM 8-K DATED DECEMBER 28, 1995

This amendment to The E.W. Scripps Company Current Report on Form 8-K
filed on December 29, 1995 provides quarterly financial information
for Scripps Cable for the quarterly and year-to-date periods ended
June 30, 1996 under Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of
1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its
behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY

Dated : August 14, 1996

By: /s/ D. J. Castellini

D. J. Castellini
Senior Vice President,
Finance & Administration

SCRIPPS CABLE

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SCRIPPS CABLE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

	June 30, 1996 (Unaudited)	As of December 31, 1995	June 30, 1995 (Unaudited)
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS :			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,782	\$ 3,085	\$ 971
Accounts receivable (less allowances - \$1,283, \$1,288, and \$1,241)	10,598	12,107	9,759
Inventories	10,898	12,822	13,278
Deferred income taxes	5,421	5,421	5,421
Miscellaneous	6,066	446	2,069
Total current assets	34,765	33,881	31,498
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT :			
Land and improvements	3,787	3,691	3,699
Buildings and improvements	9,672	9,529	9,576
Equipment	623,401	587,052	564,706
Total property, plant, and equipment	636,860	600,272	577,981
Less accumulated depreciation	322,497	305,715	288,287
Net property, plant, and equipment	314,363	294,557	289,694
GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS :			
Goodwill	41,125	40,965	40,813
Non-competition agreements	5,495	5,800	5,800
Franchise costs	209,160	158,541	159,545
Customer lists	1,719	1,719	1,719
Other intangible assets	7,071	7,100	7,099
Total goodwill and other intangible assets	264,570	214,125	214,976
Less accumulated amortization	125,636	120,629	117,670
Net goodwill and other intangible assets	138,934	93,496	97,306
OTHER ASSETS	641	639	1,006
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 488,703	\$ 422,573	\$ 419,504

See notes to combined financial statements.

SCRIPPS CABLE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

	June 30, 1996 (Unaudited)	As of December 31, 1995	June 30, 1995 (Unaudited)
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S DEFICIENCY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES :			
Accounts payable	\$ 7,434	\$ 12,244	\$ 11,914
Customer deposits and unearned revenue	2,962	2,475	2,851
Accrued liabilities :			
Employee compensation and benefits	901	1,174	925
Copyright and programming costs	8,256	7,164	7,658
Lawsuits and related settlements	2,488	3,784	6,100
Property taxes	1,868	1,038	2,470
Interest on advances from parent company	1,599	1,599	1,618
Income taxes	12	(22)	(113)
Miscellaneous	8,175	5,818	5,587
Total current liabilities	33,695	35,274	39,010
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	101,911	80,193	79,745
ADVANCES FROM PARENT COMPANY	347,509	312,737	315,652
OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS	8,750	9,325	10,282
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 3)			
STOCKHOLDER'S DEFICIENCY :			
Capital stock	1,801	1,801	1,801
Additional paid-in capital	35,144	35,144	35,144
Retained earnings (deficit)	(40,107)	(51,901)	(62,130)
Total stockholder's deficiency	(3,162)	(14,956)	(25,185)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S DEFICIENCY	\$ 488,703	\$ 422,573	\$ 419,504

See notes to combined financial statements.

SCRIPPS CABLE
 COMBINED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS

(in thousands)

	(Unaudited) Three months ended June 30,		(Unaudited) Six months ended June 30,	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 77,182	\$ 69,750	\$ 153,432	\$ 136,745
OPERATING EXPENSES :				
Employee compensation and benefits	11,052	11,008	22,290	22,010
Programming and copyright costs	20,881	18,299	42,099	35,991
Other operating expenses	11,596	11,425	23,944	22,539
Depreciation and amortization	12,412	14,139	27,923	27,862
Total operating expenses	55,941	54,871	116,256	108,402
OPERATING INCOME	21,241	14,879	37,176	28,343
OTHER CREDITS (CHARGES) :				
Interest on advances from parent company	(8,681)	(8,574)	(17,379)	(17,237)
Other interest expense	(27)	(84)	(27)	(218)
Miscellaneous, net	(23)	(19)	(51)	826
Net other credits (charges)	(8,731)	(8,677)	(17,457)	(16,629)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	12,510	6,202	19,719	11,714
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	5,014	2,610	7,925	4,253
NET INCOME	7,496	3,592	11,794	7,461
RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT) :				
Beginning of period	(47,603)	(65,722)	(51,901)	(69,591)
End of period	\$ (40,107)	\$ (62,130)	\$ (40,107)	\$ (62,130)

See notes to combined financial statements.

SCRIPPS CABLE
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(Unaudited)
Six months ended
June 30,
1996 1995

Cash Flows From Operating Activities:			
Net income	\$	11,794	\$ 7,461
Adjustments to reconcile net income			
to net cash flows from operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization		27,923	27,862
Deferred income taxes		(1,881)	(895)
Prepaid franchise fees			1,292
Changes in certain working capital accounts		(3,718)	4,612
Miscellaneous, net		165	(345)
Net operating activities		34,283	39,987
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:			
Additions to property, plant, and equipment		(31,378)	(18,808)
Acquisition of cable television systems		(62,152)	(222)
Miscellaneous, net		198	112
Net investing activities		(93,332)	(18,918)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:			
Increase (decrease) in advances from parent company		59,619	(19,195)
Payments on advances from parent company		(1,248)	(1,131)
Miscellaneous, net		(625)	(1,875)
Net financing activities		57,746	(22,201)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(1,303)	(1,132)
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Beginning of year		3,085	2,103
End of period	\$	1,782	\$ 971
Supplemental Cash Flow Disclosures:			
Interest paid	\$	17,406	\$ 17,387
Income taxes paid		9,722	5,578

See notes to combined financial statements.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The combined financial statements of Scripps Cable include EWS Cable Company ("EWS") - 100 shares of no-par capital stock authorized, 50 shares issued and outstanding; L-R Cable Company ("LRCC") - 100 shares of no-par capital stock authorized, 50 shares issued and outstanding; Scripps Howard Cable Company ("SHCC") - 100 shares of no-par capital stock authorized, 80 shares issued and outstanding; Scripps Howard Cable Company of Sacramento ("SHCCS") - 2,000 shares of no-par capital stock authorized, 100 shares issued and outstanding, and cable television operations owned and operated by Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company ("SHB").

EWS and LRCC are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Scripps Howard, Inc. ("SHI"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The E.W. Scripps Company ("Scripps"). SHCC and SHCCS are wholly-owned subsidiary companies of SHB. Prior to 1993 SHB was 86%-owned by SHI. SHI acquired 5.7% of the outstanding shares of SHB in 1993 and Scripps acquired the remaining minority interest in SHB in 1994.

The historical basis in assets and liabilities of the cable television systems has been carried over. The historical combined financial statements do not necessarily reflect the results of operations or financial position that would have existed if Scripps Cable were an independent company. SHI provides certain legal, treasury, accounting, tax, risk management and other corporate services to Scripps Cable.

On October 28, 1995 Scripps and Comcast Corporation ("Comcast") reached an agreement pursuant to which Scripps will contribute all of its non-cable television assets to SHI and SHI's cable television systems subsidiaries ("Scripps Cable") will be transferred to and held directly by Scripps. Scripps Cable will be acquired by Comcast through a tax-free merger (the "Merger") with Scripps.

The closing date of the Transactions is expected prior to the end of 1996, subject to regulatory approvals and certain other conditions. Controlling shareholders in Scripps and Comcast have agreed to vote in favor of the Merger, and as a result completion of the Transactions is assured so long as such conditions are satisfied and such regulatory approvals are received. While there can be no assurances regarding such approvals, management believes all such approvals will be obtained.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Except as disclosed herein, there has been no material change in the information disclosed in the notes to the combined financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1995 included in the fifth amendment to The E.W. Scripps Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 28, 1995. Financial information as of December 31, 1995 included in these financial statements has been derived from the audited combined financial statements included in that report. In management's opinion all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of the interim periods have been made.

Results of operations are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for future interim periods or for the full year.

Certain liabilities included in these combined financial statements (primarily income taxes payable, accruals for lawsuits and related settlements, and amounts due Scripps) will not be assumed by Comcast. At June 30, 1996 those liabilities totaled approximately \$360,100,000.

2. ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES

Acquisitions

1996 - In 1995 SHB reached an agreement to acquire cable television systems adjacent to the Knoxville and Chattanooga systems for \$62,500,000 (the "Mid-Tenn Purchase"). The acquisitions were completed in January 1996.

1995 - SHCC acquired a cable television system.

The following table presents additional information about the acquisitions:

(in thousands)

	Six months ended June 30,	
	1996	1995
Goodwill and other intangible assets acquired	\$ 50,619	\$ 143
Other assets acquired	11,771	79
Total	62,390	222
Liabilities assumed	(238)	
Cash paid	\$ 62,152	\$ 222

The acquisitions have been accounted for as purchases. The acquired operations have been included in the Combined Statements of Income from the dates of acquisition. Pro forma results are not presented because the combined results of operations would not be significantly different from the reported amounts.

3. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In 1994 Scripps Cable accrued an estimate of the ultimate costs, including attorneys' fees and settlements, of certain lawsuits against the Sacramento cable television system related primarily to employment issues and to the timing and amount of late-payment fees assessed to subscribers. In May 1996 Scripps Cable agreed to settle the late-payment fee lawsuits. There was no additional charge resulting from the settlement. Management believes the possibility of incurring a loss greater than the amount accrued for the employment issues lawsuits is remote. Amounts accrued, less payments for settlements and attorney fees, are included in accrued lawsuits and related settlements in the accompanying Combined Balance Sheets. Pursuant to the terms of the Merger New Scripps will indemnify Comcast against losses related to these lawsuits.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OF SCRIPPS CABLE

Scripps Cable's revenues are primarily earned from subscriber fees for basic, cable programming and premium television services (including pay-per-view programming), and the rental of converters and remote control devices. Historically Scripps Cable's revenue growth has been primarily achieved through internal subscriber growth, additional services offered subscribers, acquisitions, and increases in rates for services provided to cable television subscribers. Regulations adopted by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") pursuant to the 1992 Cable Act have affected Scripps Cable's ability to increase rates for certain subscriber services or to restructure its rates for certain services. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides some significant relief from the burdens of rate regulation by, among other things, expanding the flexibility of operators to set differing rates for providing services to multiple dwelling units and by modifying the threshold for the filing of a complaint that would trigger review of new non-basic cable programming rates. Most importantly, the new law sets a maximum threshold of three years for the elimination of all rate regulation of non-basic cable programming services.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Earnings before interest, income taxes, corporate management fees, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA") is included in the discussion of results of operations because:

Changes in depreciation and amortization are often unrelated to current performance. Management believes the year-over-year change in EBITDA is a more useful measure of year-over-year performance than the change in operating income because, combined with information on capital spending plans, it is a more reliable indicator of results that may be expected in future periods. However, management's belief that EBITDA is a more useful measure of year-over-year performance is not shared by the accounting profession.

Financial analysts use EBITDA to value cable television businesses.

Acquisitions of cable television businesses are based on multiples of EBITDA.

EBITDA should not, however, be construed as an alternative measure of the amount of Scripps Cable's income or cash flow from operating activities as EBITDA excludes significant costs of doing business.

Combined results of operations are as follows:

(in thousands, except per subscriber information)

	Quarterly Period			Year-to-Date		
	1996	Change	1995	1996	Change	1995
Operating revenues:						
Basic and cable programming services	\$ 52,327	12.9 %	\$ 46,366	\$ 103,491	13.7 %	\$ 90,995
Premium and pay-per-view services	13,887	7.7 %	12,894	28,284	11.7 %	25,329
Other monthly services	4,154	8.0 %	3,847	8,255	(0.8)%	8,320
Advertising	3,479	1.1 %	3,441	6,679	10.9 %	6,023
Installation and miscellaneous	3,335	4.2 %	3,202	6,723	10.6 %	6,078
Total operating revenues	77,182	10.7 %	69,750	153,432	12.2 %	136,745
Operating expenses:						
Employee compensation and benefits	11,052	0.4 %	11,008	22,290	1.3 %	22,010
Programming and copyright costs	20,881	14.1 %	18,299	42,099	17.0 %	35,991
Other	11,596	1.5 %	11,425	23,944	6.2 %	22,539
Depreciation and amortization	12,412	(12.2)%	14,139	27,923	0.2 %	27,862
Total operating expenses	55,941	2.0 %	54,871	116,256	7.2 %	108,402
Operating income	21,241	42.8 %	14,879	37,176	31.2 %	28,343
Interest expense	(8,708)		(8,658)	(17,406)		(17,455)
Miscellaneous, net	(23)		(19)	(51)		826
Income taxes	(5,014)		(2,610)	(7,925)		(4,253)
Net income	\$ 7,496		\$ 3,592	\$ 11,794		\$ 7,461
Other Financial and Statistical Data						
EBITDA	\$ 33,653	16.0 %	\$ 29,018	\$ 65,099	15.8 %	\$ 56,205
Percent of operating revenues:						
Operating income	27.5 %		21.3 %	24.2 %		20.7 %
EBITDA	43.6 %		41.6 %	42.4 %		41.1 %
Capital expenditures	\$ 16,384	47.4 %	\$ 11,115	\$ 31,378	66.8 %	\$ 18,808
Average number of basic subscribers	806.4	7.3 %	751.5	799.5	6.8 %	748.3
Average monthly revenue per monthly subscriber	\$31.90	3.1 %	\$30.94	\$31.98	5.0 %	\$30.46
Program costs as a percent of basic and premium revenue				31.95%		30.94%
Homes passed at end of period				1,256.6	6.3 %	1,181.8
Basic subscribers at end of period				804.8	7.3 %	750.4
Penetration at end of period				64.05%		63.50%

In January Scripps Cable acquired cable television systems adjacent to the Knoxville and Chattanooga systems for \$62,500,000 (the "Mid-Tenn Purchase"). The acquired cable systems increased quarterly and year-to-date operating revenues approximately 4%. The remaining increase in operating revenues is due to subscriber growth and higher average monthly revenue per subscriber.

Program costs have increased due to the growth in the number of subscribers, additional programming offered subscribers, and increased costs to produce or purchase programming. Other operating expenses and depreciation and amortization increased primarily due to the Mid-Tenn Purchase. The acquired cable systems increased EBITDA approximately 5%.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash flow from operating activities was \$34.3 million in 1996 and \$40.0 million in 1995. Cash flow from operating activities in 1995 included an \$11.3 million refund of disputed Sacramento property taxes, including interest.

Scripps Cable invests heavily in its cable plant, continually replacing and modernizing its technology by rebuilding and upgrading its systems with fiber optic cable. Capital expenditures in 1996 increased primarily due to the rebuild of the Sacramento system. Acquisitions of cable television systems and capital expenditures are financed through cash flow from operating activities and, if necessary, additional advances from Scripps. Advances from Scripps increased in 1996 due to the Mid-Tenn Purchase.

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THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY
PRO FORMA BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 1996

(in thousands)

	REPORTED AMOUNTS	SCRIPPS CABLE	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	PRO FORMA AMOUNTS
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,594		\$ (8,000) (A)	\$ 7,594
Accounts and notes receivable	157,426			157,426
Program rights and production costs	32,960			32,960
Refundable income taxes	7,119			7,119
Inventories	11,126			11,126
Deferred income taxes	23,365			23,365
Miscellaneous	20,748			20,748
Total current assets	268,338		(8,000)	260,338
NET ASSETS OF DISCONTINUED CABLE OPERATIONS	354,234	\$ 354,234		
INVESTMENTS	51,273			51,273
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT	437,635			437,635
GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS	596,454			596,454
OTHER ASSETS:				
Program rights and production costs (less current portion)	38,983			38,983
Miscellaneous	17,511			17,511
Total other assets	56,494			56,494
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,764,428	\$ 354,234	\$ (8,000)	\$ 1,402,194
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 32,040			\$ 32,040
Accounts payable	68,149			68,149
Customer deposits and unearned revenue	31,931			31,931
Accrued liabilities:				
Employee compensation and benefits	30,281			30,281
Artist and author royalties	9,555			9,555
Interest	1,462			1,462
Income taxes	1,183			1,183
Lawsuits and related settlements	5,745			5,745
Miscellaneous	20,318			20,318
Total current liabilities	200,664			200,664
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	63,987			63,987
LONG-TERM DEBT (LESS CURRENT PORTION)	131,815			131,815
OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS AND MINORITY INTERESTS	114,786			114,786
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	1,253,176	\$ 354,234	\$ (8,000) (A)	890,942
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,764,428	\$ 354,234	\$ (8,000)	\$ 1,402,194

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY
PRO FORMA STATEMENT OF INCOME
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

(in thousands, except per share data)

	REPORTED AMOUNTS	SCRIPPS CABLE	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	PRO FORMA AMOUNTS
OPERATING REVENUES:				
Advertising	\$ 234,748			\$ 234,748
Circulation	65,666			65,666
Other newspaper revenue	25,411			25,411
Total newspapers	325,825			325,825
Broadcast television	155,925			155,925
Entertainment	49,819			49,819
Total operating revenues	531,569			531,569
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Employee compensation and benefits	176,216			176,216
Newsprint and ink	67,330			67,330
Program, production and copyright costs	33,068			33,068
Other operating expenses	128,586			128,586
Depreciation	24,179			24,179
Amortization of intangible assets	10,291			10,291
Total operating expenses	439,670			439,670
OPERATING INCOME	91,899			91,899
OTHER CREDITS (CHARGES):				
Interest expense	(3,637)			(3,637)
Miscellaneous, net	323			323
Net other credits (charges)	(3,314)			(3,314)
INCOME BEFORE TAXES AND MINORITY INTERESTS	88,585			88,585
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	38,272			38,272
INCOME BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS	50,313			50,313
MINORITY INTERESTS	1,485			1,485
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	48,828			48,828
INCOME FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	22,377	\$ 22,377		
NET INCOME	\$ 71,205	\$ 22,377		\$ 48,828
AVERAGE WEIGHTED SHARES	80,256	80,256		80,256
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK:				
Income from continuing operations	\$.61			\$.61
Income from discontinued operations	.28	\$.28		
Net income	\$.89	\$.28		\$.61

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NOTES TO PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

On October 28, 1995 The E.W. Scripps Company ("Scripps") and Comcast Corporation ("Comcast") reached an agreement pursuant to which Scripps will contribute all of its non-cable television assets to Scripps Howard, Inc. ("SHI" - a wholly-owned subsidiary of Scripps and the direct or indirect parent of all of Scripps' operations) and SHI's cable television system subsidiaries ("Scripps Cable") will be transferred to and held directly by Scripps. Scripps Cable will be acquired by Comcast through a tax-free merger (the "Merger") with Scripps. The remaining SHI business will continue as "New Scripps", which will be distributed in a tax-free "spin-off" to Scripps shareholders (the "Spin-Off") prior to the Merger and thereafter renamed The E.W. Scripps Company. The Merger and Spin-off are collectively referred to as the "Transactions." The accompanying unaudited pro forma balance sheet and statements of income of Scripps assume completion of the Transactions.

The pro forma balance sheet as of June 30, 1996 assumes the Transactions occurred as of that date. The pro forma statement of income assumes the Transactions were completed at the beginning of the period. Pro forma adjustments represent fees on the Transactions. Earnings per share is based on the weighted average shares outstanding for the period.

The pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative of the results which actually would have occurred had the Transactions been completed as of the dates indicated or which may occur in the future.

Explanation of specific pro forma adjustments are as follows:

- (A) Effect of estimated expenses of \$8.0 million on Stockholders' Equity.