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SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)*

The Liberty Corporation

(Name of Issuer) Common stock, no par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

530370-10-5

(CUSIP Number)

Stephen M. Lynch Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A. 101 North Tryon Street, Suite 1900 Charlotte, North Carolina 28246 (704) 377-2536

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

August 25, 2005

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1.			Reporting Person: Media, Inc.	I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):
2.	Che (a) (b)	0	e Appropriate Box if a Member	of a Group (See Instructions):
3.	SEC	C Use	Only:	
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions): Not Applicable				
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Issuer.

This statement on Schedule 13D (this Statement) is filed with respect to shares of common stock, no par value (Common Stock), of The Liberty Corporation, a South Carolina corporation (the Company). The address of the principal executive offices of the Company is 135 South Main Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601.

Item 2. Identity and

Background.

This Statement is being filed by Raycom Media, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Raycom), and RL123, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Raycom (Merger Subsidiary). Raycom owns and operates 37 television stations in 20 states. Merger Subsidiary is recently incorporated for the purpose of effecting a merger transaction with Liberty and has conducted no business other than in connection with such transaction. Raycom s and Merger Subsidiary s principal business and office address is RSA Tower, 20 Floor, 201 Monroe Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Set forth below is information required by General Instruction C to Schedule 13D with respect to each executive officer and director of Raycom. The principal business and principal office address of Raycom is set forth in the first paragraph of this Item 2.

Principal Occupation, Principal Business of

Name and Residence or Business Address Executive Officers ⁽¹⁾	Employer, and Principal Address of Employer	
Paul H. McTear, Jr.	President and Chief Executive Officer of Raycom	
Rebecca Shows Bryan	Vice President/General Counsel and Secretary of Raycom	
Melissa D. Thurber	Vice President, Controller and Assistant Secretary of Raycom	
Wayne D. Daugherty	Group Vice President, Television of Raycom	
Martin Edelman	Group Vice President, Television of Raycom	
Jeff Rosser	Group Vice President, Television of Raycom	
Clyde Baucom	Vice President, Human Resources of Raycom	
David Folsom	Vice President, Technology of Raycom	
William McDowell	Vice President, Research of Raycom	
Mary Carole McDonnell	Vice President, Programming of Raycom	
John Alexander	Assistant Secretary of Raycom	
(1) The business address of each of the executive		

officers is RSA Tower, 20th Floor, 201 Monroe Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104

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Principal Occupation, Principal Business of Employer, and Principal Address of Employer

Directors

John Stein Co-Founder/Chief Executive Officer IntraMicron, Inc. IntraMicron, Inc. (microfibrous materials

2 Metroplex Drive technology)
Suite 111 2 Metroplex Drive

Birmingham, Alabama 35209 Suite 111

Name and Residence or Business Address

Birmingham, Alabama 35209

Harry Bridgwood Executive Vice President

New Water Street Corp. (commercial real estate)

Building Management Office Building Management Office

55 Water Street 55 Water Street

New York, New York 10041 New York, New York 10041

Bruno Francisci Manager, Corporate Audit Department

Altria Corporate Services, Inc.

Altria Corporate Services, Inc. (provides corporate affairs, finance, human resources, information services and legal services to

New York, New York 10017 Altria Group, Inc. and its portfolio

companies, including Kraft Foods and Phillip

Morris International) 120 Park Avenue 11th Floor

New York, New York 10017

Diane S. Griswold Portfolio Manager

Protective Life-Investments Protective Life-Investments (insurance)

2801 Hwy. 280 S. 2801 Hwy. 280 S.

Birmingham, Alabama 35223 Birmingham, Alabama 35223

Joseph D. Hill Not employed

15723 Berea Drive Odessa, Florida 33556

John Lillie Sales Manager

Delta Imaging Systems, Inc. Delta Imaging Systems, Inc. (medical imaging 201 Blanton Ave. Delta Imaging Systems, Inc. (medical imaging computer

Nashville, Tennessee 37210 networks)

201 Blanton Ave.

Nashville, Tennessee 37210

Paul H. McTear, Jr. President and Chief Executive Officer of Raycom

RSA Tower, 20th Floor 201 Monroe Street

Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Jim Sefert Retired

3 Autumn View Ridge Road

Traveler s Rest, South Carolina 29690

Barbara Thomas Vice President of Marketing and Advertising Alabama Real Estate Holdings Alabama Real Estate Holdings (real estate)

3500 Colonnade Parkway 3500 Colonnade Parkway

6th Floor 6th Floor

Birmingham, Alabama 35243 Birmingham, Alabama 35243

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The directors of Merger Subsidiary are Paul H. McTear, Jr. and Rebecca Bryan, and its executive officers are Paul H. McTear, Jr., President, and Rebecca Bryan, Secretary.

Neither Raycom nor Merger Subsidiary, nor, to the best of either Raycom s or Merger Subsidiary s knowledge, any of the individuals listed above, has during the last five years been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), or been a party to any civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which such person was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws. To the best of Raycom s and Merger Subsidiary s knowledge, each of the individuals listed above is a citizen of the United States.

Item 3. Source and

Amount of

Funds or Other

Consideration.

None of the shares of Common Stock covered by this Statement have been purchased by Raycom. The following table lists the shareholders (the Shareholders) of the Company who have entered into Shareholder Voting Agreements (described in Item 4 of this Schedule 13D and filed as Exhibits 99.1 through 99.12 hereto) with respect to certain shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by such Shareholders and also includes certain information, to the best of Raycom s and Merger Subsidiary s knowledge with respect to the Shareholders:

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Name and Residence or Business Address

W. Hayne Hipp

The Liberty Corporation

135 South Main Street

Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Anna H. Hipp Small

175 Pinecrest Court Athens, Georgia 30605

Anna Kate Hipp

131 Huckleberry Ridge

Greenville, South Carolina 29609

Dorothy G. Leland

2707 Bayonne St.

Sullivan s Island, South Carolina 29482

F. Reid Hipp

12 Pinckney Ave,

Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Frances M. McCreery

3190 Roundwood Rd. Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022

Cecil Guy Gunter, Jr.

PO Box 8558

Greenville, South Carolina 29604

John B. Hipp

Juvenile Diabetes Association

235 Peachtree NE

Suite 675

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Mary H. Hipp

902 E. Washington Street

Apt. 401

Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Principal Occupation, Principal Business of Employer, and Principal Address of Employer

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President,

The Liberty Corporation (broadcasting)

135 South Main Street

Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Investor

Investor

Investor

Investor

Investor

Investor

Regional Director, Juvenile Diabetes Association

(not-for-profit organization)

235 Peachtree NE

Suite 675

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Investor

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Name and Residence or Business Address

Mary Jane Hipp Brock 765 Park Ave., Apt. 7A New York, New York 10021 Principal Occupation, Principal Business of Employer, and Principal Address of Employer Investor

Mason A. Goldsmith Love, Thornton, Arnold & Thomason, P.A. 410 East Washington St. Greenville, South Carolina 29601 Attorney, Love, Thornton, Arnold & Thomason, P.A. (law firm)
410 East Washington St.
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Robert E. Hughes, Jr. 18 West North St. Greenville, South Carolina 29601 Investor

Item 4. Purpose of

Transaction.

On August 25, 2005, the Company, Raycom and Merger Subsidiary entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement). The Merger Agreement provides that, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, Merger Subsidiary will merge with and into the Company (the Merger), with the Company continuing as the surviving corporation. At the effective time and as a result of the Merger, (i) the Company will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Raycom and (ii) each share of Common Stock that is outstanding at the effective time of the Merger will be converted into the right to receive \$47.35 in cash (the Merger Consideration). Each outstanding share of restricted stock granted under the Company's Incentive Compensation Program will become fully vested and converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration, and each outstanding option to purchase Common Stock will be converted into the right to receive a cash amount equal to the Merger Consideration less the exercise price for such option. In addition, at the effective time and as a result of the Merger, the officers and directors of Merger Subsidiary will become the officers and directors, respectively, of the Company as the surviving corporation of the Merger.

Consummation of the Merger is subject to customary conditions, including (i) approval of the Company s shareholders, (ii) approval of the Federal Communications Commission, (iii) expiration or termination of the applicable Hart-Scott-Rodino waiting period, (iv) absence of any law or order prohibiting the closing, (v) subject to certain specified exceptions, the absence of any material adverse effect with respect to the Company s business and (vi) receipt of consents from certain third parties.

The foregoing description of the Merger Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Merger Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 99.13 hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Merger Agreement contains representations

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and warranties of the Company, Raycom and Merger Subsidiary that they have made to each other as of specific dates. The assertions embodied in those representations and warranties were made solely for purposes of the contract among the Company, Raycom and Merger Subsidiary and may be subject to important qualifications and limitations agreed by and among them in connection with negotiating the terms of the Merger Agreement. Moreover, certain representations and warranties may not be accurate or complete as of any specified date, because, among other reasons, they are subject to a contractual standard of materiality different from those generally applicable to stockholders or were used for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties thereto rather than establishing matters as facts.

In connection with the Merger Agreement, each of the Shareholders entered into a shareholder voting agreement (collectively, the Shareholder Voting Agreements) with Raycom and Merger Subsidiary pursuant to which each Shareholder has agreed

to vote the shares of Common Stock listed in the Shareholder Voting Agreement in favor of the Merger Agreement and the Merger at any meeting or meetings of the Company s shareholders called to vote on the Merger Agreement and the Merger; and

not to vote or cause to be voted, such shares, or otherwise provide a proxy or consent or enter into a voting agreement to vote such shares, in favor of any third party s Acquisition Proposal (as defined in the Merger Agreement); and

not to take any action that would prevent or otherwise adversely affect the consummation of the Merger and other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, except that a Shareholder who is a directors of the Company is not restricted or restrained from taking actions required by his or her fiduciary duties as a director if such actions are in compliance with provisions of the Merger Agreement; and

subject to exception permitting a sale of up to 10% of shares of Common Stock directly owned by the Shareholder and up to 10% of the shares of Common Stock held in a trust the voting control over which is held by the Shareholder, not to, without the prior written consent of Raycom,

sell, transfer, pledge, assign or otherwise dispose of, or enter into any contract, option, commitment or other arrangement or understanding with respect the sale, transfer, pledge, assignment or disposition of, such shares of Common Stock unless the Shareholder receives an irrevocable proxy to vote such shares in favor of the Merger Agreement and the Merger and an agreement identical to the Shareholder Voting Agreement; and

take any action that would prohibit, prevent or preclude the Shareholder from performing his or her obligations under the Shareholder Voting Agreement.

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The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock covered by the Shareholder Voting Agreements is 3,581,599. The foregoing description of the Shareholder Voting Agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Shareholder Voting Agreements, which are filed as Exhibits 99.1 through 99.12 hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

- (a) As a result of the Shareholder Voting Agreements Raycom and Merger Subsidiary may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of an aggregate of 3,581,599 shares of Common Stock, which constitutes approximately 19.6% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, based on the representation of the Company included in the Merger Agreement that as of August 17, 2005 18,297,938 shares of Common Stock were issued and outstanding. Reference is made to the information set forth in each Schedule A to each Shareholder Voting Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference. Each of Raycom and Merger Subsidiary disclaim beneficial ownership of such shares of Common Stock, and this Statement shall not be construed as an admission that either Raycom or Merger Subsidiary is, for any or all purposes, the beneficial owner of the securities covered by this Statement. Other than as provided in the first sentence of this Item, neither Raycom nor Merger Subsidiary nor, to the best knowledge of Raycom or Merger Subsidiary, any of the individuals listed in Item 2 of this Statement, owns or has any right to acquire, directly or indirectly, shares of Common Stock, except that Mr. Sefert, a director of Raycom, owns 12,050 shares of Common Stock.
- (b) Except to the extent that it may be deemed to by virtue of the Shareholder Voting Agreements, neither Raycom nor Merger Subsidiary has sole power to vote or direct the vote, shared power to vote or to direct the vote, or the sole or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of any shares of Common Stock. Raycom and Merger Subsidiary may be deemed in certain circumstances as more fully described in Item 4 to have the shared power with the Shareholders to vote 3,581,599 shares of Common Stock and to dispose of 3,223,439 shares of Common Stock. However, neither Raycom nor Merger Subsidiary is entitled to any rights as a shareholder of the Company as to the shares of Common Stock that are subject to the Shareholder Voting Agreements, and each of Raycom and Merger Subsidiary disclaims any beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock that are covered by the Shareholder Voting Agreements. Mr. Sefert has sole power to vote and dispose of the 12,050 shares of Common Stock that he owns.

Certain information required by Item 2 relating to the Shareholders is, to the best of Raycom s and Merger Subsidiary s knowledge, set forth in Item 3 of this Statement. To the best of either Raycom s or Merger Subsidiary s knowledge, none of the Shareholders has during the last five years been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), or been a party to any civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which such person was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws. To the best of Raycom s and Merger Subsidiary s knowledge, each of the Shareholders is a citizen of the United States.

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- (c) Except pursuant to the Shareholder Voting Agreements, neither Raycom nor Merger Subsidiary nor, to the best of Raycom s and Merger Subsidiary s knowledge, any of the individuals listed in Item 2 of this Statement, has effected any transaction in the shares of Common Stock during the past 60 days.
 - (d) The information set forth in Item 4 is incorporated by reference herein.
 - (e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts,

Arrangements,

Understandings

or Relationships

with Respect to

Securities of the

Issuer.

The information set forth in Item 4 is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7. Material to be

Filed as

Exhibits.

The following are filed as exhibits to this Statement:

Exhibit 99.1	Shareholder Voting Agreement dated as of August 25, 2005 between Raycom Media, Inc., RL123, Inc. and W. Hayne Hipp
Exhibit 99.2	Shareholder Voting Agreement dated as of August 25, 2005 between Raycom Media, Inc., RL123, Inc. and Robert E. Hughes, Trustee under the W. Hayne Hipp Family Trust
Exhibit 99.3	Shareholder Voting Agreement dated as of August 25, 2005 between Raycom Media, Inc., RL123, Inc. and Mason A. Goldsmith, Trustee
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Exhibit 99.12	Shareholder Voting Agreement dated as of August 25, 2005 between Raycom Media, Inc., RL123, Inc. and Cecil Guy Gunter, Jr.
Exhibit 99.13	Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 25, 2005 between The Liberty Corporation, Raycom Media, Inc. and RL 123, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of The Liberty Corporation dated August 26, 2005
Exhibit 99.14	Joint Filing Agreement dated as of September 2, 2005 between Raycom Media, Inc. and RL123, Inc. 12

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: September 2, 2005 RAYCOM MEDIA, INC.

By: /s/ Paul H. McTear, Jr.

Paul H. McTear, Jr., President

Date: September 2, 2005 RL123, INC.

By: /s/ Paul H. McTear, Jr.

Paul H. McTear, Jr., President

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