

Pvt. Bradley Gets Parachutist Wings After Army Course

Pvt. Charlie R. Bradley recently qualified as a paratrooper at the 82nd Airborne Division's

Jump School at Fort Bragg, according to an announcement from the fort.

Son of Perry J. Bradley, of Franklin, Route 1, he received his parachutist wings after completing a three-week course that included five training jumps.

STATEMENT

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND INSURANCE COMPANY

Charles and Lexington Streets, Baltimore 3, Md.

Condition December 31, 1956, as Shown by Statement Filed:

ASSETS			
Bonds	228,776,233.32		
Stocks	30,478,601.09		
Real Estate	3,230,525.83		
Cash and bank deposits	4,750,262.60		
Agents' balances or uncollected premiums, net	1,565,529.10		
Bills receivable, taken for premiums	16,886.92		
Reinsurance recoverable on loss payments	164,036.95		
Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued	362,534.95		
All other assets as detailed in statement	228,138.26		
Total admitted Assets:	\$69,572,749.02		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS			
Losses unpaid	\$6,273,434.28		
Loss adjustment expenses unpaid	1,131,238.00		
Contingent commissions and other similar charges	90,000.00		
Other expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)			
Underwriting	\$47,200.00		
Investment	27,300.00	74,500.00	
Taxes, licenses and fees (excluding Federal income taxes)			
Underwriting	\$503,000.00		
Investment	503,000.00		
Federal income taxes	1,221,000.00		
Unearned premiums	18,002,548.06		
Dividends declared and unpaid:			
(a) Stockholders	400,000.00		
Unearned premiums on reinsurance in unauthorized companies	\$35,638.34		
Reinsurance on paid losses \$63.56 and on unpaid losses \$2,560.00 due from unauthorized companies	2,623.56		
Total	\$38,261.90		
Less funds held or retained by company for account of such unauthorized companies	0	\$38,261.90	
Excess of liability and compensation statutory and voluntary reserves over case basis and loss expense reserves		25,800.00	
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement		537,233.72	
Total liabilities	\$28,297,015.96		
Special surplus funds:	\$2,150,000.00		
Capital paid up	4,000,000.00		
Unassigned funds (surplus)	35,125,733.06		
Surplus as regards policyholders		41,275,733.06	
Total	\$69,572,749.02		

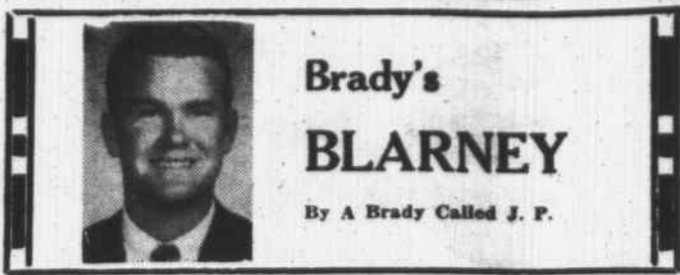
BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1956

Line of Business	Net Premiums	Net Losses Incurred
Fire	\$1,055.36	
Extended coverage	742.42	
Home owners' multiple peril	7,886.36	\$317.33
Personal property floater	7,037.50	8,773.31
Liability other than auto (B. I.)	1,184.60	53.20
Fidelity	61,556.56	50,613.04
Surety	92,140.40	16,145.36
Glass	3,174.87	1,238.61
Burglary and theft	12,900.11	6,636.99
Total	\$187,678.18	\$83,777.84

President, Beverly H. Murrer Secretary Samuel Hopkins
 Treasurer, Harry Y. Wright
 Charles and Lexington Streets, Baltimore 3, Md.
 Attorney for service: Chas. F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance, Raleigh, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, 1956
 I, Chas. F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland Insurance Company, of Charles and Lexington Streets, Baltimore 3, Md., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1956.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.
 CHARLES F. GOLD, Commissioner of Insurance.



Brady's BLARNEY

By A Brady Called J. P.

Do you ever hear of something that makes you feel good all over?

It happened to me the other day. And it came at a time when I really needed something to cheer me up. Seems it always works out that way, doesn't it.

A man, his wife and their four children, ranging in age from eight months to 11 years, were stranded in Franklin Tuesday of last week.

Their old model automobile broke down. A quarter was all the man had to his name.

They were hungry, very hungry. In fact, the whole family had shared only a loaf of bread and a lone can of chicken noodle soup for breakfast. They'd been eating like that for several days.

But let's back up a bit, for this incident is just part of the story.

Several months ago, the family's home burned near Hickory. It burned while the husband was at the hospital visiting his wife. They lost everything.

Relatives in Louisiana urged them to come out there and start anew, so they went west. Recently, friends in Hickory

wrote that they'd rebuilt their burned home. Why don't you come back home now, they asked.

So, the family piled into their old car and headed home.

They had just enough money to make the trip.

But you know how old cars behave.

The universal joint came out of the car. The father's 25 cents couldn't fix it.

And then one of those "Macon County Miracles" took place right before their eyes.

Gene Pannell, who'll deny in no uncertain terms that he has a heart as big as all outdoors, gave the family a universal joint and even installed it.

Touched by their plight, Gene told others about them. Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and Dr. G. R. McSween helped with the "miracle" with some cash to see the family on to Hickory.

Chief of Police Sid Carter, checking the family's story to make sure they weren't professional vagrants, was touched.

At the Desoto Trail Restaurant, the officer outlined the family's troubles for the owner, Hall Callahan, and in a matter of minutes the family was sitting in the restaurant before heaping plates of food; probably the first real meal they'd had in days.

"I wasn't even eating," Chief Carter declares, "but I don't know when I enjoyed a meal more."

"And they were past the point of gratitude. They just cried."

jpb

Tommy Jenkins and "Red" Stewart had Doug Simpson hopping down at Nantahala Oil Company one day last week.

Doug and Jimmy Stewart, "Red's" boy, brought in a big rattlesnake they got while on a delivery trip.

When Doug wasn't around, Tommy and "Red" slipped the rattler out of its box and hid it in a barrel.

Upon Doug's return, they set a very convincing stage to "search" for the missing rattler, which had "escaped" in his absence.

Tommy reports Doug was "all eyes" every time he went in the oil house.

Then, Doug brushed against the barrel where the rattler was hidden.

And 'ol Brer Rattler started his terrifying singing. Tommy swears you could have placed a coffee cup on Doug's shirt tail as he high-tailed it outside.

jpb

I've heard all my life about floating crap games.

And, to be truthful, I've floated with several.

But until this week I'd never heard of a floating checker game.

There is one going on, however, around the courthouse. The checker board and players circle the courthouse, following the shade.

Marines arrived at Gibraltar to protect American commerce from Barbary Corsairs in 1801.



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Miss Buck's Best Seller Among Books

Thirty-seven new books have been placed on the shelves of the Franklin Library, including Pearl S. Buck's new best seller, "Letter From Peking".

The flyleaf description of Miss Buck's book describes it as a "story of love in a world split apart, love struggling against barriers of race, politics, distance, and misunderstanding. The time is today, the setting Vermont, with flashbacks to China. . . ."

Of the new books, 20 are adult fiction, 11 juvenile fiction, and six juvenile non-fiction.

The adult books include "The Spotted Horse", by Jack Dillon; "Circus Catch", Joseph Archibald; "Homing", Elswyth Thane; "Gunnilla", Albert Viksten; "West of the Pecos", Paul Evan; "The Headwaters", Archie Binns; "The Master", Terence Hanbury White; "Onionhead", Weldon Hill; "Berlin", Theodor Plevier; "The Girl Who Kept Knocking Them Dead", Flora Marc Stein; "The Late Miss Trimming", Carol Carnac; "Hush-a-bye Murder", David Alexander; "The Horsemasters", Don Stanford; "A Shadow in the Wild", Whit Masterson; "The Manila Menfish", Frank Crisp; "Gypsy Secret", Florence Crane; "A Girl in the Limberlost", Gene Stratton Porter; "A Man Ten Feet Tall", Helen Topping Miller; and "Strange Island", Marlon Boyd Havighurst.

Juvenile books include "Chief Takes Over", Helen Rushmore; "Cherokee Boy", Alexander Key; "Wan-Fu", Margaret Huggins and Hugh L. Robinson; "A Holiday With Eric", Ruth Daggett Leinhauser; "The One Hundred And One Dalmations", Dodie Smith; "Robert E.", Florence Mustgrave; "Annie's Spending Spree", Nancy Dingman Watson; "The Stubborn Mare", Jo Sykes; "Lone Hunter and the Cheyennes", Donald Worcester; "A Girl of the North Country", Elizabeth Howard; and

his basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga.
 His wife, Dovie Colene, lives in Denbigh, Va.
 Continental Marines made their first amphibious landing against Fort Montague in the Bahamas on March 3, 1776.

Ledbetter Assigned To Duty In Virginia

Army Sp/3 Joseph L. Ledbetter recently was assigned to the 329th Transportation Boat Company at Fort Eustis, Va., according to an announcement from the Army Home Town News Center.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Ledbetter, of Franklin, Route 1, he is a cook and was last stationed in Greenland.

Before entering the Army in March, 1954, he worked for an automobile manufacturing concern in Pontiac, Mich. He took

"Amazing Mr. Pelgrew", Marima Schlein.

Non-fiction juvenile books are "Sitting Bull", Augusta Stevenson; "Peddler's Pack", May Justus; "Magic House of Numbers", Irving Adler; "Men at Work in the South", Henry B. Lent; "Horned Lizards", Marlon Vere Devault; and "Rainbow Book of Nature", Donald Culross Peattie.

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