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M. L. LEWIS WRITES

Jerome, Idaho, Aug. 14, 1941. Editor The Journal-Patriot: Dear Editor: It is to be hoped that you will pardon my intrusion on the space of your truly remarkable paper and permit me just a few lines of reminiscence.

The people of the county where I was born and raised should appreciate the fact that they are getting the services of a daily newspaper at only a fraction of the costs of a daily. But you are doing it—and I don't know how at the price. I grab it just as I do my dailies and magazines, immediately. Of course I have already had the world news, but I am anxious for your local news. On the other hand you may have some people in Wilkes county who do not take a daily paper. To those who do not I can assure them that if they take your paper they get all of the essential news of the world.

I am not pating you on the back. I am just simply stating facts. Also, your editorials are well worth reading.

No doubt that there are many good people in Wilkes county who will remember my parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lewis. They have both gone to their reward. It is sad to me to reflect that most of their friends and relatives of similar age have also crossed the great divide.

Also, I will probably be remembered by some in Wilkes County, as Millard Lewis. (In the West I am known everywhere as "M. L.") I taught in the country schools there four terms, under the supervision of that great humanitarian and educator, Profes-

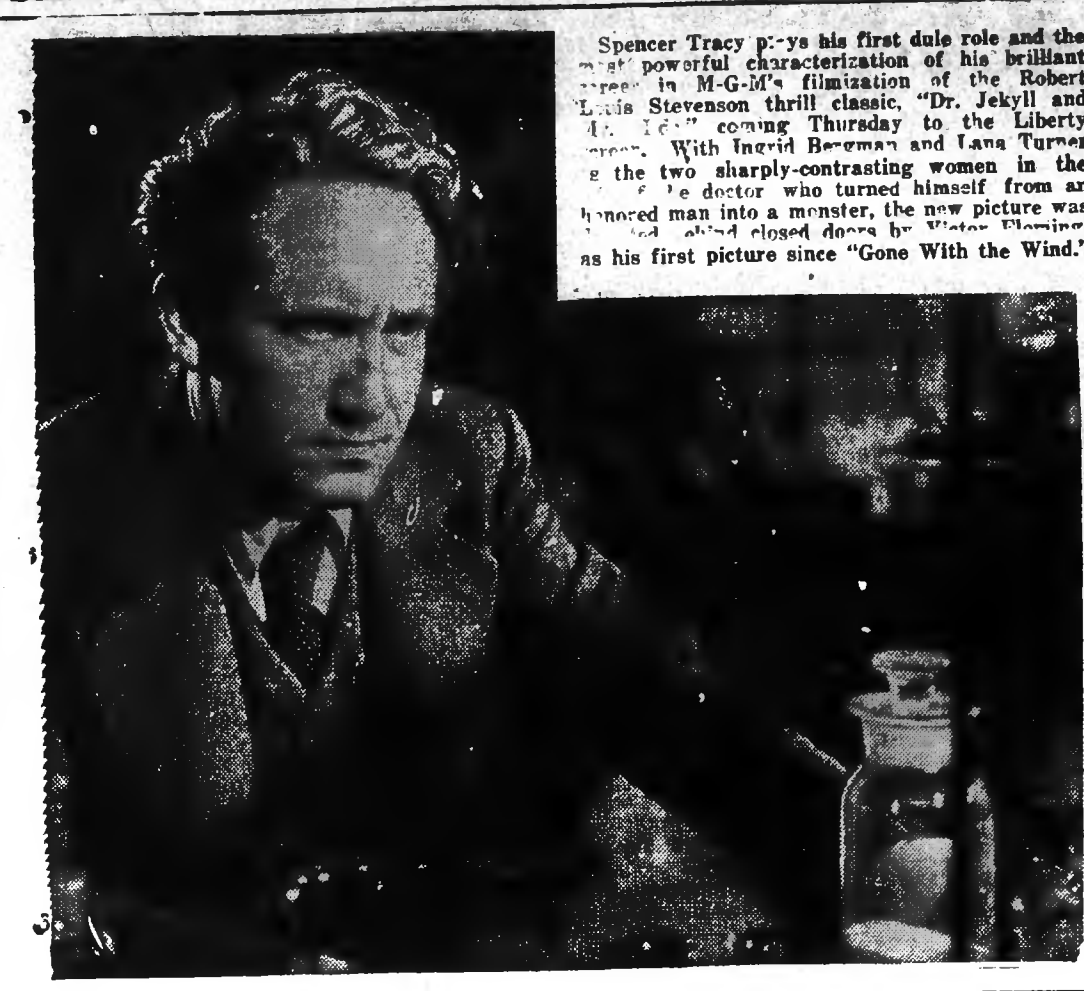
sor C. C. Wright. Just now, it is a pleasure to note that a son of Dr. A. J. Eller, is now your County Superintendent. Chelgie (your superintendent) was not old enough to go to school when I last saw him, although my boyhood was spent almost next door to Dr. Eller. May I add now that Dr. Eller was always displeased with the inefficiency of the training of school teachers. As I understand your educational system the doctor's dream is coming close to realization.

Incidentally, in a recent issue, as I recall it, some one made a speech in regard to the "saddle bag" days (Mr. Editor, I am not sure because I am writing from memory), in that list there is only one surviving doctor—A. J. Eller—I knew some of those doctors as a boy. Remembering him as I do Wilkes county is very fortunate in having the services of one of the most outstanding country doctors that I have ever met—and I have met plenty of doctors.

Mr. Editor, I do not know whether your readers would be interested in any further comments from me. It is amazing but not encouraging to observe that you have so many auto accidents and homicides. The former may be everywhere, but it is astounding to me that your Court Calendar records so many of the latter. Without making comparisons it is amusing to people here that you have so many preachers and so many bootleggers. They say that everybody must either be a preacher or bootlegger back there. Of course I understand the situation. The progress that Wilkes county along with the entire State of North Carolina has made in the last two decades is enviable from any standpoint. It would be hard to itemize the social, economic, industrial and agricultural gains made in that short period of time. A perusal of your paper clearly indicates the progress that is going on at the present time.

I left Wilkes county 34 years ago, but returned in 1916, long enough to teach a term of school at Beaver Creek. At the end of the term I was immediately employed by the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co. at Rocky Mount, N. C. While there I attended Wake Forest College, took their course in law, returned to Rocky Mount, and practiced there two years, then in 1921, came here to Jerome, Idaho, where I have been practicing law ever since. I have served a term here as Clerk of the District (to you Superior) Court and a term as Prosecuting Attorney (to you Solicitor). These matters about myself would be of little importance were it not that my father, J. W. Lewis, was so well known in Wilkes county, and in the State of North Carolina, as an outstanding corn grower and farmer, and none of his children are located there. They are

SPENCER TRACY PLAYS HIS FIRST DUAL ROLE



Spencer Tracy plays his first dual role and the most powerful characterization of his brilliant career in M-G-M's filmation of the Robert Lewis Stevenson thriller classic, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," coming Thursday to the Liberty Theatre. With Ingrid Bergman and Lana Turner as the two sharply contrasting women in the picture, the doctor who turned himself from an honored man into a monster, the new picture was directed and closed down by Victor Fleming, as his first picture since "Gone With the Wind."

from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts—one in Porto Rico, the wife of a Surgeon in a hospital there—the rest of us in the various vocations of life, farming, business, trained nurses, medicine and law. The surviving friends of my father will recall that we were a very large family. One of my younger brothers, Dr. Archie C. Lewis, and his wife, of Charleston, W. Va., visited us not long ago. I had not seen him for more than 20 years, and didn't know him, but he knew me. Although a young man he is surgeon for one of the largest coal mining companies in W. Va. He has two degrees in medicine and was trained in surgery in the hospitals of Baltimore and Charleston, W. Va. Now, Mr. Editor, you may see from the foregoing outline, that it is almost impossible for me to know the various persons whose names appear in your column. Although I may have known their parents or ancestors, I hasten to add that I would be more than pleased to have such of them, whether friends or relatives of my parents or of my wife's parents, just to write a little post card and tell us who they are and their parent's name.

Then, all that I can do now is just to mention a few names from memory that I have seen in your paper. I have already mentioned the names of two outstanding characters in that county, Dr. Eller and Prof. C. C. Wright (deceased). Others that I remember, and it is at random, are Mr. Wright, whom I thought might have been the professor's son, Judge Johnson J. Hayes—and I notice that the Judge is still preaching—but he has a son at Wake Forest studying law. Judge Hayes' father and mine were great friends, as well as all of the Hayes family to us. I notice that you have a Hayes for Clerk of your Court. Is it Charlie, a brother of the Judge? When I was in school at Boomer, I met some Carltons, and I notice Hill Carlton's name mentioned. When I was at school at Moravian Falls, I met some Hixes, and I notice some of their names mentioned. R. Don Laws is still going, the founder and editor of the Yellow Jacket, the astronomer, the first that ever owned and drove an auto in Wilkes county! Yes, a few years ago I was called to the wilds of Idaho, on business, where few white men have ever set foot, and there was presented to me a copy of the Yellow Jacket. Since I was only acquainted in the western part of Wilkes and a little in the Wilkesboros, I can only mention a few more names that I have seen in your paper—and I do not remember all of them—those whom I do not mention will please excuse me, and write me that card. A. J. Foster, of Beaver Creek, has gone to preaching, likewise Avery Church, of Lewis Fork, and many others I note. Bob Proffit, at Goshen, I shall always love as my first teacher, he has a son too, and Ben, his brother, up there on Lewis Fork Creek, and Sam and Percy Triplett, nephews of Com Triplett. There is mention of the Taylors in your paper, also, many others who were friends or relatives of the Lewis and Foster families. (My wife is a Foster), including the Pierces, Nichols, Churches, McNeils, Triplets—you may have mentioned Huffmans, but I don't recall it—I also over-looked any mention in your good paper anything about that outstanding family of Shepherds, right up there on old Lewis Fork Creek. Some of them, alas, have had to cross the great divide, but, Mr. Editor, if you and I could go to the homes of those boys yet living, we would find the clearest example of purest Americanism that is left on this continent. I have

not seen Mansfield Shepherd since he was a tiny boy, yet he is now Sheriff of Benewah County, St. Maries, Idaho. I remember, also, the names of Spainhour, Tomlinson and some others there in the Wilkesboros, also some of the attorneys, at that time. It has been so long since I was back there it is hard to remember specifically any particular friend, or friends, who worked with me when I was a boy working with dad on the farm. However, there is one outstanding character whom I have not seen or heard from for more than 30 years; it's Bob Hamby, mentioned by your correspondent of the Beaver Creek community, wherein it was stated that Bob is 70 years old. Think of it! He says that he had never been arrested. Why should he have been, the hard working boy that he always was? I knew all of his relatives, too. I see that Tom Ferguson is still on the map. My memory is better than I thought it was, so I had better stop on this and conclude with a few remarks about the people and country here in Idaho.

Those who have traveled through the Far West know that it is settled by and composed of a cosmopolitan people. The recent of the New Englander, the Southerner, the flat brogue of the Mid-Westerner, the droll of the Mountaineer or Texan, the broken English of the Foreigner—it makes no difference to us—we are from many parts of the globe. The Far West has been pronounced the most highly civilized part of the Earth. There is a reason for that deduction. It takes guts to leave relatives and friends and settle in a new and unknown country among strangers. That is why we are cosmopolitan. The educational requirements are extremely high. For example, no one can teach school in Idaho, unless he or she has completed two full years of college or university training, and that applies only to the grades, of which there are eight. There are four years of high school. The requirement is a College or University Degree to teach there. Every child has to by law complete the 8th grade. To be tardy is a crime in the school curriculum; it is so to the children who always prefer being absent with a statement from their parents as to the reason why.

I have eight children, six of them have graduated from high school here in Idaho, two of them have gone to college, there are two of the children left at home, one of them graduates from high school this coming year, the other just enters his first year. A few years ago, when I was living on my farm near Jerome, I failed to hear the alarm clock, consequently the kids were tardy. The Superintendent declined to accept my honest explanation, wrote "Nix" on the report and gave them a black mark on their grades. While I was Prosecuting Attorney here, a "back easterner" who had been accustomed to working his children on the farm in the fall of the year instead of sending them to school, was fined \$50.00 by the Court, which was paid with costs. The children went to school. The term starts here about the 1st of September and concludes sometime before the 1st of June.

There are quiet a number of Tr Heels here. They hold an annual re-union and banquet over in Twin Falls county, which is only 14 miles across the great Snake River canyon from Jerome. Prominent among us is the able Jurist and Orator, Judge T. Bailey Lee, who was born at Mocksville, N. C., educated at the State University, at Chapel Hill, has been Chief Justice of our Supreme

Court, here in Idaho, when I appeared before that Court many times. Judge Lee is now one of our Judges of the District Court. When we have time the Judge always wants to talk about the people in Wilkes county, many of whom he met in the days gone by. He keeps better track than I do. The Judge was well acquainted with Solicitor Mott, Spencer Blackburn, Dick Hackett, the Spainhours and other notables of that era of Wilkes County's history. He told me when Dick Heckel died. Another outstanding Tar Heel is our Federal Judge, C. C. Cavanaugh, who was born at Greensboro, N. C., before whom I as a lawyer I have appeared many times. Judge Cavanaugh is of an entirely different type to that of Judge Hayes. Cavanaugh makes no speeches anywhere. I knew him long before he was ever elevated to the bench. Just looked at my sheep skin and was reminded of another prominent Tar Heel. His name is Lee, too. He was born at Asheville, N. C., and now is one of the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C. This Justice Lee was Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court when some years ago I presented to that Court one of my hardest cases.

To those of your readers who may imagine that because of our latitude here in Idaho, we have to live on Arctic food, they are entirely mistaken. You know in Wilkes county what you raise in your own gardens and on your farms and in your orchards. Everything that you may designate is grown here in this great Snake River Valley, and in more abundance under our irrigation system than almost any place in the world. With the exception that we do not grow cotton or tobacco and sweet potatoes are not a success. Peanuts are being tried. A small space of garden ground like we have turns out almost unbelievable amounts of beans, peas, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, squash, radishes, lettuce, melons, carrots, beets, turnips, greens, strawberries, other berries, grapes, apples, peaches, plums, apricots, and I forgot to mention cabbages, as well as some other garden fruits. On the farms is the alfalfa hay, the wheat, corn, barley, oats, sugar beets, peas, beans, potatoes and other crops all grown in such abundance that you would not believe me. Dairying, cattle, sheep and hogs are among the best paying here. The Great Snake River Valley consists of hundreds of thousands of the finest irrigated

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as Administrator, et al., of the estate of Minnie Glass Parker, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to the undersigned administrator, through his attorney, A. H. Casey, North Wilkesboro, N. C., and all persons having claims against said estate will present same to A. H. Casey, attorney, on or before the 5th day of August, 1942, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover.
This the 5th day of August, A. D., 1941.
JOHN V. PARKER, Administrator, et al., of the Estate of Minnie Glass Parker, dec'd.
By A. H. CASEY, Atty. 9-8-6t (m)

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acres in the world. Scientific tests of the soil have disclosed the fertility almost equal to that of the Valley of the Nile in Egypt. Yet, I am not going to you. Black berries don't grow wild here. They grow in gardens. The rains don't grow our crops. We get the water from the Snake River and other streams, and have to pay for it a plenty and go to the expense of spreading it over the ground, day and night, rain or shine—the rain does not amount to much. Taxes are high and so is labor. But with prices as they are our farmers and stockmen are going to make a killing this year. They can do it any year with reasonable prices. The scenery and climate of

Idaho, is not excelled anywhere. One can easily see 100 miles without a break. One stands stranded at the wild mountain canyons—the minerals—the game. But this is a long story itself. So, Mr. Editor, I have say
Finis,
M. L. LEWIS.

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STATEMENT INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE CO.
New York, N. Y.
Condition December 31, 1940, As Shown By Statement Filed
Amount of Capital paid in cash \$1,000,000.00
Amount Ledger Assets, Dec. 31st previous year, \$3,037,919.70; Total, \$8,037,919.70
Income—From Policyholders, \$2,397,961.09; Total, \$2,666,348.53
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$1,121,108.27; Total, \$2,473,765.17
Fire Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$6,249,739.38; In Force, \$7,593,132.45
All Other Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$84,712.01; In Force, \$759,354.56
ASSETS
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate \$263,090.00
Value of Bonds and Stocks \$6,433,180.87
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest \$1,207,255.40
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1940 \$482,674.17
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1940 \$23,498.26
Deduct Ceded Reinsurance Balances Payable \$184,202.37
Interest and Rents due and accrued \$15,019.92
Total \$8,245,522.98
Less Assets not admitted \$1,725,614.61
Total admitted Assets \$6,519,908.37
LIABILITIES
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims \$419,304.01
Unearned premiums \$1,815,476.85
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc., due or accrued \$12,500.00
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued \$37,500.00
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued \$100,000.00
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement \$15,200.00
Total amount of all liabilities except Capital \$2,399,980.86
Capital actually paid up in cash \$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities \$3,119,927.51
Surplus as regards Policyholders \$4,119,927.51
Total Liabilities \$6,519,908.37
BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1940
Fire Risks written \$3,268,767; Premiums received, \$22,029
All Other Risks written \$1,217,960; Premiums received, \$35,862
Losses incurred—Fire \$11,507; Paid \$310,843
Losses incurred—All other \$9,603; Paid \$1,603
President, Sumner Ballard Secretary, A. Geberth
Home Office 80 John St., New York, N. Y.
Attorney for service: DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.
State of North Carolina, Insurance Department, Raleigh, May 27, 1941.
I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the International Insurance Company of New York, N. Y., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, on the 31st day of December, 1940.
Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written.
DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

STATEMENT IMPERIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY
New York, N. Y.
Condition December 31, 1940, As Shown By Statement Filed
Amount of Capital paid in cash \$1,000,000.00
Amount Ledger Assets, Dec. 31st previous year, \$4,141,966.47; Total, \$4,141,966.47
Income—From Policyholders, \$978,052.33; Total, \$1,138,718.54
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$371,707.41; Total, \$1,171,595.78
Fire Premiums—written or renewed during year, \$1,701,821.03; In Force, \$3,448,616.60
All Other Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$566,205.48; In Force, \$706,378.88
ASSETS
Value of Bonds and Stocks \$3,679,070.00
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest \$364,512.98
Agents, balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1940 \$143,734.14
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1940 \$11,828.52
Deduct Ceded Reinsurance Balances Payable \$42,029.59
Bills receivable, taken for fire risks \$720.68
Interest and Rents due and accrued \$29,158.87
All other Assets, as detailed in statement \$9,893.77
Total \$4,236,889.37
Less Assets not admitted \$30,146.86
Total admitted Assets \$4,206,742.51
LIABILITIES
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims \$113,759.00
Unearned premiums \$1,018,894.18
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc., due or accrued \$7,920.00
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued \$46,930.00
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued \$10,000.00
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement \$87,634.99
Total amount of all liabilities except Capital \$1,285,538.12
Capital actually paid up in cash \$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities \$1,921,204.39
Surplus as regards Policyholders \$2,921,204.39
Total Liabilities \$4,206,742.51
BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1940
Fire Risks written \$811,030; Premiums received, \$7,366
All Other Risks written \$728,560; Premiums received, \$2,558
Losses incurred—Fire \$3,468; Paid \$3,584
Losses incurred—All other \$628; Paid \$628
President Thos. J. Irvieu Secretary J. F. Cunningham
Home Office 55 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.
Attorney for service: DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, May 26, 1941.
I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Imperial Assurance Company of New York, N. Y., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, on the 31st day of December, 1940.
Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written.
DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

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STATEMENT Indiana Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Co.
Indianapolis, Ind.
Condition December 31, 1940, As Shown By Statement Filed
Amount Ledger Assets, Dec. 31st previous year, \$3,682,948.99; Total, \$3,682,948.99
Income—From Policyholders, \$2,135,507.22; Total, \$2,336,092.57
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$862,407.34; Total, \$2,153,792.55
Fire Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$3,490,771.51; In Force, \$4,043,925.63
All Other Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$795,827.16; In Force, \$933,191.38
ASSETS
Value of Real Estate \$462,879.76
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate \$232,205.20
Value of Bonds and Stocks \$2,465,681.58
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest \$327,517.75
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1940 \$503,451.82
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1940 \$3,616.16
Deduct Ceded Reinsurance Balances Payable \$135,703.28
Interest and Rents due and accrued \$25,162.95
All other Assets, as detailed in statement \$112,608.13
Total \$3,997,420.09
Less Assets not admitted \$66,044.97
Total admitted Assets \$3,931,375.12
LIABILITIES
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims \$139,701.00
Unearned premiums \$1,666,042.70
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc., due or accrued \$4,500.00
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued \$69,400.00
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued \$70,000.00
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement \$3,500.00
Total amount of all liabilities except Capital \$1,953,143.70
Guaranty capital \$200,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities \$1,778,231.42
Surplus as regards Policyholders \$1,978,231.42
Total Liabilities \$3,931,375.12
BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1940
Fire Risks written \$4,930,217; Premiums received, \$61,575.
All Other Risks written \$2,103,803; Premiums received, \$24,677.
Losses incurred—Fire \$19,822; Paid \$18,721.
Losses incurred—All other \$11,979; Paid \$10,907.
President F. B. Fowler Secretary I. G. Saltmarsh
Treasurer J. E. Shewman
Home Office Mutual Ins. Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.
Attorney for service: DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, June 2nd, 1941
I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Indiana Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Company of Indianapolis, Ind., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, on the 1st day of December, 1940.
Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written.
DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.