

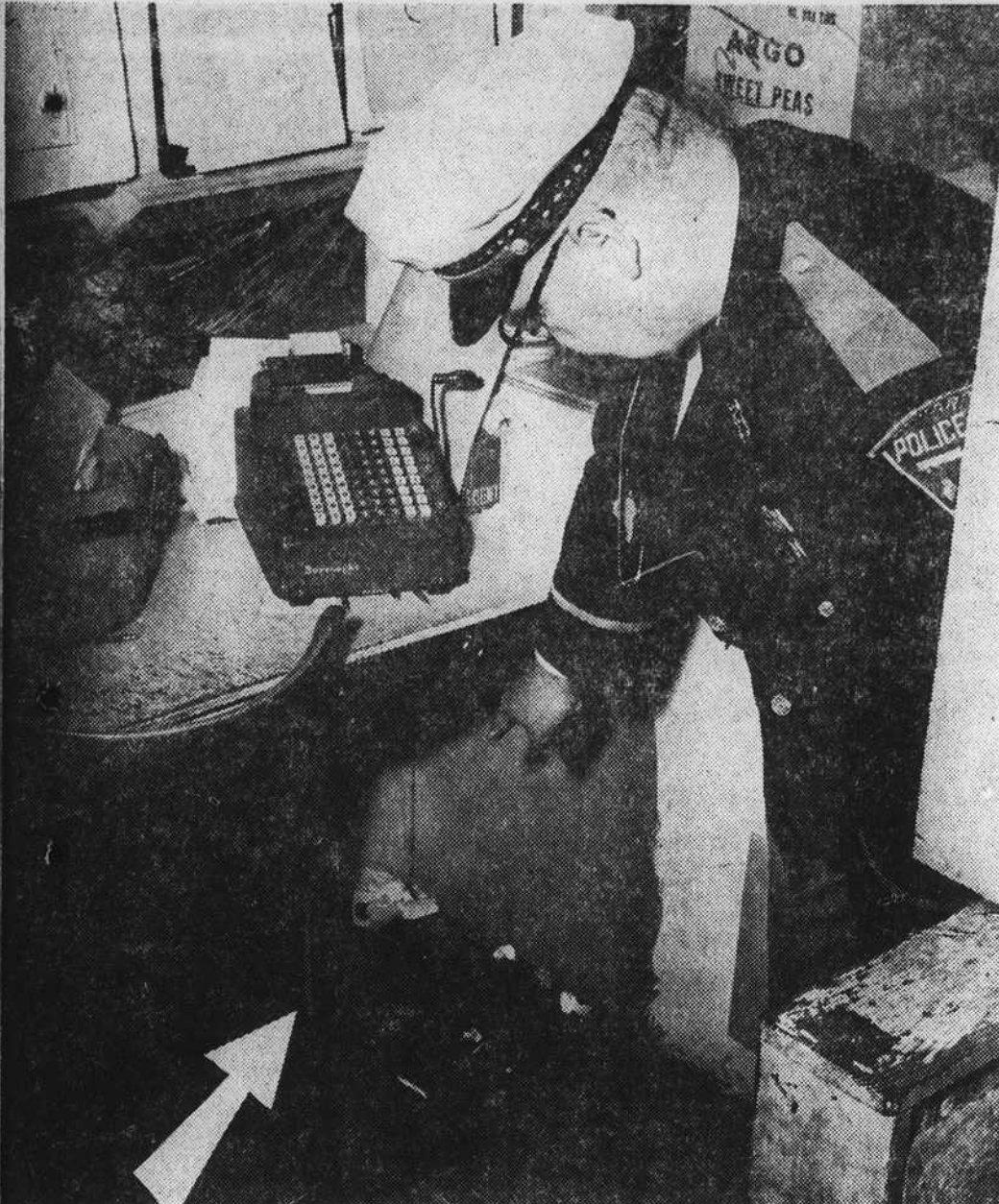
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1960 Census, 16,372
Brevard Community 8,500.
Brevard proper 4,857.

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POLICE CHIEF "BILL" THURSTON is pointing to the spot in the office of Crest store from which a safe containing more than \$5,000 in checks and money was taken some time Sunday night. The thieves entered the store by a sky light and took the safe, which weighed approximately 350 pounds, out of the back door. Several suspects are being interrogated. (Times Staff Photo)

No New Clues In Robbery Of Crest Safe, \$5,200 Taken

The Times went to press Wednesday afternoon, there had been no new developments in the safe robbery Sunday night at the Crest 5, 10 and 25 cent store.

According to Police Chief "Bill" Thurston, the State Bureau of Investigation is assisting the local police department in the investigation.

Several suspects are being interrogated.

The safe contained approximately \$5,200 in checks and money, Dewey Nix, the store manager, reports.

The robbers are believed to have entered the store, which is a member of the Ben Franklin chain, through a sky light and then took the safe out of the back door.

The robbery was first detected around 8:00 o'clock Monday morning.

D. Guy Dean, who operates a plumbing firm that has a back door directly opposite the one of the Crest store, noticed the open rear entrance when he came to work. He thought it unusual since the five-and-dime store doesn't have a back door.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 8 — Cub Scout Den Mothers training session at Presbyterian church at 7:30 p.m. Masons meet at Temple at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 9 — Ace of Clubs meets at 8:00 p.m. Sylvan Squares graduation dance at Le... building at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 10 — Transylvania County schools will operate. Cut-over of Citizens Telephone company to new system during the evening.

Sunday, February 11 — Attend the church of your choice. Organ recital by Nelson F. Adams at Brevard Methodist church at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, February 12 — Rotary meets at Gaither's at 7:00 p.m. Brevard Elementary P-TA meets at 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13 — Ace of Clubs meets at 7:30 p.m. Civic Chorus meets at Brevard Methodist church at 8:00 p.m. Elks meet at lodge at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14 — Jaycees meet at Gaither's at 6:30 p.m.

Good News?

Make-Up School Days Announced By Bradburn

Transylvania County schools will operate on three Saturdays and two weekdays which were previously scheduled to be vacation days, according to C. Wayne Bradburn, county superintendent.

These are the make-up days for those missed because of weather conditions earlier this year.

The schedule of the make-up days is as follows: Saturday, February 10th; Saturday, February 24th; Saturday, March 10th; Monday April 16th and Tuesday, April 17th.

This action was taken at the meeting of the Board of Education Monday night.

The Board also approved the appointment of Mrs. W. W. Brittain to replace Tom Watson, teacher in the Brevard Senior high school.

Other items of business included the discussion of summer renovation program for all

schools, the extended vocational program for the two high schools, and the citizens committee for better schools.

The following local citizens attended the meeting, in addition to members of the board: Mr. and Mrs. George Spicer, Mrs. Al Ream, Lloyd Burhans, and Bill Leonard.

Throw Old Directories Away On Sunday, Use New Numbers

All telephone subscribers in Brevard and Transylvania county are reminded to discard their old directories on Sunday and begin using the new numbers at that time.

Actually, the cut-over is scheduled for Saturday night, and the old directories will be obsolete after that time.

Charles W. Pickelsimer, the general manager, says that the

Citizens Telephone Company To Convert To New And Modern System Saturday Night

Cut-Over First Step In Current Expansion

"It takes both additional switchboard capacity and additional cables to provide new telephone service and more private telephone lines," declared Charles W. Pickelsimer, general manager of the Citizens Telephone company.

In setting the date for beginning the expanded telephone service the company was faced with a problem of what to do first, whether to delay the cut-over from old to new until all the needed cables had been installed, or of beginning the new service now, and providing more lines and private numbers as swiftly as the needed new cables were in place.

The company decided to make the cut-over first, and extend service to new lines and new private phones as rapidly as the necessary cables could be installed.

A necessary step in this arrangement involved a way to maintain full telephone service to persons on party lines while their lines are in process of change to private lines.

To bring that about, without interrupting service pending the change, the company has provided the subscribers concerned with a code for reaching other subscribers on their party line. Each telephone on their particular party line has a separate dialing code. The company has furnished this code to the subscribers who are waiting to

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Business Office To Move Later

The Citizens Telephone company will NOT move its business office from Probart street to the new East Main street building next week. The second floor of the new building, where the new business office will be located, is not quite completed, a company official said yesterday. Consequently, collections will continue on Probart street for the time being.

The building on Probart street will be sold or leased when it is finally vacated.



CITIZENS TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIALS are busy this week checking out the lines into the new switchboard, located in the modern building on East Main street. The company will cut-over to the new

system on Saturday evening. Standing is Joseph Pickelsimer, the president, and seated is Charles W. Pickelsimer, the vice president and general manager. (Times Staff Photo)

Some 500 Requests For Phone Service Will Be Filled Soon

Switchboard Has Double Capacity

The new switchboard on the Citizens Telephone company has double the capacity of the board now being vacated in the cut-over this Saturday.

"There may be some congestion immediately after the cut-over," said Charles W. Pickelsimer, general manager of the company, "as it may take a little time to make observations and determine what lines are carrying the heaviest volume of calls. When this is known the equipment will be re-arranged so that the calls will flow through the switchboard smoothly."

"It is impossible," he continued, "to build a switchboard large enough to handle all the calls that rise like a flood whenever there is an unusual event, such as a snowfall which closes the schools and leaves hundreds of children at home with nothing to do but call their friends."

Marvin Whitmire Enters Race For Sheriff

Marvin W. Whitmire today announces that he will be a candidate for sheriff on the Democratic ticket in the May Primary.

Mr. Whitmire owns and operates a dairy farm in the Dunn's Rock section, and for the past eight years he has been chairman of the Transylvania county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

He is the son of Glad W. Whitmire and was born in Transylvania county.

He attended the Transylvania county schools and Brevard High

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Open House Is Planned At A Later Date

Saturday night, February 10, is the time fixed for the cut-over of the Citizens Telephone company system on the Brevard exchange.

The cut-over on the Rosman exchange will occur in March. Charles W. Pickelsimer Jr., vice president and general manager of the telephone company, said today that everything is in readiness for the transfer.

The new offices of the telephone company, located next to the Masonic Temple on East Main street, have not been completed yet, but when they are, an open house, to which the public will be invited, will be scheduled.

During this open house, which will run for a period of several days and nights, there will be displays from the various telephone, manufacturing companies, door prizes, refreshments, etc.

"We regret that it is impossible for us to do this at this particular time, but we will hold an open house at an early date. The public will be most cordially invited to attend."

Several years of planning, extending from the financing with the assistance of the REA in Washington, and over a year in building and out-side plant construction, have been devoted by Citizens Telephone company to the preparations for Saturday evening's event.

"As nearly as we can prepare for all contingencies involving so much precision timing of newly installed equipment, the cut-over will occur on time," Mr. Pickelsimer announced.

The new switchboard, which has double the capacity of the equipment being discarded, is one of the most costly items in the new plant outlay.

When the cut-over takes place the company will begin serving 3,703 stations.

A total of 68.5 miles of cable and 7,198 miles of wire inside the cables is represented in the converted telephone system. The system has 804 miles of

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January Road Work Reported

State Highway Commissioner Ted Jordan reports the completion of 23 road improvement projects in Macon and Transylvania counties during the month of January.

These Transylvania county roads were stabilized; 0.4 mile Ross rd.; 0.2 mile Leamance rd.; 0.5 mile Old Toxaway rd.; 0.2 mile Richard McCall rd.; 0.1 mile East Fork rd.; 0.1 mile Rich Mt. rd.; 0.1 mile Old U.S. 280; 0.1 mile Trash Pile rd.; 0.1 mile Dolie Masters rd.; 0.2 mile Joe House rd.; 0.1 mile Clement rd.; 0.2 mile Williamson Creek rd.; and 0.3 mile Bab road.

\$1,603 Netted In Mothers' March Here

A total of \$1,603.36 was collected in the annual Mothers' March for the New March of Dimes, according to Mrs. Richard Roberts, chairman of the event.

Mrs. Jessie Lollis served as co-chairman.

The amount collected in each section and the section leaders are as follows:

Section one, \$192.07, Mrs. John Brewer; section two, \$103.98, Mrs. Bertha Jean Lance; section three, \$83.02, Mrs. Walter Glazner; section four, \$68.30, Mrs. Robert Huggins; section five, \$206.03, Mrs. Curtis Gray; section six, \$81.78, Mrs. Spurgeon Carpenter; section seven, \$118.78, Mrs. Charles Norlander; section

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Hat In The Ring

Raymond Bennett Announces For House Of Representatives

Raymond F. Bennett, who recently retired as plant manager of the film division of the Olin Mathieson Chemical corporation, announces today that he will be a candidate for the House of Representatives from Transylvania county in the Democratic primary this coming May.

This is Mr. Bennett's first venture into politics.

However, he has been active in civic, political, economic, social and educational affairs of the community for many years.

Currently, he is serving as chairman of the important board of trustees of the Transylvania Community hospital, and has held in various organizations is impressive.

He is a trustee of the Monroe

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RAYMOND F. BENNETT

The Weather

Early morning readings dipped below freezing each day of the past week with the exception of Monday morning, when the low was 36 degrees. Afternoon highs ranged from Tuesday's 55 to weekend highs of 72, recorded on both Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Readings for the past week include:

	High	Low	Pcp.
Thursday	65	25	0
Friday	66	25	0
Saturday	72	20	0
Sunday	72	27	0
Monday	65	36	0
Tuesday	55	24	0

WPNF Program Notes

Highlights Of Conversion To Be Heard Sunday At 3:00

A special program, which will contain highlights at the cut-over of the Citizens Telephone company to the new system Saturday night, will be heard over WPNF Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3:00 o'clock.

The program will be MCed by Al Martin, the station manager, and it should be of extreme interest to all telephone subscribers in Brevard and Transylvania county.

Other Programs The schedule for the Farm and

Home hour is as follows: Rosman Vo-Ag. dept., B. E. Keisler; Friday, N. C. Forestry, Clark Grisom; Monday, county agent; Tuesday, Extension forestry, Leonard Hampton; Wednesday, Home agent.

Appearing on the Civic Hour are the following: Friday, DAR; Monday Wednesday club; Wednesday, Transylvania Garden club.

Speaking this week on Morning Devotions is Rev. James B.

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