

NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY ORGANIZED:

Business Men of Transylvania County Organize Corporation With \$25,000.00 Capital.

On Monday, February 21, 1921, probably the largest representative body of the business men of Transylvania County ever before brought together under one roof, took place in the Masonic Building over the post-office.

The object was to form a Citizens telephone company and over \$17,000 worth of stock was taken at meeting; 20 per cent of stock called for immediately and something over \$2000 paid in before adjournment.

There has been rumors and rumors of rumors for many moons in regard to a new telephone company or system being organized; but although many meetings have been held and a great deal of talking energy and many brilliant speeches made or spent upon the subject from time to time, nothing has ever really been done to relieve the unbearable situation until now.

The present telephone system is absolutely impossible — no account — and is hardly considered good junk by men who have made it their business to know. Time and again committees have been appointed to interview the present telephone company's officials in order to induce them to try to give some sort of service, but to no avail. They have been coaxed, begged, browbeaten and cussed, but the committees have always been told either in plain words or by insinuations to go to and stay put.

At last the citizens have awakened to the fact that the present owners had no intention of giving adequate service; but had really bought the present rotten system with the idea of selling to some one at a profit.

All day Monday men gathered in groups to discuss the situation with the result that over \$17,000.00 was raised by selling stock in a new company at \$100.00 a share; with plenty more investors wanting to get in on the ground floor.

At the meeting held at 8.30 Monday night every man attending was a stockholder.

It was decided to organize a corporation, get a charter and immediately to get busy with a brand new and first class system before the summer tourists arrive.

Joe. S. Silversteen acted as chairman of the meeting assisted by G. E. Lathrop as Secretary.

The election of a temporary Board of Governors to draw up by-laws and do the other necessary duties took place and are composed of the following:

J. S. Bromfield, Chairman; Fred Johnson, H. Ransom, C. C. Yongue, O. L. Erwin, Cos Paxton, Wm. Henry, and G. E. Lathrop as Secretary-treas.

The following is a list of stockholders:

5 shares each.

J. M. Allison, S. M. Macfie, J. S. Bromfield, H. R. Walker, G. C. Kilpatrick, J. F. Norris, J. H. McLean, Thos. H. Shipman, W. M. Lyday, C. C. Yongue, W. E. Bishop & Co., O. L. Erwin, Cos Paxton, Brown - Patton Co., T. J. Summey, Transylvania Tanning Co., J. A. Miller, C. H. Klueppelberg, Plummer & Trantham, W. J. Wallis, C. C. Hodges, W. S. Ashworth, L. C. Loftis, H. C. Ransom, Carr Lumber Co., T. B. Crary, Wm. Henry,

One share each:

Miss Mamie Shipman, R. P. Kilpatrick, Miss Rasa Shipman, Alex. H. Kizer, G. F. Marshall, J. P. Deaver, A. N. Jenkins, G. E. Lathrop, C. K. Osborne, E. W. Blythe, H. L. Wilson,

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE:

Michie approached a gloomy looking merchant the other day and asked if he could run an advertisement to show the good people what he had to offer and he explained that advertising was a waste of money and that the darned paper was a nuisance anyhow. Being ready to argue, Michie pointed out that in one of the big days held in Brevard, which was promoted by the Brevard News for the enjoyment of the country people, and when hundreds of folks came to town; that he had alone taken in hundreds of dollars and sold a great bill of merchandise. That's what the paper is for, argued the gentleman. So what's the use of arguing with a guy like that whose slogan seems to be "Do unto others as they would do unto you" — only do them first.

VACCINATE TO PREVENT SMALL POX:

Will it pay? What? To vaccinate. In order to prevent small pox. A very proper question is, what will prevent it? The answer is, vaccination. We have unquestionable proof that it has and will. Before Dr. Edwin Jenner's demonstration of its efficiency one eighth of the population of Great Britain died of small pox. Other sections of the world fared no better. Some visitations destroyed people in a way to rival influenza whose toll of human life is fresh in the minds of every one. If we had to-day a preventive measure against influenza as well proven as we have against small pox, I believe that people everywhere would flock to avail themselves of it. Why not set ourselves earnestly to put small pox out of business? Some persons, indeed many persons, fear to avail themselves of vaccination because at times some one has an inflamed arm after being vaccinated. In justice to my fellow physicians of Transylvania County I would say, in view of their modern methods to include complete attention to detail, clean careful vaccination is the rule. If any person vaccinated by any one of them does suffer afterwards it is due to some indiscretion on the part of the patient, or if a child those in care of the case.

It is a well known fact that any injury, even a scratch from a clean pin or needle, may become infected at any time after its reception. I am just in receipt of a report from State health authorities at Raleigh that it is prevalent in 32 counties in North Carolina. Why should Transylvania County be free from an invasion? Not because our people have availed themselves of the preventive measure. There is now no quarantine in this State and people travel freely. Remember that the infective germ persists indefinitely in buildings, in bedding, in clothing, in car seats or wherever it gains a lodging. If exposed to it vaccinate at once. The incubative period of small pox is about 14 days of vaccination less than 10 days.

W. J. WALLIS.

Sid Barnett, F. D. Clement, W. Y. Thomason, George Philips, 5 shares; S. F. Allison, 2 shares; W. C. Fortune, 3 shares; J. W. Burnett, F. P. Sledge, A. N. Hinton, Mrs. W. E. Shipman, R. L. Gash, Frank Jenkins, 2 shares; Welch Galloway, T. H. Galloway, Joe Hamlin, Fred Johnson, F. C. King, Wm. A. Band, Chas. P. White, 2 shares; A. H. King, Mrs. A. H. King, Ernest Paxton, Rosman, 2 shares; W. S. Price, Sr., R. H. Morrow.

WANTED — Girl for House work apply to Mrs. J. E. Loftis, Brevard. 2 t. crd.

WHAT AND WHO?

Wm. A. Band, dear sir: It was sheer accidental that this scribble stumbled upon the fact of lost names that have contributed more or less to historical scenes and acts of the long ago that have been widening out down thru the years and are still unseen factors in our present development. In the first mentioning of the fact it was without motive or purpose, but upon mature reflection the thought impressed itself that this generation owed these extinct names some sort of recognition, if it be but a simple recall. The Allison, Gashes, Claytons, Orps, Whitmires, Duckworths, Glazeners, Galloways and many others have been able to perpetuate their names whose descendants can speak of ancestral exploits or rehearse family legends, but others who wrought alongside of our fathers and who, as they, have left descendants which are known by other names and have lost much of the old family lore. The old family and church grave yards contain their ashes — a few marked with granite slabs, more with moss-grown rocks and others in unmarked and unknown graves. They are certainly worthy of honorable mention.

Turn the historic clock back to the days antedating 1790, what and whom do we see? — What? From the day the creative fiat went forth: "Let the dry land appear", what is now variously known as the Land of the Sky, the Land of Waterfalls, the Beautiful Sapphire Country, was a land beyond the imagination. Through the melenia of ages, it remained a land of silence — painful stillness solemnized by the hum of cascade to cascade. Somewhere beyond unmeasured centuries silence was broken by the gobble of the American turkey, the beat of the pheasant, the song of the rattler and the leap of the deer, the peculiar harbingers of aboriginal invasion. Other centuries may have come and gone but in their wake came other denizens of a different type. The yell of the hunter, the hoop of the warrior, and the whizz of his arrow betokened a new dispensation. These new liege lords of the forest, the Cherokee Indians, standing as it were on Mt. Pisgah Abraham-like looking North, East, South and West claimed all they saw. Who dare invade!

Who? Time moved along with unmeasured step. The year 1783 found the war-worn American colonies free and independent states, but what of that to a Cherokee Indian? Beyond his domains are heroes famed with a sense of national unity and in the enjoyment of personal freedom; but with all else gone — families broken, homes destroyed; business suspended, country prostrate and poverty abroad. Discontentment and restlessness are the fate of all. No one can help another. The impatient saw no prospect of a speedy return to normal conditions. Devastation may be endured abroad, not meekly at home. Transylvania's lost hundreds of her best blood during the days of reconstruction from this point of view.

Burk, Rockingham, Mecklenburg, Iredell and other counties fitted up exploring, ostensibly hunting, parties, which moved westward — Some for mere diversion, some for adventure, some for the chase, a few for investment and still fewer in quest of a new home away from old scenes but all in some way to better present conditions. The rippling brooks and the few stray trees of the Cherry Fields (as it was then written) gave the visitors, regardless of their motives, a silent welcome and the Indians thought no evil. After the beginning of this Western exodus many came, saw and returned. The few

who came and remained, whose names we wish to remember and cherish, laid the foundation upon which our present superstructure is reared. Their horny hands built their cabin-homes, fell the forest, drained the land, laid out and built cart-ways so well engineered that our present highways adhere closely to the old landmarks. They tried to meet the educational needs of their children long before the common school system was thought of. They founded churches. Among their goods and chattels brought to the new country were found the Bible, Hymn Book, Dillworth's spelling book, Confession of Faith and Book of Discipline. The Presbyterians built on the present site on Davidson river. The Methodists being more segregated had two places of meeting — Pine Grove below and Merrimon's meeting house above. The Baptists were still more scattered and met in private dwellings — at Francis Allison's, John Nicholson's, Sam'l King's, J. C. Galloway's and under the "Big Poplar-tree" on the Paxton Farm until 1815 when they built a house near Selica. For years the brethren attended church with their fire-arms and watched over their schools, social and other gatherings with the idea in mind: "never to be surprised". However, wise diplomacy and honorable dealing with the Indian prevented open hostilities. In 1835 a new era dawned. The fear and dread of a lurking, treacherous neighbor passed away as the Indians were removed to the West. This is the proper date of the beginning of prosperity and the gradual transformation of a wild country into lines leading up to a higher civilization.

These good men and women, our fathers and mothers, did their part and did it well. They did the drudgery; sowed the seed; we are the reapers. Let us with uncovered heads to them who so carefully blazed out the way for the children, reverently bow, for they are worthy. The names that once appeared on the tax, jury, road, militia and church rosters have disappeared for lack of male descendants, ought to be resurrected and put on file for the future historian. J. M. HAMLIN.

REID-BENNETT

The marriage of Miss Grace Reid of Oakland, N. C., to Mr. Charles W. Bennett of Knoxville, Tennessee, was solemnized at Brevard Thursday afternoon at one o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. E. Puett at his residence.

Miss Grace Reid, accompanied by her brother and Mr. Bennett left Lake Toxaway on the 8:20 train Thursday morning, stopped over in Brevard where Miss Reid and Mr. Bennett were married, the party continued their journey to Asheville, where a reception was given by Miss Guthrie in honor of the bride.

On the following morning the bride and groom proceeded on their way to their future home in Knoxville. Here's wishing them many and happy days.

Mrs. Grace Bennett will be at home to her many friends after March 1, at 2604 Washington Ave., Knoxville, Tennessee.

WHO IS MICKIE?

We have been asked who Michie is and why so often that we will try to explain. Michie is the guy who is a pillar of the church — on Sundays. He's the town goat. The fellow that butts into every-body's business and whom everyone wants to pull their chestnuts out of the fire. In other words, Michie is a little "Devil" of the Printing office.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER:

Raleigh, February 21 — Just two weeks remain of the sixty days for which members of the General Assembly may draw their little stipend of \$4.00 per day. It will have been in session sixty days on Saturday, March 5th. To complete its work within the time prescribed, will require almost constant grind day and night during this week and next. The really big problems are not yet settled, but one of them — the highway bill — will find its way to the enrolling office on Wednesday or Thursday.

The Doughton - Connor road bill passed the House on its final reading last Thursday by an overwhelming majority, only eleven of the 120 members voting against it. Many amendments were proposed to the bill on second reading, but only one created any discussion that amounted to more than a grand - stand play to the folks back home. Darden, of Halifax, wanted a referendum and offered an amendment providing that the law should not be effective until ratified by a vote of the people. It was defeated by a vote of seventy - five to thirty - six and proponents of the measure at once realized that "all was over except the shouting". The bill is now before the Senate committee and will doubtless receive "the finishing touches" before the end of the week.

Dr. Thomas Dixon, noted author and playwright, delivered three addresses in Raleigh on Thursday. He came here primarily to oppose the bill providing censorship of moving picture films and to advocate the passage of a bill protecting game in Currituck County, his present home. On ascertaining that this famous Tar Heel would be here at the time mentioned a resolution was adopted by both branches of the Legislature inviting him to address the Joint - Assembly. The invitation was accepted and he entertained a packed hall with one of the most interesting and enjoyable speeches of the session.

The State - wide stock law bill, introduced in the Senate several days ago, held the center of the stage here last week and finally ran the gauntlet of the two houses on Friday. This question has come up at each succeeding session of the General Assembly for the past twenty - five years, or more. The bill was fought bitterly at each turn of the way and opponents of it are dying hard. Many eastern members were especially pronounced in their opposition and fought manfully to prevent its passage. In vain they pleaded for the right of the people in their respective counties to vote upon the question. But all amendments excepting cty ics to vote upon the question. But all amendments excepting counties from the provisions of the bill were voted down and the original measure went through without change. The new law becomes effective on January 1, 1922.

The big measures "still in the making" are the appropriation bills and the Revenue and Machinery acts. These are expected from committees early this week. The Revenue Bill is practically complete and upon it rests largely the extent to which the committee on appropriations may go in parceling out the funds necessary to maintain the State's educational and penal institutions. It is practically certain that all State institutions will receive amounts sufficient to enable them to function without handicap. The public schools will also be remembered in a handsome way, while the pensions to old soldiers are likely to be materially increased.

The closing rush is on and, not unlike previous sessions, the clerks are feeling the effects of six weeks' pre-

MRS. COS PAXTON ENTERTINS:

Mrs. Cos Paxton entertained very delightfully the ladies of the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 16, at her home in the Franklin Park. Mrs. John R. Hay, Mrs. Macon Reed and Mrs. R. B. Lyon, who have recently come to Brevard, were guests of honor and were cordially welcomed by those present.

Other invited guests were Mrs. D. L. English, Mrs. J. W. Setzer, Mrs. Agnes Marchant, Mrs. S. Wood, Jr., Mrs. H. E. Stowers and Miss Nina Kate Clayton. A delicious salad course was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Clayton and Mrs. Stowers.

PENROSE BRIEFS:

Prof. N. L. Ponder attended the teachers' meeting in Brevard last Saturday.

Miss Flannette Talley has been visiting her sister Mrs. Rusk of Columbia, S. C.

Miss Julia Morgan, a student of our school spent Saturday at her home near Etowah, N. C.

Miss Margaret Wilson, better known as "Aunt Margaret" has been confined to her home and at the present time is reported to be improving slightly.

Several of our people journeyed to Pisgah Forest to hear Rev. A. J. Justus preach last Sunday afternoon.

It seems that this is kind of a secret age in this community for several people would like to know and have it explained thru the columns of the Brevard News why our school is closing one month ahead of time. Also why was the name of the "Betterment Society" changed to "The Ladies Aid"? To explain these things to our people thru the Brevard News might mean a better Sunday School, also a more speedy completion of our new church.

The directors of the Penrose Cheese Factory held a meeting last Monday to decide what to do with said factory but were unable to decide whether to change it to an Ice Factory, or an Elective Light Plant, or a powder factory. Guess they should try making brick ice cream.

Farmers of this community took advantage of the nice weather last week and as a result there are several black marks around in our river bottom land.

Mr. L. F. Lyday is preparing to do some additional building to his home, which will make it one of the most modern in this community.

The B. Y. P. U. is progressing nicely and much good is expected of it in the near future.

The county board of education visited our school recently and made a very careful inspection of the school and the building, and were well pleased with conditions they found.

Best wishes to the News, all its readers, as well as "Callias"; please come again. "Robin Hood".

CLIPPING FROM ASHEVILLE CITIZEN:

Brevard shows that it is not suffering from Municipal Sleeping Sickness. It proposes to expend generous sums of money in making that community more attractive for tourists.

Preparation for two weeks honest-to-goodness work on the part of the membership. Two sessions a day are not infrequent and three will be necessary if "things are to be rounded up" by March 5th.