

THE CITIZENS TELEPHONE CO. COMPLETES ORGANIZATION:

The Citizens Telephone Company completed its organization last Monday afternoon at a meeting of stockholders in the city hall. After listening to a reading of the company's charter by the temporary secretary, G. E. Lathrop, the stockholders elected the following directors:

J. S. Bromfield, Fred Johnson, Henry Ransom, G. C. Yongie, O. L. Erwin, Cos Paxton and William Henry.

At a meeting of directors immediately after the adjournment of stockholders the following officers were elected:

J. S. Bromfield, President and general manager; Fred Johnson, Vice-President; G. E. Lathrop, Secretary and Treasurer.

Nearly all of the stockholders were present — a few being represented by proxy — and the interest and enthusiasm were quite evident. There was a decided unity of purpose manifested, and all resolutions were virtually unanimous.

J. S. Bromfield made a report of conditions in which he called special attention to the fact that practically all business houses in Brevard, with a few exceptions, would be users of the new company's telephones.

The drive for a new telephone company, once having been decided upon, has been carried on with remarkable swiftness. Capitalized at \$25,000, already stock to the amount of \$18,400 has been taken. With the subscription of \$20,000, the books will be closed, and there is no doubt in the minds of those most interested in the movement that this amount will be pledged at an early date.

WORK STARTED

The actual work of installing a new telephone system was begun on Wednesday, when a force of hands was put to work at the city limits making ready for the line to Pisgah Forest. The new company has acquired possession of all lines leading to Pisgah Forest and will use as much of the material as will be available.

The company has purchased a new Ford Car, which will be worked over into a service truck.

H. Garren, a merchant at Cedar Mountain, has taken stock in the new enterprise and proposes to build a line from Cedar Mountain to the city limits. Eventually this line, it is understood, will be extended to Caesar's Head.

NINETY - DAY PROGRAM

A part of the poles necessary for building lines has already been contracted for and will be delivered at once. It is the intention of the company to have things in working order for service by the first of June and every effort will be used to carry out this ninety-day program of preparation.

In the neighborhood of 135 telephones will be installed in Brevard and North Brevard, according to a statement made by the general manager, who added that the company was now in control of all lines leading to the city limits with the exception of long distance communication.

An entirely new system and up-to-date in every respect is proposed by the company.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY

On the Thursday noon train a representative of the Western Electric Company of Atlanta arrived here for the purpose of laying off the town, ascertaining the needs and giving a price for the work required. The result of this preliminary survey was not obtainable at the hour of going to press with this issue of the News.

Citizens subscribing stock in the new company, in addition to those published last week, are:

DR. J. J. FIX PAYS VISIT TO PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

The Presbyterian Sunday Schools at Brevard and Davidson River had the privilege of hearing Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D., synodical director of young people's work, last Sunday. Dr. Fix is extensively engaged in visiting Sunday Schools throughout the Synod of Appalachia for the purpose of bringing about more thorough organization, increasing efficiency and awakening enthusiasm in the work.

On Sunday morning the Sunday School hour at the Brevard Presbyterian Church was given up to Dr. Fix, who made a very interesting address on the different phases of Sunday School work. He spoke mainly on the best methods of securing and increasing attendance on class work, and on organization.

The Davidson River Church was visited in the afternoon and an address was made there also by Dr. Fix on the same general lines. The attendance was good and the interest quite evident.

The visit of Dr. Fix was in line with the Institute work, which he conducts at various churches in his territory. One of these institutes was held recently at Hendersonville, which several representatives of the two local Presbyterian Sunday Schools attended.

HONEYMOON TOUR COVERS SEVENTEEN THOUSAND MILES:

J. J. Miner had recently as his guest one of his nephews from Chicago, J. M. Miner, who came through Brevard on his way home from an auto honeymoon trip which covered approximately 17,000 miles. The first lap of the tour was from Chicago to Washington, the second from there to Raleigh, thence to Miami, Fla., and next to Cuba. After a visit here of several days, the couple motored away on their return to Chicago.

GETTING CAMP READY FOR OCCUPATION IN SUMMER:

The popularity of Brevard and its surroundings as an ideal spot for summer camping has additional evidence in the enterprise now being undertaken by J. H. Tinsley on the land connected with his place about two miles from Brevard.

Some time ago Mr. Tinsley bought the George Glazener place and moved there from Brevard. He has recently granted a ten-year lease to Hinton McLeod of Gulfport, Miss., of a part of the land, for the purpose of having a summer camp for girls located there.

Mr. Tinsley's part of the contract includes the erection of seventeen buildings for the use of the camp. There will be seven main buildings, such as lodge room, dining room, kitchen, bath houses and office buildings, and the remaining ten will be structures to be used by the girls in place of tents. These cottages will be sixteen by twenty feet in size, with openings for ventilation running around the four sides.

Beside the erection of houses, a small lake will be built as part of the camp's equipment and attractions.

Mr. McLeod is obligated by his part of the contract to install electric lights and telephones at the camp. It is understood that all the buildings are to be completed and the camp ready for occupation by the first of June.

Mr. Tinsley has started a saw mill in operation on the place and is busy pushing the work to completion.

John Glenn, D. G. Ward, Dr. A. E. Lyday, J. E. Waters, H. Garren, A. B. Riley.

BRYSON-POOLE MARRIAGE

A simple, but impressive, ceremony was performed at the Methodist Parsonage on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, February 27, 1921, when Miss Maude L. Bryson and Mr. Clarence F. Poole were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. A. S. Raper in the presence of a few intimate friends.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bryson, and has been Society Editor of the Brevard News for some time. On this occasion she was unusually pretty, attired in a suit of a field mouse color with hat and accessories to match and carried a bouquet of sweet peas and forget-me-nots.

Mr. Poole is the son of Mr. N. C. Poole and is the popular freight agent for the Southern Railway here.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Poole left for Jacksonville, Fla., and are now at Winter Garden with friends, going later to Washington and other northern points. On their return it is understood they will make their home at the Aethelwold.

PRESIDENT RESPONDS QUICKLY TO A LETTER OF SYMPATHY

F. S. Starrette, being profoundly touched by a recent picture of President Wilson which showed he had been broken by age and care during his administration, sent a letter to the retiring chief executive, expressing his sympathy and commending the administration now closing. In a very few days Mr. Starrette received the following letter:

"My dear Mr. Starrette:
"The President has asked me to thank you warmly for your letter of yesterday, which he has read with deep appreciation. He is very much gratified by your friendly interest and your good will.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. TUMULTY,
Secretary to the President.

METHODIST DOTS:

Excellent services were held at both church services Sunday.

At 11:00 A. M., the singing was in charge of a group of 24 girls and boys from the Institute, who have offered themselves for life service. Among them were several who contemplate going to Africa, others to foreign fields. Quite a good number have volunteered for life service at home.

The singing was soul-stirring. The sermon was along life service, and was earnestly delivered.

At night the young men sang a beautiful double quartette.

The sermon was on self judgment as a means to leading a better life.

The congregations were large and attentive.

WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY PARTY:

The Washington Birthday party, which was given by the young people's Missionary Society of the Brevard Methodist Church, Tuesday evening, February 22nd, at the Methodist parsonage, proved to be an interesting and successful event.

Mrs. A. S. Raper and the social committee had provided amusement for all.

An interesting program of games, contests, etc., was greatly enjoyed.

Thirty-five were present to enjoy the evening.

The home was prettily decorated with red, white and blue streamers, and U. S. A. flags.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

DELEGATES CHOSEN FOR LAYMEN'S CONVENTION:

J. W. Smith and T. H. Shipman have been elected by the Presbyterian church as delegates to attend the laymen's convention to meet in Greenville, S. C., on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. It is expected that other members of the congregation will take advantage of this opportunity of attending the conferences and hearing the addresses of leading laymen and ministers. While the gathering is nominally Presbyterian, the convention is really a part of the great laymen's movement, which has been of such inspirational value to Christian causes, and its scope is naturally broader than any one denomination.

YOUNG LADY IS TAKEN TO MOUNTAIN SANITARIUM:

F. L. Wilson, acting in his capacity of county welfare officer, had conveyed this week to the mountain Sanitarium near Brevard, Miss Corrie Murphy, daughter of Caleb Murphy, whose home is near Rosman. The young lady had been in ill health for some time, and Mr. Wilson's attention was called to the case as one meriting the investigation by the welfare officer. The result of the investigation was that Miss Murphy has been taken to the hospital and will remain for treatment.

NOTICE AS TO RATES ON LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS:

The rate on legal notices advertised in The News will after this date be as follows:

Five cents a line for the first insertion and 2 1-2 cents a line for each subsequent insertion.

NEXT LYCEUM NUMBER:

The next Lyceum number will be the Metropolitan Glee Club, and the entertainment will be at the High School Auditorium on the night of Monday, March 8th.

BREVARD BOY MAKES GOOD IN OPERATIC SINGING:

The following clipping from the Roanoke, Va., News will be of interest to the many friends of Fred Smith who began his career as a tenor singer in this town:

The concert given on Tuesday night at the Baptist Church by Frederic Smith and Mrs. Erma Johnson was most heartily enjoyed. Both Mr. Smith and Mrs. Johnson's numbers were up to the standard and of real merit.

Mr. Smith's rendition of the oratorio from Handel's Messiah revealed the voice. He has been singing with success in the following operas: Rigoletto Barber of Seville, Lucia and Martha.

The interpretation of Beethoven's Sonata Pathetique by Mrs. Johnson was of a high order, and displayed splendid technic and appreciation.

Mr. Smith and Mrs. Johnson will be welcomed back in Coeburn at any future time.

DEATH OF INFANT:

Ethel Mami Snelson, four months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Snelson, died at 2:25 A. M., Saturday February 26th. Ethel was a delicate child and all that loving hearts could do was done that she might live, but it was not to be.

A brief funeral service was held at the home and interment was made at Oak Grove.

The sympathy of the community is extended to all the bereaved ones. C. E. PUETTE.

ROBERT ORR, LEADING CITIZEN SUDDENLY CLAIMED BY DEATH:

Robert Orr, one of the best known citizens of Transylvania County, died last Sunday night at the Mission Hospital in Asheville. His death was caused by appendicitis and resulting peritonitis. On the Sunday previous he was taken sick, became worse on Monday and on Tuesday was taken to the hospital, where an operation revealed that the disease had made great headway. From that time little hope of his recovery was entertained, and on Sunday night at 9:15 o'clock, he passed away. At his bedside were his wife, mother, brother, Oliver Orr, and his partner in business, Bert Sitton.

The body was brought home Monday night, and funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon; first at the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. C. E. Puette, assisted by Rev. A. S. Raper, Rev. J. C. Seagle; later at Oak Grove cemetery, where interment took place with the ceremonies of the Masonic order. The pall bearers were: Clyde Ashworth, D. L. English, G. F. Marshall, J. S. Bromfield, C. E. Orr and J. M. Allison.

Mr. Orr is survived by his widow and three children Thelma, Robert Siler and Thomas; by his mother and his sister, Mrs. J. M. Meece, both of Lamb's creek Valley; and by his brother, Oliver Orr, principal and acting superintendent of Brevard Institute.

Robert Orr was born at Lamb's Creek Valley on November 16, 1880, the son of Marcus Erwin and Rachael Hamilton Orr, the former of whom died a number of years ago. The young man, after attending his neighborhood schools, continued his education for a while at the Broad Valley Institute at Penrose. For the last 15 years he has been interested in the lumber business, his work taking him to various sections of this country. About ten years ago a partnership in lumber business was formed with Bert Sitton, which continued till interrupted by Mr. Orr's death.

In the campaign of 1917 Mr. Orr was elected county commissioner on the Republican ticket. This was the only time he held public office.

With the passing of this man, Transylvania has lost one of her best citizens, judging by the tributes of esteem which were expressed during his last illness and after his death. On all sides deep concern was evident while he lay in the grip of a fatal malady; and when the sad news came to Brevard that he was dead, grief for what seemed a public and a common loss was shown in the undoubted sincerity of the tributes paid.

Among the most striking of those tributes were those paid by many who had been his political opponents. His career as a public officer had proved him to be capable, far seeing, and at the same time progressive. He steered his course straight with the county good ahead of him as a goal. To his judgment and progressiveness are largely due the building of a new county home and the establishment of the farm agent's office in Transylvania. "He was one of the best commissioners the county ever had," said one who held different political views, and this seems to be the general verdict.

The congregation which assembled at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon was in itself a tribute. Perhaps no larger crowd ever came together in this county to pay respect at the death of one of its citizens. The march of the Masons was rendered more impressive even than usual by the length of the line — the longest, it is said, ever seen here on any similar occasion.

But no tribute was finer than that uttered by his partner, Bert Sitton, to whom the loss seemed more like

TRANSYLVANIA LEADS STATE IN PER CAPITA INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY:

Pays \$24.00 a Citizen to Support Schools While Other Counties Spend Strength on Automobiles

The News Letter, of Chapel Hill, issue of February 23rd, 1921, contains a very vivid account, and comparison of the investment in automobiles and in public school property by the people of North Carolina.

The private motor car property of the State amounts to \$140,000,000, or \$54.00 per inhabitant. The public school property amounts to \$24,000,000, or \$9.00 per inhabitant.

The automobile wealth is distributed, by counties, from \$1 per inhabitant in Mitchell and Graham, to \$106 per inhabitant in Scotland. Transylvania stands way down the line at \$23.00.

The public school wealth is distributed, according to counties, from \$2 per inhabitant in Caswell, to \$24 per inhabitant in Transylvania.

Only eight counties have a greater per capita investment in public school property than in motor cars, as follows: Transylvania, McDowell, Jackson, Cherokee, Yancey, Dare, Mitchell and Graham, while Clay has an equal investment in each.

Transylvania, Buncombe and McDowell are the only three counties having a per capita investment in public school property in excess of \$20 per inhabitant, the figures being respectively, \$24, \$22 and \$21.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF ROBERT ORR:

Our friend Robert Orr lies still in death. This fact brings deep sorrow to all who knew him.

He leaves us his example of correct living, fair dealing and progressiveness. Our town and County have lost one of their best and most enterprising citizens.

He was all that a man should be, As a citizen, Mason, Neighbor, friend husband and father.

His home was a home of affection, peace and happiness. Honor to his memory, peace to his ashes and lasting sympathy for those he leaves behind.

C. W. HUNT.

LAKE FULL AGAIN:

The lake at Camp Transylvania, which was drained some time ago in order to make some changes, is again full of sky-blue water and is greatly improved in appearance. Much work has been done recently to improve the surroundings. It is one of the most beautiful spots in the County.

There are several fine springs on the property all of which will be put in good shape. One is sulphur, slightly, and one is strongly chalybeate.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF BREVARD BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION:

Brevard, N. C., Feb. 28, 1921

A regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Brevard Building & Loan Association will be held at their office in Brevard, N. C., on March 28th, 1921, at 8 o'clock, P. M., sharp, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, the rendering of the annual report and the transaction of any other necessary and proper business.

T. H. Shipman, President, G. E. Lathrop, Act. Sec.

that of a brother than of a business associate. "He was a Christian gentleman," he said, and it was plain that he meant all that the phrase conveyed.