

FARMERS BUY RURAL LINES

SOUTH FARMERS MAKE FIRST MOVE TO SETTLE PHONE CONTROVERSY.

Steps have been taken by farmers south of Binford, that will ultimately settle the telephone controversy, which has retarded the extension of lines in this community for the past several years.

Last Friday evening a number of patrons on the line running southwest of town, met at the Otto Bruns home and organized the Bryan Telephone Co., with the following officers:

President—John Evers.

Vice President—Boyd Knapp.

Secretary-Treasurer—Otto Bruns.

These officers, with W. D. Ehlers and P. J. Finstuen, comprise the board of directors.

H. A. Brown, manager of the Griggs County Telephone Co., was present at the meeting and offered to sell the line now operating in that community to the new company at a nominal figure, and his proposition was accepted. This line consists of about 20 miles. It is also proposed that the same company build rural lines southeast of town, and already there have been six or seven farmers who have contracted for phones and several others have signified a desire to get the service. The lines southwest will be extended and when the entire system is completed there will be probably between 40 and 50 patrons to be served.