



ROBESON COUNTY FAIR

LUMBERTON, N. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 11, 12th

Make Your Plans To Be Here All The Week. This Will Be The Largest Fair Ever Held In Old Robeson. Fire Works Each Nigh. The Midway With Real Shows—Plenty of Them—All Kinds of Rides. The Exhibits Will Far Exceed All Fairs. Chickens, Farm Products, Automobiles, The Finest Live Stock Ever. Remember the dates, October 9, 10, 11, 12th, 1923.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina, Robeson County. In the Superior Court.
Grace Bennett, vs. W. A. Bennett.
To the defendant W. A. Bennett:
You will take notice that an action has been instituted in the Superior Court of Robeson County entitled as above for the purpose of obtaining an absolute divorce on the grounds of adultery and desertion. You will further take notice that you are required to be and appear before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Robeson County at the Courthouse in Lumberton, N. C., on the 18th day of October, 1923, and answer or demur to the complaint, which will be found filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court and if you fail to answer or demur to said complaint within twenty days from the return date hereof, that the relief sought for by the plaintiff will be granted.
This the 18th day of September, 1923.
O. B. SKIPPER
Clerk Superior Court.

INTERESTING MEETING OF CO-OPS HERE TUESDAY

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ances of \$11, final settlement \$26; \$7 advance, final settlement \$18; \$14 advance, final settlement \$30. The entire scale of final settlements was read by Mr. Stone and it seemed to please the members very much, as a majority of them had nothing definite to base their figuring on for a final settlement. Mr. Stone talked very plainly and frankly, and criticized severely some of the methods used by the association in sending out propaganda through the press, a lot of which was absolutely reverse from the conditions as exist. He said the

reason so many of the members were grumbling and dissatisfied was because some of the members, found fault and talked against the organization among themselves, and would not go to the directors with their findings and troubles. Mr. Stone is a believer in getting action when action is needed, and told Mr. Brackett that he meant everything he was saying. He prophesied that the organization would grow immensely, and all the discontent would vanish if the officers would put confidence in their members and tell them just what was going on and just what they could expect. He told of the unjust methods of grading which were practiced last year and which had been improved considerably this year. Corroborating the statement of Mr. Townsend, that many of the members seemed ashamed that they were members, and ashamed to go into or be with a crowd of members, Mr. Stone said this was caused by ignorance on the part of some who did not know what to say to the thousands of questions the enemies were asking them about what the association was doing. He also endorsed Mr. Townsend's suggestion that members of different locals visit the neighboring local at a meeting and have joint meetings.

Mr. Brackett responded and said that he hoped the members would realize at an early date that if there was any information whatever that they wanted, all that was necessary was for the local to name a delegate and send him to a directors' meeting, where he would be allowed the privilege of asking any question he desired, and all information would be given him. He told of the information sent out in the Tri-State Grower, but admitted that it was a bad way of getting in touch with the entire membership.

Enemy Propaganda.
Another bomb was thrown into the meeting when Mr. A. L. Stone, reporting for Long Branch local, stated that he had received a letter from the association stating that it was a good thing for the members of the association that a large number of them had been disloyal last year when they began pooling cotton, that the association would have been swamped with cotton with no warehouses in which to store it, consequently losing money for the farmer. The letter further stated, according to Mr. Stone, that all cotton raised by the growers in the association this year could be cared for by the association. Mr. C. M. Barker, of the field department of the Cotton Growers association, asked Mr. Stone who signed the letter, to

which he replied that he did not know. Mr. Barker then stated that the letter was propaganda from the enemy, and that he would give Mr. Stone \$100 for it, if it contained what he had stated and was signed by an officer of the association. "The Long Branch local is in a majority loyal, though there are some who are hauling their tobacco to auction houses", concluded Mr. Stone.

Saved \$100,000 for Association.
"I have heard it rumored, and some say it is a positive fact, that the head of the association receives salary \$30,000 per year. I want to know of that is true," said Mr. L. E. Tyner, after he had made a fair report from the Raft Swallow local, and directing his query to Mr. Brackett sitting a few feet in front of him. Nodding his head, Mr. Brackett replied, "It is true, Mr. Tyner." "It may be true, but it's wrong," said Mr. Tyner, and continued, "There are plenty of men in this world who can handle that job for half that money, and I don't think it is right to take the money out of the working man's pocket and pay such enormous salaries." Mr. Brackett was on his feet before Mr. Tyner had settled in his seat, and said that Mr. Patterson, president of the association, had saved over \$100,000 this year only by his methods and knowledge of redrying tobacco. It was shown to Mr. Tyner and other members present that every member of the association paid to Mr. Patterson's salary the small sum of 33 cents a year.

Satisfied With Salaries.
"If Mr. Patterson received only \$10,000 a year for his services, I, as a member of the association, would ask for his resignation", said Mr. M. Shepherd of Orrum, who went into the matter of salaries compared with brain power. He was absolutely satisfied with the salaries received by the officers and urged that the members use their good judgment, and keep high salaried and high-minded people in the important and essential offices. In reporting for the Orrum local Mr. Shepherd stated that most of the members there were loyal, but that some were disloyal. He has heard during the present tobacco season wagons passing his house after midnight Sunday nights carrying co-op tobacco to auction floors.

Costs of Marketing.
Mr. E. W. Stone was again on the floor and gave some figures on the difference between the cost of marketing through the co-op and auction system. He said that the majority of people did not realize that they

were paying 2-2 percent commission to the warehousemen for selling space, 25 cents a pile for handling, and an auction fee, because he always found it deducted from his check when he was paid for the tobacco. He showed the difference it would make if the warehouseman would pay the farmer \$500 for his tobacco and then ask the farmer for his part of the \$500 for selling it for him. If there were only four piles the farmer would have to refund the warehouseman nearly \$15, and that would make a lot of difference if the farmer pulled out the money and handed it over, instead of having it deducted from the check. It was after Mr. Stone had told this, and stated that it was not the salaries of the officers that he was interested in, but it was the returns that he got for his product, when Mr. Tyner rose and invited Mr. Stone to come over to his community and make a speech for them at their local meeting. Mr. Stone accepted the invitation.

Mr. C. M. Barker stated that he was going to see to it that every

member of the association pooled his or her cotton in the association this fall if it was in his power, and that he was leaving then for Raleigh to meet the head of the department and ask for a permit to employ a few men to ride over the county and see that everybody treated their contracts according to the rules and regulations. He asked the men present if they would with their approval. They answered in the affirmative.

In closing the meeting Mr. Brackett stated that the one big trouble in Robeson county was that so many of the large bankers and merchants were not as loyal as they should be, and asserted that not more than a dozen in Lumberton were as loyal as they should be. He spoke of a fight put on in South Carolina by the merchants and bankers in one town against the association and the result was that a new bank was organized with co-op members as stockholders. The day the new bank opened more than \$30,000 was drawn from one of the enemy banks and deposited in the new bank.

Mules - Mules



Mr. Linkhaw has returned from St. Louis where he purchased a car of choice Mules.

They Have Arrived

Come and look them over.

W. I. LINKHAW

Buggies Harness Wagons
Lumberton, North Carolina



SCHOOL DAYS

Save Money on All-Wool School Suits.
THE HIGH SCHOOL BOY
or **THE COLLEGE MAN**
Can Get Quality Clothes at Less Cost.
Sport Sweaters in all colors. The very thing for School and College Days. Look Them Over.

L. C. TOWNSEND
Lumberton, North Carolina

Announcement

A full and complete line of Wahl Pen and Ever-Sharp Pencils just received. We can fit any hand, and we guarantee every Pen and Pencil, and remember, a bottle of ink or box of lead with every Pen and Pencil. If you have a Pen or Pencil that does not give satisfaction, bring it to us. We can fix it.

A. J. HOLMES, Jeweler

Autumn Arrivals

Our store is now brimfull of all the new things for Fall and Winter Wear and the quality is of the best and our cash prices are the lowest for good honest dependable merchandise. We are desirous for you to call in and see all the new things that we have to show you.

- Piece Goods**
All Wool French Serge full yard wide per yd.—
98c
- All Wool Storm Serge 40 inches wide and extra heavy per yard—
\$1.48
- Broad Cloths in all colors—All Wool Flannel Suiting—New, Shirting Material; New Fall Silks in all the New Weaves—Canton Crepes—Flat Crepes—Taffetas and Satins—all priced at the Lowest Cash Price.
- GINGHAM SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY**
One lot of 25c Dress Gingham in the New Fall Patterns will be placed on Sale Saturday only
18c
- Best Feather Bed Ticking per yard—
35c
- 35c Romper Cloth per yard—
25c
- Heavy Outing Flannel per yard—
19c

- SHOES SHOES**
Here you will find all the best Shoes that are to be found anywhere. We carry Star Brand, Brown Shoe Co., Thorogood, Godmax, Hoge Montgomery and many other well known brands in both Dress and Work Shoes for Men, Women and Children—every pair is solid leather and built to give complete satisfaction and all priced at the lowest Cash Prices.
- Boys Suits in all wool material, a large lot to select from, all sizes priced—
\$4.48 up
- Men's Suits priced from—
\$10.00 to \$25.00
- Men's and Boys Pants of every description at Real Bargain Prices.
- Ladies Childrens and Misses Coats, all styles and sizes priced from—
\$1.98 to \$35
- We now have a complete line of Sweaters for Men, Women and Children in all the new Fall Styles at popular prices.
- Fleeced lined Underwear for the Whole family.

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