

### MRS. PERKINSON ANSWERS ATTACK

Writer Replies To H. C. Coleman's Criticism Of Story About Wise

#### TELLS OF DEVELOPMENT

It seems that Mr. H. C. Coleman has strangely misconstrued and misinterpreted my recent article in the News and Observer, or else has seen fit to interpret it through the eyes of malice and prejudice from an unjustifiable cause. What I shall say is not in the spirit of retaliation (I do not have time to waste in such a way) but to explain to the people of Wise who do not see the News and Observer or did not see the original article in question what I really said and meant.

The article was written with the intention of showing the remarkable progress made during the last twenty years or so in North Carolina in the small villages of which Wise is a good example.

The article received much favorable comment from various parts of the State and from right thinking, unprejudiced citizens of Wise.

In the first place, about the matter of artesian wells. Strictly speaking I suppose I am in error, for the reason that the bored or drilled wells referred to are not of sufficient depth to overflow spontaneously from internal pressure, although one of them at least comes very near doing so, the water flowing back spontaneously to within a few feet of the top. Certainly "deep well" does not describe what I mean, for any ordinary well can be dug to a depth which would constitute a deep well.

According to Webster's Unabridged, the definition for artesian wells is this:

"Wells made by boring into the earth till the instrument reaches water which from internal pressure flows spontaneously like a fountain. They are usually of small diameter and great depth."

Now this definition describes the process by which the wells referred to are made, except that they are not quite deep enough for the pressure of the water to be of sufficient force to overflow spontaneously. Certainly artesian comes much nearer an adequate description than just "deep well."

Now the most distorted interpretation given to anything in the article by Mr. Coleman is in reference to the school. When I said "old wooden school house" I meant only to distinguish it from the new brick building then under construction, which I said was the first brick school building to be erected in the county and probably it was among the first to be erected in the country districts in the State, for at that time North Carolina (1908) was just undergoing her wonderful educational awakening which was to place the facilities of a State high school, supported out of public funds, within the reach of every country boy and girl, and Wise was one of the first communities to profit by the new law. And the beneficial results of having these good school facilities in our midst are so far reaching that only the older residents can begin to estimate them. I have often heard my good friend, the late A. S. Webb, comment thereon.

And I intimated no apology for present school conditions. I was not aware that any apology was needed. I utterly fail to see how any person, except one whose mind was thoroughly poisoned with prejudice and worse, and one very ignorant of our actual school affairs, could say that I meant any slur at "neighboring Virginians". What I did mean was that under the consolidated school system we are so near the Virginia line that we do not have as much territory to draw from as schools more centrally located, since under the present law pupils cannot be transported from one State to another except by mutual consent and special arrangement. I most ardently wish that we could draw school patronage from our neighbors in Virginia, for the few who have come from that neighborhood have been a distinct credit to themselves and to our school both in social attributes and in scholarship.

As to the term "poor white folks" or sometimes "poor white trash", I said that this expression was new to me. It belongs exclusively to the South, and I feel that it is used too indiscriminately and often unjustly and places upon a very large class of honest people a social stigma which often has little to do with their actual financial condition. Of course we have the poor anywhere and everywhere, myself included, which I think a reading of my article will bear out, but my thoughts along this line have practically no connection with the condition of one's purse.

I do not know first hand anything about conditions among the textile workers of New England. I wish I did. They may or may not be as bad as Mr. Coleman describes. I hardly think they are, for the reason that labor is so well organized up there, and there have been so many strikes, and health regulations are so strict, that I feel that prob-

ably his description is much overdrawn. I wish I did know more about the problems of labor so that I could take a more intelligent interest in the controversies now raging in North Carolina about the Gastonia affair. You see I was born in a school town in New Hampshire and have only lived in Boston for short periods of time.

From what Mr. Coleman says about Anglo-Saxon blood, he seems to share the rather common belief among uninformed persons that those living above the Mason and Dixon line are all foreigners. There are many foreigners to be sure, for very few Americans now work in our mills, but it is also a fact that a great many old New England families are of the self same stock that some of the older families in the South are and trace their ancestry back to the 1600's. I trace my own on the Clement side back exactly nine generations, and can substantiate my statement from the public records of New Hampshire.

I meant to have said in connection with the school that very likely the method of studying the dictionary was a very good one. It was an older method, and one not in use now. Times have changed and educational methods have changed, that is all.

Salem witchcraft is a matter of history, a strange and interesting phenomenon to be sure and shows how far fanatics can go, but I hope there is no one who thinks I am so simple as to take as a personal matter, which would cause embarrassment, any undisputed historical fact about New England. Do you not suppose in some sections of North Carolina even today there are those who still believe in such things as conjure doctors and in being conjured? But as I said before it is not my purpose to sling mud. It is a poor occupation and I find North Carolina at the present time the most delightful place in which to live, and I believe it is destined to grow still more so as the years go by.

No, Mr. Coleman, I did not come here in any missionary spirit, or in the holier or smarter than thou spirit. That is a spirit which I detest and whatever I have done or tried to do for my community I have done with the people of it, and as one of them. And I might add here that very probably if I had spent more of my time in these twenty years pursuing my own selfish interest and gains I would have been far richer now, at least in dollars. I came to North Carolina to get well, and I have accomplished my end which is reason enough to love the section which gave me a bran new lease on life and about which I know far more than I do my native State. Since prohibition I have made a few enemies on account of my steady and strong opposition to the illegal liquor traffic, but since now I have a boy in constant danger of becoming involved in one way or another, I feel that I would not be measuring up to my social responsibility in any sense if I failed with what

powers I have at my command to condemn it as every opportunity.

About sun bonnets. I think I had one made for myself in the old days but times have changed and what I meant to convey is that nowadays there is nothing about the dress of the country woman to set her apart from women of the towns and cities.

Nowhere in my article did I use the word "Hawtree". My observations were confined to the village of Wise and not to the locality from which Mr. Coleman came (Paschall) and the News and Observer, by its headlines, rather gave the impression that Wise was really a town, which of course it is not, just a progressive little village, which no unprejudiced person would deny has changed considerably for the better in the last twenty years.

I have never entertained any unfriendly feelings toward Mr. Coleman and was not aware that he entertained such toward me, but I do seem to remember that the first I knew or heard of him he was engaged in just the same kind of thing he did to me last week. He was berating one of our county commissioners from Hawtree very unjustly and without cause, for this man was a citizen of sound common sense and good judgement and of unquestioned integrity, one of the best this place ever produced. Would that he were here today! I was not interested in county affairs then enough to pay much attention to the controversy. I just remember it, and know that it left its marks. I do remember something he said about this time about the editor of this paper, Mr. Howard Jones, because it struck me as being ridiculous. He said that our county superintendent had no right to pay more than twenty five cents for a meal in Raleigh when he went there on school business. This will give you a bit of an idea as to whether Mr. Coleman in those days had rather a provincial or a cosmopolitan viewpoint.

I have tried to explain my position for the benefit of such as did not see my article in the News and Observer. As far as I am concerned this matter is at an end. As I said before I do not have time for mud slinging and comparisons are always odious. I believe that which America needs most of all is less of the provincial and sectional spirit, more national unity and a better and more sympathetic understanding of both national and international problems. It should not be lost sight of that we have many foreign born citizens among us who have made very great contributions to America's progress and welfare.

#### Elberon News

The revival meeting will begin at Sulphur Springs Baptist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Services during the week will be held at 3:30 in the afternoons and at 8 o'clock at night.

Mr. Mark Ball of Greensboro spent part of his vacation with friends here.

Mr. O. L. Short, superintendent of

Penders stores in the Raleigh district, visits his parents Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. H. Aycock is spending the week with relatives in Raleigh.

Mrs. J. L. Aycock spent Saturday night with her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Blythe, who is in the Roanoke Rapids hospital for an operation for appendicitis.

The Sunbeam band and primary department of Sulphur Springs went to Raleigh Friday on a picnic. All report a fine time.

Messrs. S. W. Oneal, H. F. Jones, W. A. Jones and Mrs. W. A. Jones attended a family reunion at Rallsville Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Shepherd went to Raleigh Wednesday to undergo an operation on her eyes at Rex hospital.

Misses Elsie Aycock and Mildred Oneal spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blythe of Jackson.

Messrs. Kenneth and Gid, Rogers



Mrs. W. C. Pou, Elmwood, N. C.



Mrs. H. M. Middleton, Warsaw, N. C.



Mrs. Ida E. Brickhouse, Mackeys, N. C.



Mrs. Lydia Ashworth, Fairview, N. C.

### CAROLINA FARM WOMEN HONORED

Five Women To Be Officially Recognized As Master Farm Homemakers

#### EXERCISES ON CAMPUS

RALEIGH, July 24.—National honor will come to five rural women of North Carolina at special Farm and Home Week exercises to be held on the State College campus Thursday evening, 8:30 o'clock when they will be recognized as Master Farm Homemakers. As announced at the college last night, they are:

Mrs. W. C. Pou, Elmwood; Mrs. Ida E. Brickhouse, Mackeys; Mrs. J. S. Turner, Reidsville; Mrs. Lydia Ashworth, Fairview; and Mrs. H. M. Middleton, Warsaw.

They will receive the gold pin and the title of the Master Farm Homemaker in a recognition sponsored by The Farmer's Wife, national farm women's magazine of St. Paul, Minn., with the cooperation of the Home Demonstration department of the State College Extension Service. Approximately 100 outstanding rural women of the nation will receive the honor this year. This new national movement, introduced to North Carolina last summer, seeks to honor all farm women and to recognize their contribution to their homes, their communities and the nation.

Mrs. Pou and her husband bought sassafras thicket, 19 years ago, and have made it into a productive profitable farm. They have built an attractive home and beautified the farmstead, largely with income from a dairy business which Mrs. Pou helps manage. She is active in church, Sunday School and community affairs, and has been vice-president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Brickhouse was the oldest of 12 children and was a "second mother" to them. Partly due to her encouragement, all 12 went to college. Following her husband's death she went back to her old home and became head of the household.

"Whenever any big county-wide project is to be put over, they call on Mrs. Brickhouse," says one of her neighbors.

Mrs. Turner believes that "farm homemaking is one of the greatest

jobs in the world—I'm a woman and proud of the title." She has been president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration clubs and an officer in the county council.

Mrs. Ashworth has reared three children. The two boys are farmers and the girl is a teacher. She has one in a homemaker. All of her children have been educated beyond high school. Mrs. Ashworth is active in church and Sunday School work, the Parent-Teacher association, the Home Demonstration Club, Farmer's Federation and Garden club. Her chief ambition is to be "a real good mother and homemaker."

Mrs. Middleton has a garden from one acre of which she has made a net profit of \$1,000 in one year. Her premiums in garden contests have totalled \$300 for three years. She serves a vegetable salad every day and believes this largely accounts for her daily's excellent health. The Middleton farm is beautifully landscaped.

According to Mrs. Leonore Nigan Freeman of the Farmer's Wife, here to confer the honor, the five women are the representatives of thousands of other successful farm homemakers of the State whose achievements have gone unsung. The chief significance of recognition, she says, lies in the tribute it pays to all farm women.

After two years of preparation William C. Winstead, call member of Person county, shipped cream from his eight-acre farm last week.

Twenty-two boys and girls of Chatham county now have bred dairy calves being cared under the 4-H plan.

E. L. Bryan of Durham has contracted to sell his bushel apple crop for \$1.25 bushel.

#### ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix upon the estate of Miss Perry, late of Macon, Warren County, N. C., this is to notify persons having claims against said estate to present them to me for proper verification, on or before July 19, 1930, or this notice will be in bar of recovery.

This July 19, 1929.  
Mrs. ARTHUR NICHOLSON, Administratrix  
Macon, N. C. jy19-6t.

#### Report Of The Condition Of The

# Citizens Bank

Warrenton, North Carolina

To the Corporation Commission at the close of business on the 29th day of June, 1929.

RESOURCES	Amount
Loans and discounts.....	\$364,388.91
United States Bonds.....	67,589.14
All Other Stocks and Bonds.....	40,042.50
Banking House.....	17,402.79
Furniture and fixtures.....	8,652.04
Cash in Vault and Amounts Due from Approved Depository Banks.....	60,794.72
Checks for Clearing and Transit Items.....	2,512.51
Cash Items (Items held over 24 hours).....	169.93
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$561,551.94</b>

LIABILITIES	Amount
Capital Stock Paid In.....	\$ 20,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	50,000.00
Undivided Profits (net amount).....	13,803.83
Reserved for Interest.....	5,500.00
Reserved for Depreciation.....	10,912.18
Demand Deposits Due Banks.....	102.95
Other Deposits Subject to Check.....	160,368.48
Deposits Due State of North Carolina and Any Official Thereof: Unsecured, \$2,357.49.....	2,357.49
Demand Certificates of Deposit (Due in less than 30 days).....	30,422.56
Cashiers Checks Outstanding.....	1,135.00
Certified Checks Outstanding.....	394.27
Savings Deposits (Due on or after 30 days).....	211,555.08
Bills Payable.....	55,000.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$561,551.94</b>

State of North Carolina, County of Warren. R. T. WATSON, President; E. S. ALLEN, Director, and C. R. RODWELL, Director of the Citizens Bank, each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 9th day of July, 1929. MARY S. GRANT, Notary Public. My commission expires Sept. 4, 1930.

R. T. WATSON, President.  
E. S. ALLEN, Director.  
C. R. RODWELL, Director.

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