

Rudgeland Housewife Produces Novel of Reconstruction Days

RIDGELAND, S. C. - A new name has been added to the growing list of Southern historical novelists - Grace Fox Perry, Ridgeland housewife and former newspaperwoman. Mrs. Perry's first novel, "Wall Within The Orbit," published by Vantage Press, is a dramatic story of the Reconstruction period in the South Carolina Low Country.

An effective blend of romance and authentic history, "Wall Within The Orbit" also depicts, with much insight, racial relationships during the despair and upheaval of the time.

The publication of Mrs. Perry's novel was noted in her home town by a reception and autographing party at The Hitching Post, the Ridgeland giftshop which does a national business in gifts with a Southern accent. Leaders in the civic life of Ridgeland, together with members of the writing craft from a large area, attended a luncheon for her.

Mrs. Perry lists her occupation as "housewife and writer" and adds a little ruefully: "I have a half-

kept house, an arthritic typewriter and a long-suffering family."

She is the wife of Nelson Perry, local businessman. A son, Landis, attends the University of South Carolina and a daughter, Sandra, is a high school student here.

How did Mrs. Perry get started on a novel of the Reconstruction era in South Carolina?

Well, it is her second book, really. Back in 1947 she published a book on local history, entitled "Moving Finger of Jasper."

In doing the extensive research required for this small volume of local interest, she became immersed in the mood of an era which had always fascinated her since childhood.

Now, five years later, comes the romantic novel involving the emotional conflicts in the family of an aristocratic owner during a tragic time of struggle for social and economic survival.

She says that in writing the novel, her dominant idea was to portray the many facets of adjustment which confronted the plantation families in the chaotic interval between the end of one era and the beginning of another.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Perry, with a B.A. from Columbia College, taught school for a while. During World War II she helped edit the old Jasper County Record, and subsequently has contributed feature articles to newspapers and magazines.

It may be true that many talks, but not nearly as much as some people who have money.

To be fair about it, any person who falls still deserves a lot of credit for having tried.

A man who thinks what he says is a lot more popular than the man who says what he thinks.

THIS IS THE LAW



by Charles W. Daniel
(For N. C. Bar Association)
AGRICULTURAL LIENS

Now that tobacco-setting and general planting time is at hand again, the importance of laws relating to agriculture is spot-lighted.

Since a good part of North Carolina farming is conducted on a credit basis from year to year, the law of agricultural liens for supplies and money advanced to the tenant or farmer is particularly important.

All advances of money or supplies to the farmer on crops to be grown in any one year are governed by statutes in North Carolina. Before any advance is made - if the lender wants a good "crop lien" - he and the farmer MUST enter a written agreement, telling the amount of the credit, or setting a top limit on it.

MUST BE RECORDED

Now, this agreement MUST be registered with the Register of Deeds in the county where the land is located (if it is to have effect against others who have also given credit to the farmer.) As between the lender or creditor and the farmer, the written agreement is good without registration.

This agreement does not have to be in any particular form. If it sets out any particular year, it is all right. In actual practice, the agreement is usually in the form of a chattel mortgage. To avoid possible later trouble, the agreement should be carefully and expertly drawn.

MAY BE TRANSFERRED

The lender in an agreement for advances on crops may sell or transfer his lien to another person. The second person then would become the lender and the borrowing farmer would be obligated to him.

If the tenant or borrower refuses to pay when due or is about to do away with the crops under lien, the lender can, by affidavit before the Clerk of Superior Court, have the crops taken by the sheriff and sold so that the lender can get his money.

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Lame Chickens Causes Are Many

In all flocks of chickens, regardless of age, there will occasionally appear one or more birds that show some type of leg weakness. The careful poultryman becomes alarmed. Often this alarm is justified, then again an occasional case of lameness should be expected.

R. S. Dearstyne, head of the poultry science department at N.C. State College says there are several possible causes of lameness in chickens.

In some cases it is possible that a collapse of certain nerve centers occurs, probably related to breeding. Such lameness is not contagious. In very young birds, rickets (improper bone formation) will produce a lame condition in the birds. This is specifically a dietary deficiency and can be quickly corrected if a proper diagnosis is made and the deficiency in the diet adjusted.

Another type of Perosis (slipped tendons). Perosis usually appears in birds six weeks of age or older. If a large number of birds show this condition, the cause probably is a lack of mineral balance in the diet. If only a single case, or a very few of a large flock show the condition, it probably is due to the fact that these individuals are unable to utilize the mineral content of the diet. In this case, nothing can be done, says Dearstyne.

However there is a type of leg weakness which is a matter of concern. This is the nerve paralysis brought about by the trouble known as Leukosis. Neural Leukosis is what might be termed a disease of youth as it usually affects birds from six to 20 weeks of age. It is caused by a very small germ and is transmissible from bird to bird. Usually when this trouble is present there is a steady number of birds coming down.

While rickets and perosis may be approached on a corrective basis, nothing can be done of neural leukosis. The afflicted birds should be destroyed. Birds showing such nerve trouble seldom recover and prove economic. Poultrymen should submit lame birds to a disease diagnostic laboratory where a careful diagnosis can be made. Often money can be saved if birds are submitted before the trouble becomes widespread in the flock.

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