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Honor Roll of Williamston School for the Past Month

First grade: C. Marvin T. Robertson; Emmet Whiteley; Gordon Brewster; Wheeler M. Manning; J. K. Rogers; Walter Cook; Hubert Cook; Hugh York, Jr.; James A. Gurganus; Mary Davis Hardison; Ruth Forrester.

Second grade: A. Elton Bennett; Albert Leslie Clark; Charles Fleming; Earl Harris; Charles Manning; Hazel Brown; Susie Mae Barnhill; Mildred Gurganus; Eliza Hoard; Mary Hardesty; Rena Forest Joyner; Geneva Jenkins; Edith Pele; Susie Teel; Mary Clyde Williams; Shelton Daniels William Gurganus.

B. Rachel Moore; Joseph Godard; Ralph Nelson; Lillian Roberson; Beulah Smith; Sarah Lee Hardison; Royer Cowen; Sarah Cook; Hugh Gurganus; George Harrison; Louis Harrison; Charles Nicholson; Douglas Nicholson; Carl Wynne; D. D. Stalls; James Williams.

C. Robert Cowen; Albert Leslie Clark; Charles Fleming; George Harrison; Earl Harris; Ralph Nelson; D. D. Stalls; Clabron Summerlin; Susie Mae Barnhill; Mildred Gurganus; Lillian Ruth Roberson; Eliza Hoard; Mary Hardesty; Rena Forest Joyner; Edith Pele; Beulah Smith; Mary Clyde Williams; Shelton Daniels; William Gurganus.

Third grade: A. Nello Cherry; Mary Alice Dunning; Jehnie Edmondson; Ruby Gurganus; Josephine Harrison; Norma Perry; Melville Wynne; Buck Saunders.

B. Herbert Cowen; Edward Graves Malcolm Simpson; Jasper Bennett; Delia Harrison; Dorothy Modlin; Olive Marie Robertson; Fanny Ray; Elsie Andrews; Magnolia Baker; Myrtle Glenn; Elsie Gurganus; Grace Page; Lina Mizelle; Elizabeth Pele; Victoria Weaver; Garland Bennett; William Cherry; Dillon Cobb; Albert Cook; Elizabeth Gurkin; Gladys Moore; Annie Mae Gurganus.

C. William Cherry; Herbert Cowen Malcolm Simpson; Buck Saunders; Mary Alice Dunning; Annie Mae Gurganus; Josephine Harrison; Evelyn Hall; Dorothy Modlin; Grace Page; Olive Marie Robertson; Fanny Ray; Ruby Gurganus.

Fourth grade: A. Paul Simpson; Elbert Moore; Edwin Pele.

B. Margaret Roberson; George Gaynor; Homer Barnhill; Mary Carstarphen; Carlton Liverman; Murphy Coltrane; Claude Baxter Clark.

C. Murphy Coltrane; Carlton Liverman; Mary Carstarphen; Homer Barnhill; George Gaynor; Edwin Pele; Paul Simpson; Delcie Modlin; Gladys Gurganus; Grace Whitley; A. J. Manning Jr.; Catherine Hardison; William James Jr.; Julia Ward; Claude Baxter Clark.

Fifth grade: A. none.

B. Hilda Burroughs; William Gurganus; Robert Brown; Wheeler Ward; Darrel Price; Ruth Pele.

C. William Gurganus; Virginia Harrison; Robert Brown; Annie Mae Williams; Wheeler Dard; George Gurganus; Darrel Price; Kenneth Smith; Daisy Whitley.

Sixth grade: B. Carmelle Jones; Henry Manning; Dorothy Throver.

C. Rayborn Joyner; Henry Manning; Jessup Harrison; Thomas Crawford; Asa Crawford; Dorothy Throver; Susie James; Carmelle Jones.

Seventh Grade: A. Trulah Ward Page.

B. Ruth Manning; Bruce Whitley; Lucille Hassell; Elizabeth Gurganus; Cecil Taylor; Margaret Joyner; Mary Melissa Andrews; Paul Godwin.

C. Nina Jones; Evelyn Harrison; Eli Barnhill; Bruce Whitley; Ruth Manning; Martha Leggett; Charles Pele; Elizabeth Gurganus; Trulah Ward Page; Margaret Joyner.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

LAW ME! DOCTUH CHARGE ME TEN DOLLAHS WEN HE X-RAY MAH FOOT--UH-HUH--! AH SEES NOW WHUT DAT 'AR 'X' STAN' FUH IN DAT 'X-RAY'!!!!



FOR SALE: ONE ENTIRELY NEW Layley Light plant. Reasonable price and very easy terms. See W. C. Manning.

Cow Flees From Butcher; Takes Refuge in House

Selma, Ala.—"Sookle," a Jersey cow formerly the property of Ed Elbers, a negro, changed owners and from last accounts was grazing contentedly in the pasture of S. A. Watts, a farmer. All because "Sookle" realized her life was in danger and gave the grand halling sign of distress from a second floor apartment window here.

Elbers brought "Sookle" to Selma to sell her to a butcher. As she neared the slaughter house "Sookle" suddenly bolted, dashed up the stairs of one of Selma's fashionable apartments, stuck her head through a window and moored loudly. Watts, passing by, caught the distress signal and purchased the cow.

HOW CIVIL WAR PRISONERS WERE RELEASED

We print below the oath of Allegiance and parole signed by Milton M. Bennett, when he was released from a Federal prison, dated June 23 1865. This certificate was preserved by him until his death and is now in the possession of his son, Joel Bennett, who gave it to us for publication.

Our county has had few more loyal stalwart citizens than Milton M. Bennett was. Most of the older citizens will remember him and though he made his mark to his name he was a mile post in our county's history that pointed the correct way. He was above eighty when he died and had a mustache that he had cultivated 33 crops with, which shows his kindness and consideration for dumb animals.

The certificate reads as follows: Certificate of release of Prisoner of War

Headquarters, Point Lookout, Md. Provost Marshal's Office, June 23rd, 1865.

I hereby certify that Milton M. Bennett, prisoner of War, having this day taken the oath of allegiance to the United States is in conformity with instructions from the War Department, hereby released and discharged.

In witness whereof, I hereunto affix my official signature and stamp.

A. Q. BRADY, Maj. and Provost Marshal.

United States of America.

I, Milton M. Bennett, of the county of Martin; State of N. C.; do solemnly swear that I will support; protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign; that I will bear true faith, allegiance and loyalty to same, any ordinance; resolution or laws of any State, Convention, or Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding; and further; that I will faithfully perform all the duties which may be required of me by the laws of the United States and I take this oath freely and voluntarily, without any mental reservation or evasion whatever.

M. M. BENNETT, His X Mark

Witness: C. I. Embo, subscribed and sworn to before me, this twenty-third day of June, A. D. 1865.

A. Q. BRADY, Maj. and Provost Marshal

The above named has dark complexion; black hair and hazel eyes; and is 5 feet 8 1-2 inches high.

Eighth Grade: Margaret Manning; Fred Taylor.

C. Ellen Cowen; Robert Manning; Frances Hoyt; Margaret Manning; Laura Orleans; Annie Gaynor; John Booher; Hugh Burras; Benjamin Courtney.

Ninth Grade: B. Bryant Carstarphen.

C. Pattie Harris; Vejna Harrison; Carrie Lee Pele; Bryant Carstarphen Gaylord Harrison; William Hodges; Frederick Hoyt.

Tenth grade: B. Louise Crawford Emma Belle Harris; Elizabeth Hassell.

C. Thelma Brown; Louise Crawford Emma Belle Harris; Martha Harrison; Mary Leggett; Minnie Robertson Herbert Pele.

Eleventh grade: C. Ruby Barnhill.

FOR SALE: ONE ENTIRELY NEW Layley Light plant. Reasonable price and very easy terms. See W. C. Manning.

CHICKENS AND EGGS WANTED: We will pay highest cash prices, white or wire us for prices. Owens Fruit and Produce Co., Tampa, Fla. St.

COOP MEETING HELD HERE SATURDAY

A large number of tobacco growers of the county met at the court house Saturday at two o'clock for the purpose of putting on a new campaign to procure members to the Association Mr. J. B. Lawley, district organizer, was present and made a good talk for cooperation. The members present were enthusiastic for the campaign and if they succeed in getting a full organization success is assured.

One of the pieces of propaganda against the Association is that those outside the organization will be paid for their crop and those in the Association will not be able to sell. But experience has proven the contrary in every case. In the recent sales of burley tobacco it was found that the companies preferred to buy in bulk and paid more for it in buying from the Cooperative Association than they did in the old way and tobacco men who have been on the Kentucky markets this season predict a one hundred per cent sign up for the next crop.

All farmers should cooperate; first not to plant more of any crop than the trade needs; this especially applies in our cotton peanut and tobacco section. Second farmers should cooperate to produce quality that will please their customers and third they should unite to market in a sensible way. Cut out the haphazard, dumping method that we have followed so long and let's sell like other people.

PASSOVER FEAST BEGINS WEDNESDAY

Beginning at Sundown Wednesday, which day corresponds with the fifteenth day of the month of Nisan in the Jewish calendar, is the festival of the Passover.

Another name for this annual celebration of freedom is the Festival of Matzoth (unleavened bread), because throughout the feast only unleavened bread is to be eaten; in fact all food substances that contain ferment or acid must be removed from Jewish homes prior to the holidays, so that there will be no likelihood of transgressing the Biblical injunction a gainst leaven being found in the house.

Jews of the Reform wing observe seven days as against eight of the conservatives. Of these days, the first and last (for the former) the first two and the last two (for the latter) are observed as full holidays. The intermediary four or five days are of a lesser degree of sacredness. Then evenings of the first and second days are characterized by a special service called the Seder, in reality a meal after oriental fashion.

The rich symbolism of this meal is to be explained as follows: "The roasted lamb-bone is reminiscent of the Passover sacrifice; the 'matzoth' or unleavened bread recalls the haste with which the Israelites left Egypt, with no time to prepare bread for the journey; the 'maror' or bitter herb reminds of the bitterness of the slave life in Egypt. There are also at the festive board a roasted egg which is a substitute for the ancient sacrifice, salt water, suggestive of the tears shed by the slave ancestors of the Israelites and 'haroseth,' a mixture of almonds and apples, not unlike in appearance to the mortar which the slaves used in making bricks.

The whole ceremony is an explanation of these symbols, a recounting of Israel's stay in Egypt and of his marvelous deliverance, of God's watch over His chosen people throughout their history. Praises are sung to the Almighty and prayer offered that freedom may always be Israel's lot as well as that of the remainder of mankind.

NOTICE

To E. B. Guenther and all others interested: Notice is hereby given that I purchased two hundred (200) acres of land in Jamesville township, the Gardner patent, liste d'or taxes by E. B. Guenther at a sheriff's sale for taxes at the court house door of Martin county on June 6th 1921 and I shall demand a deed for same one year from that date unless redeemed before. This April 10th, 1922.

ASA T. CRAWFORD.

PHILATHEAS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. H. B. Holloman delightfully entertained the Philatheas Friday night at her home in Watts Grove at a social and business meeting. After discussing business matter the meeting was turned over to the hostess who served delicious home made ice cream and cakes.—Mrs. Clyde Anderson, Reporter.

SEE HARRISON BROS. FOR SEED

peanuts, field peas and yellow mammoth soy beans.

Local News and Personal Mention

Miss Mary Gladys Watts arrived Sunday evening from Salem Academy to spend the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts.

Mr. J. W. Hines of Rocky Mount was a business visitor her yesterday.

Messrs. A. Corey; R. G. Sexton and S. T. Jackson of Jamesville were in town Monday.

Rev. L. C. Larkin, Mr. Charlie Daniel and Mr. J. L. Pritchard of Hamilton, left here today for Warrenton, where they will attend the District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They expect to return Friday.

Messrs. E. S. Peel and A. R. Dunning spent Monday in Hobgood.

Messrs. Walter and Solly Orleans, Frank and Irving Margolis and Harry Biggs motored to Rocky Mount Sunday to meet Miss Minnie Orleans, who arrived from New York on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Orleans.

Mr. Geo. Eller who has been connected with the Construction Company of the Iron Work on the bridge left this morning for his home in Nashville, Tenn.

Messrs. Luke and Wilson Lamb left yesterday morning for Raleigh and Wilson, respectively.

Mrs. A. V. Joyner and Miss Mary Clyde Leggett returned Sunday evening from Chapel Hill. They visited the parents of Mrs. Joyner in Wake Forest while away.

Messrs. A. Hassell and C. D. Carstarphen returned Monday from Baltimore.

Miss Emma Bell Harris and Messrs. M. J. Davis, Boyd High and Hugh Burras Jr. returned Saturday from Chapel Hill. They made the trip by auto and report a good trip except for making many detours where the roads are being straightened.

Chief C. F. Page and Mrs. Page went to Stokes last night to attend the funeral of their uncle, Mr. M. R. Page which was held today.

Mr. Charles Knight arrived Monday night from the A. & E. College of North Carolina, Raleigh to attend the Parker-Knight wedding which takes place tomorrow.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Hugh B. York a daughter, April 11th, 1922.

Mrs. J. L. Hassell went to Conetoe Monday to attend the marriage of her cousin Miss Mary Thippen to Dr. Strickland tomorrow. Elder Sylvester Hassell leaves tomorrow for Conetoe and will perform the ceremony.

Mr. R. E. Grimes of Robersonville is a business visitor in town today.

Mrs. Minnie Balance returned from a professional visit to Rocky Mount last night.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Rodgerson spent Sunday in Tarboro with the latter's sister, Mrs. Fraley.

Mr. Roger Critcher Jr. and little son spent Monday in Rocky Mount with Mrs. Critcher.

A great many white perch and shad are being caught this week by fishermen up and down the river.

A picnic is being held at Biggs' School house today and a number of Williamston people have been invited out.

Mrs. Lamb B. Wynne went to Rocky Mount this morning to visit her daughter Mrs. R. A. Critcher, who has been in Park View Hospital for several days. It is reported that Mrs. Critcher is improving.

Miss Rebecca Harrison entertained a host of her friends and associates Saturday, April 8th, with a party in honor of her seventh birthday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison on Haughton street. After spending two hour suppers lawn the little guests were received in the dining room where ice cream and cake were served.

Sheriff Roberson answering the call of a "troubled mother" went down to the side of the Harris Mill Stream in Bear Grass township and found a hot still with about four gallons of booze and about two barrels of beer. The still was cut up and all equipment destroyed, there were five men operating but all made their escape before Roberson could capture them.

NEWS LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

(By Maxwell Gorman.)
Raleigh, April 11.—Saturday of next week, April 2, the State Board of Elections which has been functioning in Raleigh for the past few weeks under the new chairman Colonel Patrick Murphy Pearsall of New Bern will close the list of registrants of candidates for public office this year.

The entries, so far, are not imposing in number or stature mental and otherwise, and most of the aspirants who make the race will come in as eleventh hour horses.

Will Josiah William Run?

There is an effort being made by some of the friends of Josiah William Bailey, late U. S. Revenue collector, recently relieved by Gilliam Grissom in favor of the new Republican national administration to pit him in the gubernatorial fight two years hence against A. W. McLean of Robeson, for the gubernatorial nomination, and as a precedent to that more important endeavor, run him for the state senate from Wake this summer—so he can function next winter in the legislature and "stir up the animals" generally as a sort of advance-guard move ment.

Bailey is capable of and prone to "stirring up the animals" all right (even after his humiliating experience in opposing the adoption of the income tax constitutional amendment), but it is not certain that he will be a candidate for state senator.

It is now pretty well assured that Justice Adams and Corporation Commissioner Lee will have no opposition and these are the only state officials to be voted on. Reports that a candidate to oppose Judge Bond in the first judicial district have not materialized as yet, but John E. Woodward of Wilson, has entered as a candidate for judge against Geo. W. Connor.

Intimations have been coming to Raleigh for some time back that Judge Connor would not retain his seat without contest but yesterday was the first time that Mr. Woodward's name has been definitely connected with the second district contest. Judge Connor is completing his first term on the bench. His friends say that he will seek re-nomination.

Raleigh voters having carried the million dollar school bond issue by a 700 majority the school authorities have begun arrangements for the erection of at least three new graded school buildings, including a better located and enlarged high school, which have been badly needed for years. The school children of the Capital City have been educated under most unfavorable conditions for years and years, owing to the cramped quarters in nearly all the buildings, due to the natural increase in attendance with the growth of population. But the brighter day is dawning now and we are all rejoicing—all except some Raleigh "rent hogs"

MRS. SALLIE ANN BROWN DEAD

After suffering a stroke of paralysis which lasted for four days, Mrs. Sallie Ann Brown died at her home near Jamesville Saturday night at nine o'clock. She had reached the ripe old age of seventy-eight years but had been very weak for a number of years, however she was as well as she had been for a long time prior to the stroke. Just a week before her death she told her son, Mr. P. H. Brown of Williamston who was visiting her that she was soon going to die and gave certain directions concerning things she wished to be done.

She leaves seven children: Mr. W. A. Brown of Jamesville; Mr. P. H. Brown of Williamston; Mrs. N. R. Manning; Mrs. Ben McManning and Mrs. J. J. Manning of Griffins township; Mrs. R. T. Roberson of Williamston; and Mrs. Lida Roberson of Hopewell, Va. A son Mr. J. S. Brown who was killed in a saw mill accident in Mississippi some years ago being the only child to precede her to the grave. She also leaves twenty-nine grandchildren and thirty-nine great-grandchildren, perhaps more great-grandchildren than any one else in the county.

Mrs. Brown was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Lilly. She had been a member of the Methodist church for many years.

She was buried at the family plot at the old home by the side of her husband, the late Alexander Brown. The funeral was held by Elder W. B. Harrington. A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral services.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES;

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
Wednesday and Thursday, 4:15 P. M. Lenten services with an address. Good Friday: Good Friday services 11 A. M. Sermon subject: "Perfect Through Suffering." Service and sermon 2:00 P. M. Sermon subject: "The Attraction of the Cross."

Harrison-Murrill Wedding at Richlands Is Brilliant Event

New York City Beggars Earn \$60 to \$80 a Day

New York City is stirred over the increasing number of public beggars. It was brought out at a recent aldermanic meeting that any number of beggars were averaging from \$60 to \$80 a day. The most select begging field is in the theatrical district where heart throb productions are playing. The audiences are torn with emotion as they leave and never fail to give alms.

The next best field is the subway exits, where stenographers go tripping forth to work. Beggars, it is said, play upon the feminine superstition that it is bad luck to begin a day by refusing alms. Many beggars become so expert that they spend their week-ends at Atlantic City.

NEGRO BURGLAR GETS AWAY FROM CAPTORS

Last week the store of Mr. Nick Williams on the Washington road just across the Beaufort county line was broken into and a large number of articles stolen. A day or two afterwards, a young negro from around Pactolus was trying to sell knives in Mr. Hoyt bought one, however, and reported it to the police department. Chief Page watched for him and on Saturday he came to town with James and Ben Biggs with whom he had procured work. The Biggs' told Page that the negro had some articles at their home and he was immediately arrested. Mr. Williams was notified and he came over to identify the goods; upon investigation such merchandise which he had lost including knives; scissors cigars and cigarettes was found.

Mr. Williams who was accompanied by Mr. O'Mary wanted to take the prisoner back to Beaufort county where the crime was committed and get proper papers against him there. Chief Page agreed to let them take him, loaned them handcuffs and warned them to be careful; but their minds did not run in the direction that the negro's did. They trusted him but he didn't trust them and just as he crossed the county line, in a few hundred yards of the robbed store he jumped the running board and took to the woods. That was late in the afternoon. The neighborhood then engaged in a man hunt lasting all night but even with the assistance of blood hounds the boy made his escape, handcuffs and all.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's Bank will be held at the Bank of Friday, April 14 at two-thirty o'clock P. M.

JOSEPH A. MIZELLE, Cashier

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Stephen Riddick and wife Mary Riddick to the undersigned trustee and bearing date of August 18th 1919 and of record in the public registry of Martin county in book A-2 at page 188 said deed of trust having been given to secure the payment of certain notes of even date therewith and in terms and conditions therein contained not having been complied with and at the request of the holder of said notes the undersigned trustee will on Monday the 8th day of May 1922 at 12 o'clock M. at the court house door of Martin county at Williamston North Carolina offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property to wit:

That certain tract of land situated, lying and being in the county of Martin, state of North Carolina; beginning at the northwest corner of the lot sold to R. S. Critcher in 1903; hence running southwest along a 80 foot avenue 55 feet to a stake; thence southeast 198 feet to a stake 50 feet north of the center of the A. C. L. railroad track; thence northwesterly along said railroad track 55 feet to a stake; thence northwesterly 198 feet to the beginning. Containing one-fourth (1-4) of an acre, more or less, and being a part of the lands this day deeded to Geo. W. Blount by W. C. White and others and being the W. C. White "Home Place."

This the 3rd day of April, 1922.

A. R. DUNNING, Trustee.

FOR SALE: NICE HAMPSHIRE pigs, entitled to registration. Both male and female from two to four months old. W. W. Griffin, R. F. D. 4.

Richlands, N. C., April 8.—A wedding of state-wide interest was solemnized Thursday morning at 7:00 o'clock in the Methodist-Episcopal church, when Miss Arline Elizabeth Murrill became the bride of George Hymas Harrison, of Williamston; Rev. A. J. Manning of Williamston and Rev. R. H. Hurley officiating, using the beautiful ring ceremony. Previous to the bridal party, piano selections were beautifully rendered by Miss Carrie Della White of Williamston, including "Angel's Serenade" with violin obligato, played by Mr. D. L. Brewster. To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, the ushers, Messrs. John A. Manning and Herbert Amos entered followed by the Dame of Honor, Mrs. John A. Manning who was tastefully clad in black canton crepe, with picture hat to match. Her flowers were Killarney Roses. Next to enter was Miss Olive Murrill, sister of the bride, as Maid of Honor; lovely in a gorgeous dress and black and rose crepe, carrying a corsage of sweet peas.

Preceding the bride was little Miss Elizabeth Williams in a dainty white organy frock, bearing the ring on a silver tray. The bride attired in a navy tricotine suit, with gray accessories came in on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. Edgard Koomes, who gave her away. Her flowers were corsage of bride's roses and valley lilies. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man Mr. J. D. Woolard of Williamston, where the vows were spoken while "To a Wild Rose" was softly played.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Harrison left by motor for Kinston where they took the train for northern points of interest. They will be at home in Williamston, N. C. after April 20th.

Mrs. Harrison is the attractive and oldest daughter of Mrs. Nannie Murrill and a woman of a very strong personality.

Mr. Harrison, a man of sterling character, is of the firm of Harrison Wholesale Company of Williamston N. C., which is one of the most thriving businesses in North Carolina. On the evening of April 8th, Mrs. Nannie Murrill delightfully entertained the bridal party and out-of-town guests. A delicious ice course was served.

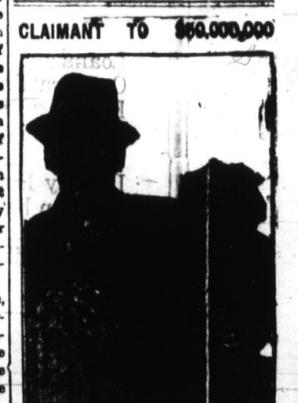
Among the out-of-town guests attending the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Russell of Whiteville; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Manning; Mrs. Anna Harrison; Miss Carrie Della White and Messrs. L. B. Harrison; J. D. Woolard; S. C. Pele and Rev. A. J. Manning, all of Williamston, N. C.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. To Joe Gorham and others: Notice is hereby given that I purchased one town lot in Williamston, listed to Joe Gorham, at a sheriff's sale for taxes at the court house door in Martin county on Monday June 6th, 1921. I shall demand a deed for same at the end of one year from that time unless sooner redeemed. This March 6th, 1922.

J. B. H. KNIGHT.

CLAIMANT TO \$50,000,000



Rufus Coppock, Plymouth fisherman and weaver, with his dog Tipton, calmly awaits happenings before entering his claim in sharing one of the largest estates in America. The story of the Coppock estate is one of the most romantic. Rufus has a copy of a 99-year lease, which documents declare prove their title to lands in New York, Jersey City, Philadelphia, Oil City, Phoenixville, Media and other parts of Pennsylvania. The lease was dated in 1810, and was to run 99 years. The descendants of Rufus Coppock, who founded the firm, have organized the "Coppock Trust," and are preparing to claim lands valued by their ancestors more than a century ago.