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### AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Little Junius Lee Dies of Typhoid Fever. Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Those Who Go.

Benson, Sept. 6.—Mr. Jesse Ryals, of Rocky Mount, has been here for the past few days visiting his mother, Mrs. C. C. Ryals.

Mr. H. W. Weeks, of Robinsonville, was here Monday and Tuesday visiting relatives.

Mr. James P. Lee went up to Raleigh Monday on business matters.

Mr. M. M. Murchison, of Winston-Salem, was here Monday for a short while visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson, of Oxford, visited relatives here Sunday and Monday.

Mr. John Slocumb, of Wilmington, was here recently visiting his brother, Mr. Henry Slocumb.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Williams were visitors to Lillington Monday on business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes and children, of Farmville, were here the first of the week visiting. Mr. Holmes returned Tuesday, leaving his family here with relatives for a few days.

Quite a large crowd of the citizens of Benson attended the Johnston County rally at Smithfield Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Strickland went down to visit Mr. Strickland's parents in Bentonsville township, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Royal were visitors to Raleigh Monday for a short while.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boone and children went down to Clinton Tuesday to spend the day with friends.

Miss Floy Johnson, of Spilona, was in town for a few days recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moore.

Mr. Clarence Britt left the first of the week for Richmond where he entered a business college.

Mr. J. E. Wilson, who sprained his back by a fall a few days ago, has been in the hospital at Fayetteville for treatment for the past few days.

Mr. Loyd Langdon, of Wade, was in the city Wednesday on business matters for a short while.

Miss Flora Canaday will leave the first of the coming week for Greensboro where she will enter Greensboro Female College.

Miss Kate Hamilton, of Jonesboro, has accepted a position as stenographer for the Farmers Commercial Bank and will arrive this week to assume the duties of her position.

Mr. Linwood Sutton is here for a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. H. A. Parker.

Messrs. M. T. Britt, W. H. Slocumb and J. B. Benton were visitors to Jonesboro the first of the week.

Mr. D. Holmes, of Washington City, is here for the past several days visiting relatives. Mr. Holmes had held a position in Washington for a number of years and always pays his home people an annual visit.

Mr. James A. Wellons, of Smithfield, was here yesterday on business for a short while.

Mrs. Lonnie Denning returned last night from Wilmington where she has been visiting relatives for a few days.

Mr. Dalton Lee, of Four Oaks, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

Mr. Ralph Canaday, of Smithfield, was here yesterday spending the days with his brother, Mr. Claud Canaday.

Mrs. Charlie Barbour and children, of Middlesex, are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson, Mrs. Barbour's parents.

Mr. Alton Hall, son of our townsman, Mr. J. L. Hall, left Tuesday for Wake Forest where he enters college.

Misses Velma Finch and sister, Dorothy Finch, left this morning for Oxford where they are attending college.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spence, of Buie's Creek, are spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall.

Mrs. D. McL. Holt and son, Nellie Holt, of Sanford, are spending some time here with Mrs. Holt's daughter, Mrs. J. B. Faircloth.

Miss Lucy Alderman, of Edenton, is here for several days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Smith.

Misses Pauline Blaylock and Lelia Beel, of Dunn, are here for a short visit to friends.

Mrs. Geo. F. Pope, Miss Margaret Pope and Miss Cora Warren are here today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whittenton.

Mrs. F. T. Moore and Mrs. J. G. Dixon returned yesterday from Fuquay Springs where they have been for several weeks.

Miss Alva Hardee returned the first of the week from Baltimore, where she has been for the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Tart and little son, of Four Oaks, were here Sunday spending the day with friends.

Mrs. Matthews returned this week to Rocky Mount, after spending some time here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Barbour, of

Cleveland township, were here Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lee.

Miss Vira Floyd, of Orrum, Robeson County, arrived last night and will spend some time here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose.

Miss Ruth Jones, of Smithfield, was here recently for several days with friends.

Mr. Junius Lee, the nineteen-year-old son of Mr. W. R. Lee, who lived three miles north of here, died Tuesday of typhoid fever, after having been sick for several days. His remains were laid away in the family burying ground Wednesday afternoon.

### What Happened at Selma.

At Selma the other day, a Southern train waited ever so long on the A. C. L. connection, and while passengers sought something to interest them, a squad of soldiers appeared. Two pretty young ladies immediately raised a window and began looking. The soldiers saw this and began preening themselves. The privates were rather awkward, but the handsome young officer took all the compliment to himself and if he had been a peacock, the air would have been full of gorgeous feathers. An elderly man with his back to the car was speaking with him, but it was plain that he heard not a word. He adjusted his wrist watch and readjusted it, in plain view. He manipulated his charming swaggerstick. He smiled vacantly at what the man was saying and peeked under his hat brim at the girls. He wouldn't let on that he knew they were in the world. Finally he removed his hat, delicately to wipe perspiration from his forehead, but really to display his magnificent head. He had as fine a head as ever you saw on a man; his hair was the least bit curly and of a glorious color. Every hair was in place. He knew it was a splendid possession and he stood in the boiling sun bareheaded so long I feared he would have a sunstroke. And the girls—"they ate him alive"—with their eyes, and when the train pulled out, they twisted their heads until I feared they would dislocate their charming necks. "None but the brave."—"Wayside Notes," in Wilmington Star.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS—ROYAL. Underwood, Oliver, Remington and L. C. Smith—for sale at The Herald Office.

### A SUICIDE NEAR CLAYTON.

Claude Matthews, Young White Man, Takes His Own Life.

Claude Matthews, a young white man of Powhatan, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting himself through the abdomen with a shotgun, the load from the gun penetrating the stomach and lungs. Though terribly wounded the young man lived for several hours, and during his conscious moments told those about him that he regretted the rash act, which he said was committed in a spirit of madness.

Following is an account of the occurrence as told to us. Claude Matthews, who is a son of Mr. J. H. Matthews, was arrested some time yesterday morning and at about one o'clock was tried before Justice of the Peace L. H. Johnson on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He was found guilty and bound over to court, his father furnishing bond. Returning home from the trial he secured his gun, went into the kitchen where in the presence of his wife he placed the muzzle against his body and with his left hand pulled the trigger. His wife tried to persuade him not to take his life, but in spite of her pleadings he went ahead. Medical aid was summoned immediately, but nothing could be done to stay the hand of death and he died at six o'clock.

Morose and despondent over the result of the trial, is give nas the cause, as there was nothing else known that would have caused the young man to take his own life. He was about twenty years old and had been married about a year.—Clayton News, Sept. 6th.

### Johnson-Causey.

Benson, Sept. 4.—Mr. Paul Johnson, who lives near Four Oaks, was married here Sunday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. F. Moore, to Miss Janet Causey, of Asheville, N. C. The marriage was a surprise to the many friends of the young groom who is well known here. The bride taught school at Spilona last year and was visiting in that community when they decided to embark on the matrimonial sea. They have many friends here who wish them happiness.

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### NO SHUFFLING OF THE CARDS.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger, in a strong editorial endorsement of President Wilson's reply to the Pope's appeal for peace, closes as follows:

"The President does not, however, close the door to peace. He holds it wide open. Germany may enter if she chooses. Austria may precede or follow Germany, as she chooses. It is plainly in the hope she may precede the President gives the assurance of respect for the territorial integrity of all nations, so far as it is truly national. But he wisely declines to discuss specific terms. The German people may easily gather from his words what he will not do. The German Government will as easily discover how firmly he refuses to haggle with it. There is to be no give and take—no bargaining across the table, no shuffling of the cards, with those whose word cannot be trusted. There can be no discharge in a war for freedom until freedom is firmly established. And that cannot be while those who challenged its existence sit in the seats of the mighty. From such an answer as this Germany can obtain no diplomatic victory. There is no refusal of a just peace. There is no desire of conquest, no vindictiveness, no challenge to national pride or national right. What better answer could have been given?"

### Details With Wheat.

Preparation for wheat should be begun early in the fall, or better, in the late summer. The best land for wheat is a good, stiff soil. The land should be thoroughly plowed with a two-horse moldboard or disc plow. After it has been plowed good and deep allow the soil to settle down well, then use a disc harrow to pulverize the land so that there will be no clods to interfere with the sowing. The seed bed should be well settled so that the seed will not be put in the ground too deep.

From October 15th to November 15th is the best time to sow wheat in this locality. A pretty safe rule though, is to sow it just as soon as the first frost falls, for then there will be no danger of the Hessian fly, which disappears with the coming of frost.

The variety of wheat sown depends mostly upon the latitude. The Fulcaster has proved best in this section as the atmosphere is damp and it can endure this better than some other varieties. Leap's Prolific

is a good yielder except for this reason. Before sowing, use a pound of formulin to forty gallons of water and sprinkle the seed so as to prevent smut. This quantity will be sufficient for 25 bushels of wheat. One pound of bluestone might be mixed with the water and used in the same way. It will be necessary to use this amount for five bushels of wheat.

To secure a good stand use one to one and a half bushels of seed to the acre. I use a two-horse drill to put the wheat in with. When planting, if the soil is pea stubble or land where peas have been planted, I use 300 pounds of 16 per cent acid to the acre. If sown on clean cultivated land I use a 10-3. About March 1st it is well to give the wheat a top dressing of nitrate of soda—about 100 pounds to the acre. It is much better to put this on in two applications, going across the field one way the first time and another way about two weeks later—this gives an even distribution of soda. It is a good plan to harrow the wheat at this time with a smoothing harrow, which will give a cultivation to the wheat. A light cultivation is very beneficial to wheat when putting soda on it.—C. E. Craig, Lancaster, S. C.

### Banner Builds a Bridge.

Benson, Sept. 5.—The traveling public will gladly commend the act of the Banner Township Road Commissioners in the building of the bridge over White Oak Swamp which has just been completed. This bridge has been badly needed quite often during the rainy weather which we had through the summer months, as many times people were held for several hours at this point because of the high water in the swamp.

### Sin's Punishment Sure.

Pleasures are false that bring repentant pain; The soaring hawk, however swift to fly, Can not outstrip his shadow on the plain— That low-flung specter follows till the twain Alight together on the crag hard by. —From "The Gravedigger" by Fred Emerson Brooks.

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