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Benjamin Thomas Held For Death Of His Mother

Little River Negro Shoots Susie Thomas When She Attempts To Be Peacemaker

Benjamin Thomas is being held in the county jail without bond for grand jury investigation of the death of Susie Thomas, his mother, following an argument between Ben and his brother James Alton Thomas.

The fight over a shotgun started out as an argument about some money which Alton Thomas allegedly borrowed from Ben in Vass early Saturday evening. Testimony at the coroner's hearing Sunday revealed that Ben had loaned Alton either one dollar or two early Saturday and that Ben went home about midnight and demanded repayment. Alton gave him one dollar. Ben claimed he owed another. The shotgun was brought into play with both boys struggling for it. The boy's mother attempted to settle the argument and tried to take the gun from them. She was shot at very close range during the struggle. The entire load from the single-barreled gun entered her body just under the right arm at the shoulder. She died within a few minutes.

W. R. Barrington was appointed acting coroner. The jury was composed of C. B. Spivey, W. C. Odum, J. E. Shankle, J. W. Smith, A. D. McClachlin, and Alex McFadyen. They ordered Ben Thomas held without bond for grand jury investigation.

Ben Thomas left the Thomas home in Little River township immediately after the shooting took place. Sheriff D. H. Hodgin and Deputy J. C. Wright investigated the affair and were searching for Thomas when he came to Raeford Monday evening and surrendered to Rural Policeman W. R. Barrington. Alton Thomas was held in for \$100 bond as a material witness.

Pitchfork and Gun Used In Scrap Over Beans

Only Eleven Speeders Taken In Maneuver Zone By Local Officers.

A pitchfork and a shot gun figured as deadly weapons in an argument between E. J. Hough and Hermon Wilson and Junius Wilson. The Wilson boys, according to testimony drove their car off the highway through the Chisholm place and ran over sacks of dried beans belonging to Hough. An argument started and Hough brought a shot gun into play when he was threatened with an attack with a pitchfork which Hermon Wilson had seized. None was injured in the affray.

Judge W. B. McQueen, in county court Tuesday, fined each of the participants \$10 and costs. 60 day sentences were suspended.

Hector McRae drew a 30 day suspended sentence for larceny of two quarts of oil from W. C. Lee's service station Saturday night. 30 day sentence for drunkenness were suspended on the following: upon payment of costs, James McNeill, Will Purcell; Silas Purcell, James Monroe and John D. Gibson.

Speeders taxed with court costs regulation within the maneuver area for exceeding the 35-mile per hour were: James Lee Johnson, David Tendler, A. B. Robeson, Eden G. Brison, Edward Seff, Herbert J. Elliott, John H. Simpson, Floyd R. Walden, James Sanders, Oliver V. Weaver, and James Dais, Jr.

Laura B. Graham, and Seavey Shaw were convicted of careless and reckless driving.

Woman President Of Merchants Association

Probably the only Woman President of a Merchant's Association is Mrs. Mary Evans Franklin of Fayetteville. She was recently elected to that position. Mrs. Franklin is known and liked by many Raeford people. She is the popular manager of Heasbry and Son's Jewelry Store, in Fayetteville.



NO.-1 PARADER, Handsome two years old Edward H. Langston, Jr., came in home with number 1 honors this week, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Langston of Raeford. His grandparents are, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cole of Raeford also Mrs. W. L. Langston of Kinston.



Linda Gray McBryde, 14-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McBryde of Shannon, this little charmer lead the first honor roll.



Sonny Parks Windsome, 2-years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parks of Raeford. Sonny promises some real competition to all crown seekers.



Jean Elliott Hampton lovely 3-years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hampton, of Raeford, Jean is No. 2 parader this week.

"Royal Baby Parade" 3rd Weekly Honor Roll (10 High "Paraders")

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK
1 Edward H. Langston	1
2 Jean Elliott Hampton	2
3 Linda Gray McBryde	3
4 Peggy Stanton	6
5 Sonny Parks	4
6 Jerry Thomas Lytle	5
7 Gerald Smith Ray	9
8 Joanne Walters	8
9 Frances Jo Adcox	14
10 Stanley Knowles	10

These are the ten babies having the highest number of votes this week, November 29th.

Another Honor Roll Next Week, and more baby pictures. Give your favorite your loyal support.

String Quartet Flora Macdonald December 8th.

The Budapest String Quartet, conceded by the world's music critics of today as the superlative interpreter of chamber music, will appear at Flora Macdonald College on Monday evening, December 8, at 8 o'clock, as the third number of the year's concert and lecture series.

The personnel of the Quartet includes Josef Roismann, first violin; Alexander Schneider, second violin; Boris Kroyt, viola; and Mischa Schneider, violoncello.

More than a thousand concerts have been given by the Quartet, in Europe, Africa, Australia, and the United States, during which time they have played the entire String Quartet repertoire.

The members of the present group played exclusively in Europe until 1930, when they made their American debut at Cornell University in Ithaca, N. Y., since which time the growth of their popularity in this country has been little less than incredible.

The program to be given at Flora Macdonald by these famous musicians will include groups by Haydn, Smetana, and Brahms.

Will Relocate Two Dangerous Spots On 15-A

New Bridges For Lumber River And Little Rockfish Crossing Of North-South Highway

New bridges over the Lumber River and over Little Rockfish creek at new locations along route 15-A were assured the Hoke County Commissioner Monday by L. M. Powell, supervising engineer for this area of the State Highway Commission.

Mr. Powell stated that these creek crossings had long been considered dangerous by the Commission and that the highway would be relocated to eliminate the curves of the roadway approaching the bridges and that new bridges would be constructed. Neither of the present sites will be along the new routes. Mr. Powell stated that the present roadways and bridges would be left standing due to secondary roads leading to them.

The road leading from North Main street to the Arthur Harris place, about three miles in length, will be improved, according to Mr. Powell, and prepared for oil treatment. He did not give dates when the work on either of these projects would be started. However, they have been placed on the departments production schedule and will be started within a few months, it is expected.

The commissioners passed a resolution commending J. E. Merrill for the excellent manner he had performed his duties and conducted himself while stationed here as highway patrolman. They expressed regret that he had resigned from the patrol to enter business at his home at Jacksonville. Mr. Murrill has been stationed in Hoke county for two years and three months until last Wednesday when he left to be with his mother in Onslow County.

On Wednesday the county commissioners accompanied Mr. Powell over Hoke county for the purpose of inspecting the highways to study the damage done to the roads during the maneuvers.

New Name Heads Lists At Half-Way Mark In "Royal Baby Parade"

Edward H. Langston, Jr., Is Leader of 3rd Week's Honor Roll. Race Shows Closest Competition Of Any Weekly Count To Date.

At the close of the first period on November 29th we find Edward H. Langston, Jr., leading the "Royal Baby Parade" for that week. During the 3 weeks, there have been 2 different babies at the head of the honor roll. This goes to show the closeness of the race, first one and then another leading, with no one conceding anything to anybody.

What a race this is, folks; not one of the leaders on the various honor rolls have a lead over the others that is worth "bragging" about. The leaders are bunched, and it is highly probable that by the time the next honor roll is shown, here will be several changes. The work that is accomplished during this week may be just what it takes to "cinch" the first prize of \$200 and silver loving cup plus the glory that goes with VICTORY.

The third honor roll is listed in this issue, with several changes in the standing which refers only to one week and are not based upon the complete standing to date. "Royal Baby Paraders" having a high standing on the previous honor rolls and a lower one on this honor roll naturally occupy a higher position in the race a whole than their position on this honor roll designates.

Watch closely, readers and witness the excitement of the paraders as they start on the first lap of the second period. This parade is going to be a fast and exciting "battle" of votes; and, remember, folks, you can help your favorite win by subscribing or extending your subscription to The News-Journal. You can give him or

honor in scoring for the winning team.

Margaret Lytle, Helen Melton, and Elizabeth Leach showed good offensive playing.

The second game took place between the C.C.C. boys and Hoke High Team, with a final score of 26-16 favoring the C.C.C.

Ken McNeill and Dan Campbell did most of the scoring for Hoke High.

Petty and Tynes were the outstanding players for the C.C.C.

Misses Shankle, Cress and Williamson were hostesses to the Raeford teacher's meeting on Monday night. Mr. White opened the meeting with a hort business session, after which Rev. E. C. Crawford gave an interesting illustrated talk on "Art".

A delicious salad course was served. T. C. Thornton, State School Commission, bus route engineer, was in Hoke County last week adjusting bus routes. We didn't get all we wanted but at least his visit did some good.

The county-wide safety committee will attend a district safety meeting held in Clinton tomorrow afternoon by the safety division of the state highway department.

Miss Annie Lee Cress, head of the Hoke High Commercial Department has been honored by appointment as membership chairman of the NEA Department of Business Education for Hoke County. Miss Cress through this appointment becomes one of North Carolina's official representatives of the National Education Association.

The Hon. Giles of Newton has been making a study of the Hoke County Schools. He has been observing the class work in the different schools

her a boost by giving a five, or ten-year subscription to your favorite king or queen of Hoke today.

Campaigners: Make every minute count during these next few days. Remember, every vote counts toward that grand prize of \$200 and loving cup on that gala day, December 23rd.

Remember, that \$200 and loving cup belongs to your baby today, as much as it does any baby in the race. Remember, too, that there is a difference in value of \$150 and loving cup between first and second prizes.

The honor roll shows the respective standings of the "Paraders" for last week. The one thing this announcement does not show is the closeness of the race.

TO FRIENDS OF THE BABIES

If you desire to help your friend's baby in the "Royal Baby Parade" win one of the big awards, give that friend your subscription now. If you have promised someone, make that promise good. They are dependent on your support. They can't win with promises; it takes votes and lots of them. Candidates need every vote they can get. If you are already a subscriber, you may renew your subscription up to ten-years or send a friend a new subscription for a year or two.

Big Opportunity For Workers

In this issue of the paper will be found a coupon good for extra votes when accompanied by a subscription as follows: Each one-year subscription, 1,000 extra votes; two-year, 3,000 extra votes; five-year, 6,000 extra votes; a ten-year, 20,000 extra votes. These votes are in addition to the regular schedule of votes.

This is a big opportunity for workers to benefit by their efforts. This coupon is not good after Saturday, December 13, so take advantage of this big opportunity. HUSTLE! HUSTLE! HUSTLE!

during the past week.

A P.T.A. School of Instruction was held in the Hoke County High School County Tuesday, December 2. Mrs. J. S. Blair, State P.T.A. President, and Mrs. E. S. Adams, District president were in charge of the meeting.

Luncheon was served in the Hoke High Lunch Room.

Mayor's Request

I sincerely hope that Raeford and Hoke County People will co-operate with our "Good Neighbor" town in the celebration of Good Neighbor day December 10th. in Fayetteville. The young girls of the community are asked to go over that night and dance with the soldiers. Mrs. Paul Dickson, Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Mrs. Lawrence McNeill, Mrs. R. A. Matheson Jr., and Miss Carrie Belle Maultsby will act as sponsors for these girls. All wishing to go should report to Miss Carrie Belle Maultsby.

G. W. BROWN,
Mayor of Raeford.

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SCHOOL NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

BY K. A. MACDONALD

It probably will be of interest to a great many to know something about the cost of the schools of Hoke County and who pays this cost, consequently we give the following from the reports of the County auditor and the State School Commission auditor. These audits were received just recently.

The total enrollment of pupils in the county: White, 1,486, colored, 2,689, total 4,175.

Average daily membership: white 1,286, colored 2,310, total 3,596.

Average daily attendance: white 1,203, colored 2,086, total 3,289.

Employed personnel: Teachers and principals 108, janitors 6, bus drivers and mechanics 20, other employees 3, total 137.

The cost of operating the schools is borne jointly by state and county. The state paid \$103,638.98. This was divided as follows. General control \$4,025.00; instructional service \$83,026.51; operation of plant \$3,020.97; fixed charges \$17.00; transportation \$13,347.40; libraries \$202.00.

The County paid for the year a total of \$30,634.05 divided as follows: General control \$720.85; instructional service \$6,398.31; operation of plant \$779.56; maintenance of plant \$2,412.74; fixed charges (insurance) \$1,478.80; auxiliary agencies \$2,631.17; capital outlay \$3,250.93; debt service \$12,161.69; cash balances at the end of year—current expense \$2,426.79; capital outlay \$.00; debt service \$3,860.20.

County funds expended were raised from the following sources—poll tax, dog tax, fines and forfeitures, donations, grants from state and federal funds and a 38 cent advalorem levy. The 38 cents divided as follows: current expense .08; capital outlay .08; debt service .22.

The total school budget approved by the boards of education and commissioners for the school year 1940-41 was \$36,102.65. As stated above \$30,634.05 was spent leaving a budgetary balance of \$7,468.60. The per child cost of this operation was as

follows: \$33.08 total cost, cost to state \$24.82, cost to county \$8.26.

If anyone is interested in a more detailed account of the raising and expending of the school fund will call at the office of the board of education, the superintendent will explain in full to all such persons. Space for bids more details here.

Last Friday the regular school bus drivers safety meeting was held. All drivers and substitutes were present. Safe driving, care of buses, discipline and traffic conditions at the end of maneuvers, were discussed.

The white drivers have organized a drivers club, the objects of which are to increase the safety and efficiency of transportation and the welfare of the drivers. Officers elected are: President, Daniel Blue, vice-president, Truman Fuller, secretary, Margaret McNeill.

Ashmont PTA will meet next Wednesday night, Christmas program, "Carols Around the World." The meeting will be at 8:00 o'clock.

The county-wide negro teachers meeting will be held at Upchurch school at 5:00 P. M. tomorrow.

The county-wide white teachers meeting will be held at Hoke High at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday December 9. The program will be on "safety" and will be in charge of the county safety committee, R. A. Smoak, Chairman. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Last Friday night, the Hoke High School Gym was the scene of two exciting Webb and Rogers basketball games. The Junior-Senior girls played the Sophomore-Freshmen girls with a final score of 37-31, favoring the upperclassmen.

The score at different intervals proved the game to be a nip and tuck affair from beginning to end. At the half, the Sophomore-Freshmen Team led 20-21, and the opposing force really had some hard fighting to gain that six point lead.

Margaret H. McNeill, Evelyn Smith, and Mary Saunders stared equal

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