

## ***Youth Drowns While Swimming In Quarry***

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**FARMVILLE — James Barnett Thomas, 18, of Farmville, drowned Tuesday while swimming in an abandoned rock quarry a few miles south of here.**

**Thomas drowned about 1:30 p.m. and his body was recovered by the Prince Edward County rescue squad at 6:15.**

**Howard Simpson, county deputy sheriff, said Thomas had been swimming with eight friends. They told the officer Thomas had gone about halfway across the quarry and had started back. When he got within 15 to 20 feet of the shore, he went under.**

**Simpson estimated the depth of the water where Thomas' body was recovered at between 60 and 75 feet.**

**Thomas was the son of Mrs. Gladys Thomas of Farmville and an employee of the town.**

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