

## Obituaries

**JAMES E. FITCH**  
**MONROE** - James Edward Fitch, 70, of 1209 North Hills Lane, died August 10, 1994 at Union Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Charlie B. and Mamie Harrelson Fitch. He was a retired salesman with Courtesy Auto Sales of Charlotte and Prudential Insurance Company. He attended N.C. State University and was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Monroe.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Lautenschlager Fitch of the home, three sons, James Fitch Jr. of Blacksburg, SC, and Darrin Fitch and Steven Fitch of Monroe, four daughters, Althea Stephens of Pegram, TN, Judy Weaver of Shelby, and Carol Patrick and Libby Lovelace of Kings Mountain; a brother, Charles Fitch of Jefferson, SC; and 15 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Donald K. Lisk Saturday at 2 p.m. at Carpenter's Chapel in Cherryville. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Charlotte.

**MERRILL J. RHODES SR.**  
 Merrill Jones Rhodes Sr., 78, of 401-A West Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, died August 12, 1994 at his home.

A native of Rhodesdale, MD, he was the son of the late John W. and Margaret Seifert Rhodes. He retired in 1979 from Westinghouse in Baltimore, MD. He was a member of Glen Burnie Methodist Church, member of Glen Burnie Lodge 213 AF & AM Boumi Temple, and a member of the Glen Burnie Improvement Association.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Anna Marie Willoughby Rhodes; a son, M. "Jay" Rhodes of Kings Mountain; and two grandsons, Jason and Jonathan Rhodes of Kings Mountain.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 201 W. Marion St., Shelby, NC 28150.

**MAMIE D. BELL**  
 Mamie Dixon Bell, 90, of 129 Wooding Place, Kings Mountain, died August 13, 1994.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Rastus B. and Ella Blanch Blalock Dixon, and wife of the late Thomas Edgar Bell. She was a retired weaver with Firestone Textiles and was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Carl Bell and wife Martha and Joe Bell and wife Elizabeth, all of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Cloe McDaniel and husband Cramer of Gastonia, Wanda Bell of Kings Mountain, and Mabel and Mabel Price and husband the Rev. Ray Price of Wilmington; a brother, Walter Dixon of Cramerton; two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Lail and Mrs. Delia Howell of Kings Mountain; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ron Caulder Monday at 4 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**WILBUR G. ROARK**  
**GROVER** - Wilbur George Roark, 72, of Walnut Street, died August 11, 1994 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Home.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was the son of the late William Lee and Annie Wilson Roark. He was a retired supervisor at Minette Mills, a member of Bethany Baptist Church of Grover, a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, and a member of VFW Post 98 in Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Inez "Bill" Childers Roark; a daughter, Cindy Wisner of Blacksburg, SC; a sister, Nina Roark Falls of Grover; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Scott Carpenter, John Bridges and James Sanders Saturday at 4 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Church. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

## Religion



The Called youth and puppetry team of Macedonia Baptist Church is back home after a mission trip to Florida. Left to right, Larry Donaldson, Shellie Philbeck, Jonathan Mertz, Denise Dodge, Cody Smith, Chad Smith, Bert Dodge, Carrie Moss, Becky Dodge, Robert Dodge, Mandy Jones, Cathy Allen, Josh Sellers, Candace Donaldson, Kevin Barber, Marcus Hanks, Charlotte Allen, Brad Philbeck and Melinda Donaldson. Not pictured, Ted Anderson and Douglas Cooper.

### Macedonia youth back from Florida

The Called, the 21-member youth and puppetry team of Macedonia Baptist Church, recently traveled to the Orlando, Fla. area to participate in youth day camps and performances in the Kissimmee region.

Besides their performances, the group also enjoyed Sea World, the dinner theater Medieval Times, and Universal Times Florida.

The Called is available for performances in the Kings Mountain area, and would welcome the opportunity to perform for youth groups and churches. The Called is both performance and evangelistic in nature, and invite any youth looking for an active youth group to join them on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church, 1101 S. Battleground Avenue, or by calling 739-6811.

Rev. David Philbeck is pastor and Rev. Larry Donaldson handles the youth, music and educational aspects of the church, and is the director of The Called.

### Benefit singing at York Church

A benefit gospel singing for cancer patient Mary Ruth Blaine will be held Saturday, August 20 at 7 p.m. at Macedonia Community Holiness Church, located on Highway 49 off the 321 bypass in York, SC.

Featured groups will be the Weaver Family Singers and Heavenly Mist.

Rev. Roy Ramsey, pastor, invites the public. For more information, call 739-2803.

### Gospel singing at Chapel Grove

Chapel Grove Baptist Church, 2315 Camp Rotary Road, Gastonia, will present the third annual benefit gospel singing for the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County on Saturday, August 27 at 7 p.m.

Featured on the program will be The Rogers Sisters of Cherryville,

The Pine Ridge Boys of Gastonia, and The Chapel Grove Quartet. Admission is free and a love offering will be taken to support the ministry of The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County.

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Maximum one day	2.98 (16th)	.10 (13)
Year to date	41.17	36.85
Minimum temperature	68 (10, 13, 15, 16)	66 (10)
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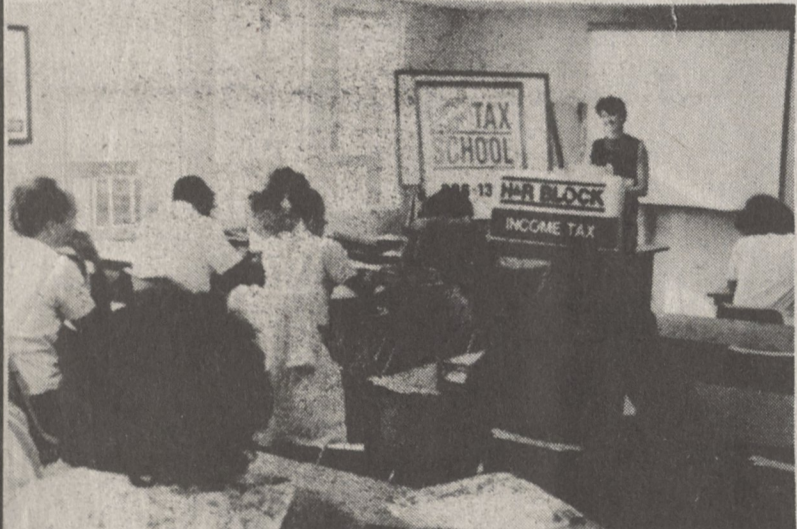
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