## **OBITUARIE** Wreck Kills Blacksburg died at Cleveland M

**Grover Man** William Clifton Aaron, 39, of Route 1, Grover, died early Saturday morning when his car hit a tree after it ran off Highway 74-A about three-

tenths of a mile east of Shelby. A Baltimore, Md., native, and U.S. Army veteran, Aaron was emplyed as assistant manager of the Western Steer Steakhouse in Shelby.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Patterson Springs Baptist Church by the Rev. Vann Murrell. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

He was the son of William Bradford Aaron of Shelby and the late Edna Pauley Aaron. Surviving, in addition to his father, are his wife, Sandra Camp Aaron; two daughters, Sonya Denise Aaron and Missy Aaron, both of the home; two brothers, Roland W. Aaron of South Williamson, Ky., and Jim Aaron of Gastonia; two sisters, Mrs. Bob (Patsy) Rienehardt of Shelby and Mrs. Steve (Louise) Ellis of Salisbury.

### ADAM RAY

Adam Thomas Ray, infant son of Daniel and Lorna Lynn Ray of Route 1, Kings Mountain, died Fri., Dec. 25. He was two months and 18 days old.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are two brothers, Daniel Joseph Ray III and Jay Ray, both of the home; and one sister, Danielle Lee Ray, also of the home.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by the Rev. James Hamrick.

MRS. HAMPTON Lula Moss Hampton, 87, of Blacksburg died at 8 p.m. Friday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. A Cherokee County native,

she was the daughter of the late P.S. and Sylvia Turner Moss and wa a retired textile employee. She was a member of Eastside Baptist Church of Blacksburg.

Surviving are five sons, Johnny Hampton, Rev. M.P. Hampton, Paul Hampton, Avon Hampton and Jack Hampton, all of Blacksburg; three daughters, Mrs. Genell Holmes and Mrs. L.A. Lawing, both of Blacksburg, and Mrs. Betty Champion of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Molly Dillingham of Blacksburg; 33 grandchildren and 44 greatgrandchildren.

She was the sister of the late James Moss of Kings Mountain and the great-grandmother of Lefty Moss of Kings Mountain. Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday at Eastside Baptist Church by the Rev. Clarence Hampton, Rev. Alester McKinney, Rev. Glenn Felmet and Rev. Edward McAbee. Burial was in Clingman Memorial Gardens.

Grandsons served as pallbearers. They were Mike Champion, Virgil Hampton, Randy Hampton, Wayne Hampton, Bobby Hampton, Danny Hampton, Danny Moss and Douglas Lawing.

#### MRS. JONES

Mrs. Minnie Mae Jones, 68, of 709 Ligon Street, Shelby, died Friday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

She was the daughter of the late John and Eliza Robbins Powell and was a member of First Freewill Baptist Church of Shelby, where funeral services were conducted Sunday by the Rev. Doug Mathis, Rev. Ray Cook and Rev. Marneese Hampton. Burial was at Polkville United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Fred Jones; six sons, Fred Jones Jr. and Edward Jones, both of Kings Mountain, and Danial, Charles, Dennis and Buren Jones, all of Shelby; two daughters, Mrs. David (Daphine) Starnes of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Connie Creswell of Blacksburg; three brothers, Ed Powell of Polkville, Erastus Powell of Morganton and Grover Powell of Shelby; a sister, Mrs. Mamie Philbeck of Shelby; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### W.E. BYERS

William Edward Byers, 29, of Waco, died Sat., Dec. 19, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services were conducted Tues., Dec. 22 at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Dallas. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Alfredia Williams Byers; a son, William Byers Jr. of the home; a daughter, Ula Byers of the home; his mother, Lattie Jeffries Byers of Kings Mountain; seven brothers, Lloyd Byers of Cherryville, James Byers and Jethro Byers, both ofKings Mountain; D.C. Byers of Gastonia, R.C. Byers of Waco, Clarence Byers Jr. of Dallas and Tommy Byers of Bessemer City; and two sisters, Carrie B. Crunk of Kings Mountain and Christine Hunter of Bessemer City.

## L.W. MITCHEM

Funeral services for Loyd W. Mitchem, 74, of Route 7, Lin-

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colnton, were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Warlick Funeral Home Chapel in Lincolnton. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

## Mitchem died December 24.

He was married to the late Sarah Oveda Mitchem.

Survivors include four sons, Harold Mitchem of Tampa, Fla.; Loyd W. Mitchem Jr. of Columbia, S.C., David Mitchem of Jamestown, N.C., and Roger Mitchem of Boger City, N.C.; four daughters, Mrs. Betty Abernathy of Lowell, Mrs. Sara Ann Fisher and Mrs. Patsy Wright, both of Vale, and Mrs. Janice Bentley of Maiden; two brothers, Leo Mitchem of Rutherfordton, and Rufus Mitchem of Fayetteville; one sister, Mrs. Dare Morrison of Kings Mountain; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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# Merger Approved

An official government seal of approval has been given to the merger of three North Carolina savings and loan institutions by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Washington, D.C.

The federal approval has cleared the way for the creation of North Carolina's largest savings and loan institution.

The new institution, which will be called First American Federal Savings and Loan, will have assets of approximately \$450 million.

Involved in the tripartite merger are First Peoples Federal of Asheboro, First Federal of Gastonia, and American Savings of Goldsboro, N.C.

Twenty one offices of the new association will serve North Carolina, according to F.A. Whiteside Jr., president of First

Federal of Gastonia.

Whiteside will be vicechairman of the new savings and loan, which will have corporate headquarters and executive offices in Guilford County.

William Winslow, president of American Savings, has been named chairman of the board of first American Federal Savings and Loan.

Ted Matney, president of First Peoples Federal of Asheboro, has been named president and chief executive officer of the new savings and loan.

# Larcenies Reported

Kings Mountain police reported five larcenies during the past week, and made an arrest in one of the incidents.

William Marvin Lawson, 43, of Route 2, Belton, S.C., was arrested and charged with larceny of three pocket knives from Bridges Hardware. The value of the knives was \$60.

Mike Henson of Route 6, Kings Mountain, reported that someone stole a camera and equipment from his car while it was parked at 902 Monroe Avenue. Value was \$750.

Brent Shytles of Route 2, Kings Mountain, reported the theft of a shotgun and rifle from his car while it was parked at the 7-11 Store. Value was \$300.

Marshall Gore of 602 Princeton Drive reported the theft of hubcaps valued at \$65. Billy Roger Green of 703 East King Street, reported the theft of hubcaps valued at \$200.