

Grim evening

This was the scene after a fire damaged the James residence on Dundee Farms in Hillcrest. The fire was called in about 4:30 p.m. last Thursday. Puppy Creek and Hillcrest fire departments responded to the fire. According to witnesses, there was more smoke damage than property loss resulting from the flames.

I cases flood Hoke District Court

Seven persons appearing last veek in Hoke County District Court on charges of driving while impaired (DWI) were convicted, and some were sent to jail.

A Fayetteville man, Gerald Martin, was given six months in prison for the offenses of DWI and driving with his license permanently revoked.

Martin was arrested on January 16, records say.

The 38-year-old Martin was in court on his second offense,

records say. He was also sentenced to three years on supervised probation and given a \$400 fine, records say.

Another Fayetteville man, Everette Lyle Robinson, was given an active jail term of 14 days for his second offense of DWI,

records say.

The 25-year-old man was arrested on October 18 of last year. Robinson was also charged with driving with his license revoked,

according to records.

To accompany his active sentence, Robinson was fined \$500 and given three years on supervised

probation, records say.

John Allen Fiore, of Raeford,

sentence to begin immediately after he left the courtroom for his conviction of DWI, records say.

Fiore, 21, was arrested three days before Christmas, records

say.
The defendant was sentenced to 90 days suspended for one year unsupervised probation and fined \$200, according to court records. Douglas Williford McCormick,

of St. Pauls, was also sentenced to three days active sentence to accompany three years on unsupervised probation and a \$350 fine, say records.

According to a report used by judges in determining sentences for DWI cases, McCormick, 31, caused a wreck in his intoxicated

The man was also convicted of failing to make sure it was safe

before he turned, records say.

McCormick was arrested on

January 5. Earnest Dean Jacobs, of Wagram, was sentenced to six months, but given a suspended sentence and placed on supervised probation for two years for a DWI

Along with his probation, Jacobs, 35, was fined \$250 and ordered by the court to perform 72 hours of community service, records say.

Jacobs was arrested on November 2 of last year.

Willie Lee Murchison, a Raeford resident, was arrested for DWI twice in less than 30 days, court records say.

On November 9, the 37-year-old man was first arrested, but he also was charged with the same offense on December 7.

the same time.

For the November offense, Murchison received two years suspend-ed for two years on supervised probation and fined \$100, records say.

In the other case, the man was again fined \$100 and given two more years on supervised proba-

tion, according to records. There was nothing in the court records about the man having to serve any active time in jail.

Jon Mark McDuffie, 19, who as arrested on November 11 for DWI, received a 60-day suspended sentence and one year on unsupervised probation.

The Raeford man was also fined \$100 and ordered to perform 24 hours of community service,

records say. James Tyrone Ross, of Raeford,

who was arrested on October 11 for driving with his license revoked, received three years on supervised probation and was given a \$750 fine, records say.

Ross is 26 years old.
Vernon Dial, a Red Springs
man, was ordered by the court to
pay \$251 in restitution to the North Carolina Employment Security Commission after being convicted of taking unemployment money while he was working, records say

On March 1, March 16 and March 31, of 1983, Dial reported that he was not working when he was, according to records.

The 40-year-old man was sentenced to three years on unsupervised probation, records say. Timmy Watson, 27, of Raeford,

was fined \$75 and placed on unsupervised probation for a year after being convicted of being drunk and disruptive in public on

Glennis Nelson Rogers, of Vass, was placed on unsupervised proba-tion for three years and fined \$75 for carrying a concealed weapon,

records say.

Rogers, 25, was arrested on a warrant dated October 11, 1984.

Robert Lee Rouse, of Red Springs, was fined \$50 for posses-

sion of marijuana, records say. Rouse, 21, was cited on October according to records.
 Carl Neil McKenzie, of Raeford, was cited on the second day of

January for trapping foxes in Hoke County. According to the citation, there

is no season on foxes in Hoke County.

McKenzie was fined \$100. records say.

Bill Junior McCain, of Raeford, was fined \$100 and placed on probation for two years after being convicted of stealing some wine.

McCain was arrested on December 4 while trying to get a bottle of Thunderbird out of B&B Cash Mart, records say.

A Red Springs man, James Earl

Patterson, was given a week-end in jail and placed on supervised probation for three years after being convicted of injury to personal property, stealing money and shoplifting, records say.

Patterson, 16, was convicted of taking about \$70 in quarters from Mary Watson, tearing up 15 masonry levels at Hoke High School and trying to take a cassette tape from the local Sky City Store,

records say, Patterson was also ordered by the court to pay \$25 in restitution to Watson, records say.

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Vehicle records rule under fire from Hefner

Congressman Bill Hefner last week introduced an amendment to eliminate the new tax rules requiring up-to-the-minute record keeping of vehicles which are used for both business and personal pur-

Speaking on the House floor as he introduced the amendment Hefner said, "Our aim should be to simplify the tax code, and to make compliance less costly for small businesses and farmers.

The rules have been very con-

troversial since they became effective January 1, 1985. In order for an individual or

company to claim a tax deduction or credit on an automobile, the business usage must be at least 50% of the overall operation of that automobile.

The new law requires that business usage of a car or truck be concurrently documented with

Hefner said this record keeping provision placed the greatest

burden on small businesses and farmers, and that it would require many of them to hire new personnel to keep the records. "I do not believe that Congress intended to impose the extremely burdensome paperwork requirements mandated by the new law." He concluded, "I believe that Congress intended to impose the extremely burdensome paperwork requirements mandated by the new law." He concluded, "I believe it is imperative that we repeal this section of last year's tax bill immediately."





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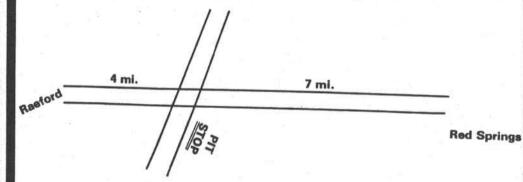
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