



TOTAL LOSS - This home in Arabia burned to the ground early Saturday morning.

Two Fires Burn Home

A home in the Arabia section was destroyed over the weekend by two fires occurring within hours of each other.

Stonewall fire chief Marty Jones reported the volunteer department answered an alarm about 6:30 p.m. Friday. At that time, a small fire confined to the ceiling of the entrance hall was extinguished and the remains of the burned portion of the ceiling was removed from the home, Jones said.

The fire appeared to have been caused by an electrical malfunction, he said.

The second fire was received about 1:30 a.m. Saturday and the home was completely destroyed by the time the Stonewall department arrived, according to the chief. Cause of the second fire was not reported.

The home was believed to have been occupied by Mrs. Haywood Artis and her family, Jones said.

Auditions Set

Auditions for two productions at Ft. Bragg will be held Jan. 2-4 at 6 p.m. at the Playhouse.

Casts will be chosen for "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "Treasure Island".

Deaths And Funerals

Mrs. Sally Atkinson Brandon

Graveside services for Mrs. Sally Atkinson Brandon were held Thursday at Raeford Cemetery by the Rev. John Ropp.

Mrs. Brandon, who was living in Fayetteville at the time of her death, was a member of Raeford Presbyterian Church. A school teacher in South Carolina for 15 years, she was a former member of the South Carolina legislature.

She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. John R. Durham of Norfolk, Va. and Mrs. Ray Muench Jr. of Fayetteville; a brother, Frank Atkinson of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Luther Ashe of Rock Hill, S.C. and Mrs. Margaret Breeland of Columbia, S.C.; two grandchildren.

Allen Black, Sr.

Funeral services for Allen Black, Sr., were held Tuesday afternoon at Rockfish Grove Free Will Baptist Church by the Elder William McArn. Burial was in Silver Grove Cemetery.

Black, who died Friday, was 58. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nancy Black of Raeford; six daughters, Mrs. Addie O. Clark of Newark, N.J., Mrs. Sallie Newkirk and Mrs. Tiyetta Gomez

of Washington, D.C.; Miss Dorothy Black of East Orange, N.J., Mrs. Devetta Banister of Scotch Plain, N.J., and Miss Glenda Black of the home; three sons, Prince Allen Black and Owen Black of Raeford, John Black of Newark, N.J.; 17 grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Tallie Campbell of Raeford and Mrs. Catherine Crouch of Fayetteville; two brothers, Eddie Black of Fayetteville and Arthur Rogers of Laurinburg.

James Ray

Funeral services for James Ray were held Thursday at Friendship Grove Free Will Baptist Church by the Bishop Robert Douglas.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Electric Bill To Increase

Carolina Power & Light Co. customers can expect a boost in January electric bills following an announcement last week of an increase in the fossil fuel adjustment.

CP & L spokesman said the adjustment would be slightly over one cent per kilowatt - hour for the residential customer using 940 kilowatt - hours. The effect on the bill will be \$9.87 in January compared with \$9.51 in December.

Officials said the fuel adjustment is applied to each kilowatt - hour, and the amount of the increase will vary according to the amount of electricity used.

Fire Damages Frame House In Stonewall

A fire that apparently started in a bedroom Monday afternoon swept through the interior of a small frame house in the Stonewall district.

The blaze was extinguished by the Stonewall volunteer fire department, assisted by the Shannon department. However, much of the interior and belongings was damaged.

The home, owned by Mrs. Earl Tolar, was occupied by Fred Small.

Cause of the fire was unknown.



Behold, I make all things new. (Revelation 21:5)

Someone asked Henry Wadsworth Longfellow why apple trees seem to have more beautiful blossoms each spring than they had the year before. Longfellow is reported to have said: "The apple tree grows a little new wood each year. Therefore its blossoms are more beautiful with the coming of each springtime."

The beginning of the new year is a good time to take stock - and to resolve to grow some new wood spiritually. We do this by Bible study, prayer, and corporate worship. We do it through rededication of our time, talents, and resources to the enrichment of God's kingdom.

Mark's Gospel reminds us that Jesus went out to a solitary place early in the mornings just to be alone with God. Thus His own faith was renewed and His sense of direction made clear.

The continuing sense of divine direction we need comes as we take time for the leading of the Holy Spirit. It means waiting upon the Lord. It means being open to God's revelation through Jesus Christ.

PRAYER: Our Father, strengthen us by Your presence that we may face the new year with faith and courage. Amen.

Legislators To Speak

The Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce will host a special legislative luncheon next Tuesday at the Hoke Civic Center beginning at 12:15.

Scheduled to speak at the luncheon are state senator Luther Britt, Jr., and representatives Joy Johnson, Henry W. Oxendine and David Parnell.

Harold Gillis, chamber of commerce manager, said the legislators will discuss the issues facing the opening session of the General Assembly. A question and answer period is also set, he said.

Cost of the buffet style luncheon, which is open to the public, is \$2.50. Chamber officials ask that interested persons call and make a reservation before noon on Monday, Jan. 6.

Magistrates Court

The following cases were heard by the magistrates:

James W. Smith, Red Springs, stop sign violation, costs; Roland D. Hillard, Greensboro, speeding 65 in a 55 mph zone, \$5, costs; Eugene Ivery, Columbia, S.C., 70 in a 55 mph zone, \$10, costs; Dwight S. Flanagan, Fayetteville, having no operator's license, permit violation, \$25, costs; Howard D. Taylor, Raeford, worthless check for \$5 to Irion's Texaco, pay check, costs; Thaddeus E. Jones, McCain, public drunkenness, costs, jail fee; Melvin W. Warren, Orlando, Fla., passing in no passing zone, \$10, costs.

Marvin P. Bradley, Dudley, 69 in a 55 mph zone, \$10, costs; Barbara K. Massa, Charlotte, 65 in a 55 mph zone, \$5, costs; John O. Brothers, Greenville, passing in no passing zone, having expired license, \$25, costs; Otis Wilson, Hope Mills, fuel permit violation, costs; Linda A. Robinson, Raeford, stop sign violation, costs; Elbert G. Robinson, Fayetteville, 67 in a 55 mph zone, \$10, costs; Carolyn A. Thompson, Raeford, failure to comply with restrictions (corrective lenses), \$25, costs.

Artice J. Thomas, Red Springs, 66 in a 55 mph zone, \$10, costs; Alberta H. McPhatter, Raeford, 70 in a 55 mph zone, \$10, costs; James White, Raeford, hunting with unplugged shotgun, \$10, costs; Thomas K. Williams, Raeford, having no inspection, costs; Johnny R. McFarland, Hope Mills, 68 in a 55 mph zone, \$10, costs; George Bell, Raeford, having no operator's license, \$25, costs; Nancy Christian, Raeford, worthless check for \$5.80 to Macks, pay check, costs.

Owner Says Store Open For Business

Byrd's Fabric Shop has reopened for business after being closed for a few days while the owners were out of town, according to Mrs. Edison Byrd.

A padlock placed on the door by John W. McPhaul owner of the building on Monday was removed early Tuesday morning. The padlocking was due to a "misunderstanding" which has been resolved, Mrs. Byrd said.



JAYCEES PLAY SANTA - Hoke County Jaycees President Harold Brewer, left, and Treasurer Shelby Calloway, right, are shown presenting Christmas gifts to children of the Larry Bullard family of Antioch. The project, co-sponsored by The House of Raeford, helped make Christmas a little merrier with toys and gifts.

NOTICE

The annual stockholder meeting of the Raeford Savings and Loan Association will be held Tuesday, January 14, 1975 at the association's office at 10:00 A.M.

The purpose of the meeting is for the election of directors.

Proxy forms are available at the association office. They may be obtained by request, by mail or in person.

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- 2 Book Cases
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- Large G.E. Refrigerator
- Washing Machine
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- 1972 Ford Pick-Up Truck
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