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FLAMING—The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones on Gold Hill Rd. was engulfed in flames by the time Stonewall volunteer firemen arrived last Friday afternoon. This photo, taken moments before the firetrucks arrived, shows the living room of the home where the blaze is believed to have started when lightning blew up the television set. (Photo by Rob Shook)

Blaze Destroys Home

A mobile home on Gold Hill Road northwest of Dundarrach was destroyed by fire late Friday afternoon after Stonewall Fire Department volunteers apparently received the alarm too late to save the dwelling.

The blaze is believed to, have started when lightning struck a television antenna, according to Stonewall firemen. The home, which was unoccupied at the time, belonged to Mr. and Mrs. James Jones. Jones noticed the blaze while driving on the road and summoned his mother, Mrs. Mallory Jones. who lives nearby, and Mrs. Jones attempted to call the emergency number for rural fires.

Mrs. Jones said Monday she first telephoned 875-4242 at the sheriff's office and the person answering

In District Court

told her to "call the operator". She said she then phoned the operator who gave her the number of the Hillcrest Fire Department. Mrs. Jones said she then attempted to re-dial 4242, but the line was busy. She called the city of Raeford Fire Department and also the Raeford Police Department, she said.

"I happened to think of a Trading Co. so I called there. I called the sheriff's department back again and then I heard the fire siren go off'', she said.

"I don't really know how long it took I wasn't even thinking about time. But I do know I made eight calls before I got through to anyone", Mrs. Jones said. Stonewall fireman Marty Jones (no relation) said firemen battled

the blaze for nearly two hours before bringing it under control. The only things salvaged were some clothing and silver. We possibly could have saved a good portion of it if we had gotten the alarm sooner. Ten minutes even would have made a whole lot of

would have made a whole lot of difference with a mobile home", lones said.

Deputy sheriff G.S. McGuire, who was manning the dispatcher's desk at the sheriff's department Friday afternoon, said he never received a call on 4242 from Mrs. Jones.

"She must have got a wrong number, that's why they told her to call the operator. The only call 1 received on the fire was from the Parafead Bellice D Raeford Police Department and that's when I sounded the siren", McGuire said.



Guy Sits In For Vacationing Judge

Judge Charles L. Guy presided over a brief District Court session in place of vacationing Judge Joseph L. Dupree Friday.

Joseph L. Dupree Friday. Lucius William Epps pleaded guilty to misdemeanor larceny and was sentenced to two years in jail. suspended for two years. Con-ditions of probation for Epps require him to make restitution of \$2,145.57 to The Bank of Raeford and to pay costs of court

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Mavis Sturdivant, Rt. 1, Raeford, pleaded not guilty to assault on a female and was found not guilty by the court. Frivilous and malicious prosecution was found on the part of the prosecuting witness. Thelma Locklear, and she was required to pay costs of court.

Joseph Govan, Red Springs, pleaded not guilty and was found not guilty of assault by pointing a gun. Mary Govan, prosecuting witness, was ordered to pay costs of court for frivilous and malicious prosecution prosecution.

Claude Stacy Weeks, Laurin-burg, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He was sentenced to six liquor. He was sentenced to six months in jail, suspended, fined \$125 plus the costs of courts, and ordered to surrender his driver's license for 12 months. He was also ordered to attend the next four sessions of the Sandhills Highway Safety and Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program.

Winford Bullard, Fayetteville, pleaded not guilty to DUI, (third offense). He was found guilty and sentenced to six months in jail. The defendant gave notice of appeal. Richard Ellis, Raeford, pleaded guilty to public drunkenness and was sentenced to 30 dome in jail

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of court. Henry Monroe, Rt. 1, Box 549, Raeford, pleaded guilty to charges of altering a forged check and passing a forged check. He was sentenced to jail for 30 days, suspended for two years, and ordered to pay \$25 restitution for prosecuting without a set of the set of t prosecuting witness as well as a \$100 fine and costs of court. John Edwin Bronson, Rt. 2,

Raeford, pleaded guilty to speeding 70 in a 55 MPH zone and was sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended, and fined \$20 and

costs. William Cordie Daughtry Jr., Wade, pleaded guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was sentenced to 60 days, suspended and fined \$25

and costs. Spec. 4 Russell C. Harris, Ft. Bragg, pleaded guilty to speeding 64 in a 55 MPH zone and was granted a prayer for judgment continuing upon payment of costs. Melvin Lewis Dees Jr., 315

Dickson St., Raeford, was sen-tenced to 30 days in jail, susin jail pended, after pleading guilty to speeding 65 in a 55 MPH zone. He was fined \$10 and costs. Claud Brown Grier. Charlotte, pleaded guilty to a red light violation and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended, and fined \$10 and costs. Larry Ted Jarnigan, Elizabethtown, received a 30 day suspended sentence and was fined \$10 after he pleaded guilty to a red light violation Charles Terry Brooks, Gastonia. pleaded guilty to driving with his license revoked and was sentenced to 12 months, suspended for two years, and fined \$200. He was ordered not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed to do SO. James Edward Jackson Jr., Dunn. pleaded guilty to driving with his license revoked and was sentenced to six months, sus-pended, and fined \$200. He was warned not to drive until properly licensed. The following cases were granted The following cases were granted voluntary dismissals: Jimmie A. Bunnells, Raeford, abandonment and nonsupport of wife and children; Roosevelt Campbell. Scurlock area, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon; E-4 Calvin McKinnon, Rowland, inspection violation; Thomas Brooks, Jr., Shannon, injury to personal prop-erty. erty.

Mathew Phillip Culbreth, Fay-etteville, pleaded guilty to speeding

Federal Jobless Aid Payments End July 31

Federal supplemental benefits Federal supplemental benefits (FSB), a provision of the Emerg-ency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1974 which extended unemployment benefits beyond the 39 weeks eligibility cutoff, will end in North Carolina July 31, the N.C. Employment Security Commission announced.

Eligible unemployed workers may continue to receive FSB payments during the 13 week phase - out period which ends Oct. 30. No supplemental payments will be made after that date.

The FSB program was inacted by Congress with the stipulation the program would be ended when the national unemployment rate dropped to six per cent. Each state will discontinue benefits when the state unemployment level remains at six per cent or less for three months.

The unemployment rate is figured only in "covered" employ-

ment, that is jobs which are included in unemployment insurance

S.J. Benkosky, office manager of the Raeford Jobs Service Office. said he was unsure of how many local unemployed workers will be affected by the action. In January, the FSB payments were ordered terminated but the program was extended.

Daniel Temple YPCA Picks 'Sunday School'

Daniel Temple YPCA Conven-tion was held June 16 - 20 with Miss Sunday School Convention crowned Saturday night.

Miss Shirley Little, escorted by Leverne Kershaw, was named Miss Sunday School Convention. First runner - up was Miss Terell Ray. second runner - up was Miss Karen Ray and third runner - up was Miss Mary McNeill.