

...at 721 Tenn. Street. A utility building was on fire upon arrival. The building and its contents were a total loss. The cause of the fire is undetermined. Units returned to the station at 8:15 p.m.

Sheriff's department report

Deputies with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department made four arrests for public drunkenness, one for trespassing, one for disorderly conduct, one for simple assault, one for destruction of private property, and three for burglary, a sheriff's department spokesman said.

Deputies also investigated two accidents without personal injury and answered 27 complaints.

Deputies also recovered a vehicle stolen in Missouri. A 1978 maroon and white Mercury was recovered near the Heibek's Retreat watershed Sunday.

The car, which was registered in Illinois, was found abandoned by deputies. No suspects were arrested.

The new scheme will allow 12 million combinations compared to 2 million combinations possible in the current tag-numbering scheme, Marx said.

The Legislature appropriated \$2.2 million for the new plates this year, but auto owners will be reimbursing the state for the new plates to the tune of \$5 per auto. Add to that the new \$5 tag fee assessed for the \$1.5 billion four-lane highway program, which becomes effective July 1, and auto owners' tag fees after Nov. 1 will be \$10.

Car owners who have not had to renew a tag since last November may be in for another shock; ad valorem taxes on autos went up after voters ratified a constitutional amendment that shifted some of the ad valorem taxes from homes to cars.

Between now and November, owners who renew tags still will receive decals, Marx said, but starting July 1, even the decals will cost \$8.75. That figure includes the \$5 highway tax.

Mississippians each year register about 1.8 million vehicles, according to the Tax Commission. Of that number, about 500,000 are "turnovers" — new cars or car trades —

Obituaries

Preston Townsend

Services for Preston Townsend, 76, of Rt. 2, Bogue Chitto were held today, May 4, at 11 a.m. in Hartman-Henderson Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Wellman Cemetery. The Rev. Robin Tumper conducted the service.

Mr. Townsend died May 2, 1987 in King's Daughters Hospital. He was a farmer.

Mr. Townsend is survived by his sons, Preston V. Townsend, Bogue Chitto and R. N. Townsend, Hammond, La.; a daughter, Mrs. Erma Nell Herrington, Prentiss; a brother, Cecil Townsend, Bogue Chitto; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Goldia Newman

Mrs. Goldia Newman, whose age was unavailable, died May 1, 1987 in Lawrence County. Tyler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for services which are incomplete.

Nehemiah Queen

Final rites for Nehemiah Queen, 69, who died April 29, 1987 in the VA Hospital in New Orleans, were held today, May 4, at 1 p.m. in St. Paul on the River Church with burial in the church cemetery. The Rev. W. M. Walker conducted the service.

Mr. Queen is survived by his wife, Ernestine Queen, New Orleans; a brother, Jesse Hall, New Orleans; two sisters, Mary Humphrey, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Octavia Humphrey, Brookhaven; two sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Williams Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

