Fire destroys a home and business in Jackson Twp.

and business in Jackson Township last week requiring the resources of six Back Mountain companies to contain. Alan and Nancy Dukes lost their home in the blaze which started in the garage, under the structure, Alan's place of

Dukes is a well known mechanic who specializes in Mercedes Benz. Two antique Mercedes were destroyed in the fire, along with an inestimable amount of equipment for the business.

Trucksville Fire Chief Joseph Bren explained the fire started at about 11:50 a.m., Tuesday, July 6. A gas tank caught fire as it was being dropped from an automobile. A spark ignited the dripping gasoline in the garage, causing the holocaust. Wind and 10 - 55 gallon drums of waste oil situated in and around the garage added to the woes of firemen who respon-

Two firefighters from Trucksville were treated for smoke inhalation. Ray

Nesbitt Hospital for treateatment and Jerry Kapral was cared for at the scene. Brian Johnson, another Trucksville fireman, was treated for burns. Also fighting the blaze until three o'clock that afternoon, were Jackson Township, Shavertown, Dallas, Kunkle and Franklin Township Fire Com-

Bren said the structure was totally engulfed when he arrived. He estimated the house and its contents at over \$125,000. He had, however, no idea of Dukes' losses in terms of his business.

Dukes came to Jackson Township in 1972 after being flooded out of the Valley area. His home and garage stood atop a hill hidden in the woods off Chase Road. A shocked Dukes found

it hard to determine the justice in the disaster, saying "the flood wasn't so bad. At least you could wash it down." To make matters

worse, the couple had just begun using an addition to their home which comprised a master bedroom, bath and outside deck. This, he described as "a

been completed two months ago. The 30 x 30 addition sat directly over the garage. No evidence of it remained after the

Dukes first priority was

his work. About 20 Mercedes were parked on the property, awaiting his attention. He said he and Nancy would stay with her family until they could make further plans.



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Dr. Niezgoda has received certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a member of the American College of Physicians, the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and Luzerne County Medical Society.

He resides with his wife Claudia in Wyoming. They are expecting their first child in

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