

# Fire Blamed On Candles, 7 Homeless

A mother and her six children were left homeless last night by a house fire which firemen believe may have been started by religious candles left burning while they attended church.

Mrs. Lottie Schlottman, o. 1110 S. Santa Cruz Ln., told police she and her children, ranging in age from 4 to 12, left their home at 7 p.m. to attend Lenten services. They returned at 8:40 p.m., about the time firemen were notified of the blaze.

Asst. Fire Chief John Steger said the blaze gutted the front two rooms of the four-room adobe house, causing about \$500 worth of damage to the house and \$500 to the contents.

Three engines and a ladder truck were called to quell the blaze, which was burning strongly when firemen arrived. The rigs remained at the scene for more than an hour.

Mrs. Schlottman said her husband, Henry, is a patient in a Veteran's Hospital in Sheridan, Wyo.