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Agriculture accident leaves 8-year-old dead

The front page of the Southwest Daily Times featured a picture of seven Girl Scouts at a ceremony at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. The girls received Marion Awards, which are the equivalent of the Protestant God and Community Award for church work in scouting.

The young ladies pictured were Starr McCamant of Troop 3, Sharon Heng of Troop 66, Barbara Dowling and Lois Brennaman of Troop 3, Kathy Seigrist of Troop 143, Karen Heng of Troop 3 and Barbara Wheelahan of Troop 148.

The Rev. John Lavrih was also in the picture, standing behind the girls, who were proudly wearing their Girl Scout uniforms.

Mrs. Grace Roberts, the Democrat party county chairman called the 1964 Seward County convention to convene at the courthouse. The purpose of the convention was to select the county delegates and alternates from Seward County to represent the county Democratic party and vote on all matters and business coming before the 1964 district and state conventions of the Democratic party in Kansas.

The convention's other purpose was to adopt necessary resolutions and to conduct business necessary for the welfare of the Democratic party. The meeting was open to the public and citizens were urged to attend. Seward County was entitled to four delegates to both district and state conventions.

A former Liberal resident, George C. Ives, 39, died in Odessa, Texas, as a result of burns suffered in a fire in his trailer home. Details were not made available to the Times, but apparently, Ives had fallen asleep with a lighted cigarette, which ignited the bedding, and probably caused the fire.

Ives was born and raised in Liberal all through high school, and was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Navy. Following his discharge, Ives returned to Liberal and worked for Southwest Gas and Equipment company until 1955, which is when he entered the oil field and worked for the Olson Co. in Odessa. Mr. Ives was survived by a son, a daughter, and six sisters.

Craig Davis, 8 years old, was playing in a carload of pellet feed that was being unloaded at an elevator in Sublette, and suffocated. Witnesses said that they had seen a young boy clambering into the tank car as the pellet-like feed was being emptied through a chute into a storage pit. His lifeless body was found in the pit at 2 p.m. Young Davis was rushed to Sublette Community hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

A lover's quarrel in far-off Buffalo, Wyo., on a Saturday night apparently led to the Star Lumber Co., safecracking job. Local authorities were notified by Sheriff Lawrence of Buffalo Sunday evening that he had custody of a Carl J. Johnson and Francis Dorothy McIntire who were thought to have been the man and wife at the Warren Hotel in Liberal at the time of the Star Lumber burglary.

Sheriff Francis said that he learned of the suspects in the burglary in Liberal as well as a burglary of a lumber company in Buffalo when McIntire contacted him to inform on her boyfriend with whom she'd just had a quarrel.

Warrants were issued for the two suspects and sent to Buffalo, but it was assumed that the two would be tried in Wyoming for the burglary.

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