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Liberal prepares for science fair, farm forum

Mrs. Everett (Verna) Thompson, age 51, of 805 West Second, was hit by a half-ton pickup truck early on a Thursday morning back in 1964.

Thankfully, her injuries were not too serious, and she only experienced lacerations and bruises on her legs.

Mrs. Thompson was walking diagonally across Third Street from the Citizens Bank to her parked car when Donald D. Strickland (the driver) turned his truck onto Third and struck her.

The Third Annual Science Fair was to be conducted in the Garfield school auditorium, and was

to feature exhibits prepared by Junior High and Senior High science students from the Liberal schools.

Students were to register their exhibits between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Judging was to begin at 3 p.m. and finish up at 6 p.m. There was a Junior division for grades 7-9, and a Senior division was for 10-12. The categories were physics, chemistry, zoology, earth sciences, mathematics, general sciences and biology.

The awards to be given were the grand award, plus first, second, third and honorable mention in each of the seven categories. The High School Science Club would be sponsoring the fair, and the faculty advisors included Larry Ling, Hoxie Freeman, James Dye, James Curtis and Ted King.

There was a three-car crash on east U.S. Highway 54, one-half miles east of Liberal at about 9 a.m. Everyone involved in the crash escaped injury, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol.

A westbound Pontiac driven by Ronald G. Phillips, 26, Minneapolis, Minn., struck the rear of a 1955 Hudson being driven by Raymond G. Kile, of Liberal. Phillips' car spun into the path of an eastbound 1961 Mercury driven by Reuben B. Frank, Phoenix. Phillips was accompanied by his sister, Barbara Briggs, and Kile was accompanied by his wife, Marie.

Chamber of Commerce cooks planned to put enough ham and beans on the fire to feed 300 people for the annual Farm Forum. The free ham and bean feed was going to start at 6:45 p.m. in the Agriculture building, and be followed by two farm speakers. The Liston-Clay heavyweight title fight was to be screened afterwards on a 20 by 24 foot screen.

The two speakers were Raymond J. Doll, vice-president and senior economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas, and Robert W. Judd, who worked with NSCIC, whose main goal was to promote soybean growth in the U.S.

Apparently, ladders and fuel were in demand, because they were getting stolen left and right in Feb., 1964.

Eugene Bouse, 515 N. Webster reported to the police the theft of 30 gallons of diesel fuel from his truck parked at his home on a Saturday night.

M. E. Wright, 609 East Eighth, reported about 20 gallons of gasoline stolen from his dump truck on the same night.

Missing two brand-new 15-foot ladders stolen from his backyard was Ralph Boles, 513 North Sherman. The ladders were valued at \$85, and no progress was made towards knowing who stole the ladders or fuel, let alone why.