

Elks' Lodges sponsor eye protection contest

PORTLAND — Rules for the fourth statewide Oregon Elks' Eye Injury Prevention Poster Contest are being distributed by local state Elks' Lodge officials to schools in their area.

The 1978-79 contest is open to Oregon fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students, who will compete in one group for first, second, and third place U.S. Savings Bond awards on local, district, and state levels. Awards will range from a \$300 bond for first in state to \$25 bonds for third in lodge and district competition.

Oregon Elks' have a special interest in preventing eye injuries through their support of the Elks' Children's Eye Clinic at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center in Portland since it opened in 1949.

"If one eye injury is prevented in Oregon due to the contest it will have been

worth it," poster contest chairman Clyde Larson, Portland, said. The contest was started in hopes that by reaching children who are most susceptible and making them aware of the vulnerability of the eye to accidental injury, some eyes might be saved.

School contests are to be held in December, January, and February. Lodge competition is scheduled for the first two weeks of February. Lodge winners will have their entries entered in district judging, to be held the last week of February. Winners from district will have their posters judged in state competition on Saturday, March 17.

Contest rules include a minimum and maximum poster size. There is no restriction on the medium used to decorate the posters.

Statistics kept by the Elks' Children's Eye Clinic for a

14-year period show that 200 patients, between birth and age 21, were hospitalized in the Health Sciences Center's University Hospital due to serious eye injury.

From this group of 200, most of the injuries came to children between ages 6-10 and 12-14. Injury causes included rocks and dirt clods, sticks, thrown objects, and explosions. B-Bs shot from B-B guns are a main cause of serious eye injuries. The number of children hospitalized with eye injuries from B-Bs in the state of Oregon averages out to one a week, a clinic official said.

In the same group of 200 there were 267 operations, meaning many patients had more than one operation for their eye injury or injuries. Twenty operations were for eye removals. Thirty-five per cent of the injured eyes had a final best corrective visual acuity of 20-200 or less (legally blind).

Cattle and calf survey to provide national input

A cattle and calf survey will be conducted Nationwide by the Economics, Statistics, and Cooperatives Service (ESCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

A cross section of 700 Oregon farmers and ranchers will be asked to supply information between Dec. 20 and Jan. 4. Information will be collected by mail inquiries, telephone and personal interviews.

All information collected is combined to produce state and national summaries. The results of this semi-annual survey will be released Jan. 30 and will provide producers, farm organizations, farm planners and others information to help in managing the production and marketing of cattle.

Sampled farms and ranches will receive questionnaires by Dec. 21. Because a very small sample of the total farms in Oregon is sent a questionnaire, a reply is

needed for all sampled farms and ranches. Twenty-two interviewers throughout the State will contact by telephone or in person all individuals who do not reply by mail. Ranchers are en-

couraged to reply by mail to keep the survey costs down.

For the results of the survey or for more information, contact R. M. Pallesen, 221-2131.

The search has begun for Mother of the Year

The state-wide search for Oregon Mother of the Year has begun.

The Oregon chapter of the American Mothers Committee is seeking nominees of women "who are not only recognized as successful mothers and homemakers, but who have also established a personal identity outside the home."

Mary Opray, Gresham, president of the Oregon chapter, said application forms for Oregon Mother of

the Year may be obtained by calling selection chairman Leah Sauer, 253-2454; or writing 10626 E. Burnside, Portland, 97216.

One woman will be selected as the winner but each nominee and her sponsoring organization will be recognized at a dinner in Portland on Feb. 17.

A panel of five judges will decide the winner. The official recognition will be made in Salem at the capitol in March.

Hotline aids rape victims

The following article was written by staffers at the Rape Relief Hotline in Portland. The Hotline, which has been in existence for years is funded by private donations and staffed by CETA workers.

Many women who are raped or assaulted do not report the crime to police.

Estimates place the number of unreported rapes at anywhere from 50 to 90 percent. There is a wide range of situations and emotions that hold women back from reporting rape to police.

Some women have been threatened with retaliation by the rapist if they tell anyone they were raped. Some don't know about police and court procedures and are afraid they might be exposed to a humiliating process.

A surprising number of women know the men who raped them. Many times, the rapist is a member of the victim's own family. The victim who knows her rapist may have a particularly difficult time reporting the rape to police.

In general, one of the most difficult obstacles for a woman who has been raped is her fear of being blamed and her own self blame. Our society has a long history of blaming the victims rather than the people responsible for the crime.

Many women believe the myth that anyone who gets raped brought it on herself — she "asked for it," or "she got what she deserved for not being careful enough."

There are women who blame themselves for being raped even though they were at home asleep with their doors locked. People need to realize that the most important responsibility for a rape always lies with the rapist, not the victim.

The Rape Relief Hotline is doing research to understand the problem of non-reporting. If you have been raped or assaulted and would be willing to share your experience and recommendations about changing this situation, call the Hotline at 224-7125, or write to 522 SW 5th St., Portland, 97204.

All interviews, letters or surveys will be kept strictly confidential. We would also like you to know about our counseling and other services which include a rape victim's support group.

Persons interested in learning more about Rape Relief Hotline services should call the 24-hour number.

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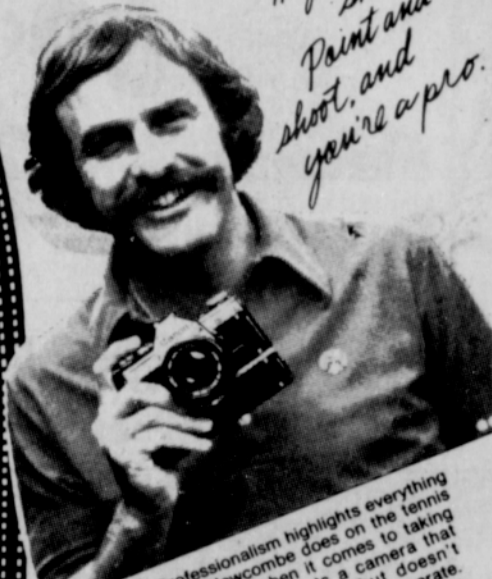
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