

Lexington lodge concerned about vandalism

Oddfellow and Rebekah members of the Lexington lodge are concerned about the damage that has been done recently to the inside of their building. A spokesperson reports that someone, presumably children, has broken into the lodge and tracked in dirt, scattered books, and left the doors open. This has happened on more than one occasion and

some of the valuable contents of the building have been destroyed.

Over the years, windows have been broken out making the outside of the building difficult to maintain. Some of the losses of regalia and record books have been expensive for the lodge. Continues the spokesperson, "Regretfully, the matter has been turned over to the sheriff."

Youth Corps job applications available

A total of 51 young people from the ages of 16 through 21 will be hired this summer to work in the Oregon State Parks Youth Corps.

Steven Johansen, operations coordinator for the division, said those who are interested may obtain applications from any Oregon State Em-

ployment Division office. The program will operate in State Parks located throughout Oregon.

He said the 1983 Oregon Legislature approved an appropriation of \$150,000 for the program. Length of employment is variable by area, with some sections of the state hiring now and others planning to begin when summer actually arrives. For the most part, employment will end early in September.

Johansen stressed that the program provides day jobs only and that those who are hired will be responsible for their own lodging and transportation. Duties will include a mixture of parks maintenance work, such as cleaning of campsites and restrooms, as well as special projects such as forest rehabilitation and trail construction.

Youth Corps members will be hired under the same procedures used for seasonal employees.



The footprints left on the Moon by Apollo astronauts are expected to remain visible for at least ten million years.

Odd Fellow, Rebekah Lodges sponsor contest

The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth speak-off was held at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Pendleton on Sunday, Mar. 11, announced a lodge spokesperson.

Three contestants from Area 1, Morrow and Umatilla counties, were introduced by area President Tom Campbell. The contestants were Nikki Lembecke, Helix; Jody Williams, Boardman; and Steve Arnt, Hermiston. The three judges were from Pendleton and Hermiston. Jody Williams was the winner with Steve Arnt chosen as alternate. This contest is sponsored by Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges of America. Each high school may select a student for the contest by essay competition on a pre-selected topic. This year's topic was "The Role of the United Nations in a Changing World."

The final contest is the speak-off in Pendleton with a speech of seven to 10 minutes covering the essay contents, the spokesperson explained.

The winner of the contest will be sent to New York by way of Washington D.C. and back through Canada, to study the United Nations at work. The week in New York will include tours and sight seeing. Student delegates from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia will be on the chartered bus trip. There will be many stops of historical interest in both nations, and the trip will take about four weeks.

All expenses are paid by Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges of both counties. All sophomores and juniors under 18 years of age are eligible to enter this contest, the spokesperson concluded.

P.I.K. reduced soil erosion in 1983

Farmers who took part in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 1983 payment-in-kind programs reduced soil erosion by more than 20 percent on cropland taken out of production, Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said recently.

Releasing a preliminary report on conservation benefits of P.I.K. and acreage reduction programs, Block said soil erosion on an estimated 79 million diverted acres was lowered from an average of 7.4 tons to 5.8 tons per acre per year.

"That adds up to 121 million tons of soil that stayed on the land," he said. "While the chief goal of the P.I.K. programs was to bring down production, other goals included reducing erosion on idle acres, improving wildlife

habitat and conserving water."

The report, based on data from sample of 4,300 farms in 227 counties, shows that about 35 percent of the diverted land provided suitable cover for wildlife. About 13 million acre-feet of water that would have been used to irrigate 8 million acres of cropland also were saved by the conservation use acreage programs.

A more detailed report expected later this year will show other major achievements in conservation, Block said.

Copies of the preliminary report are available from USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, room 4714-S, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013, or by calling (202) 447-6221.

World's largest crab Louie



Heppner Elks manager Rick Smith (r) with Larry Wetherell and big crab Louie.

Billed as the world's largest crab Louie, the feast at the Elk's Lodge Saturday night was certainly a sight to behold.

The dish, covering three tables over 20 feet long, was topped off with three ice sculptures of a fish, a mermaid and a dolphin.

The dish was prepared through a combination effort of

local club manager Rick Smith, and Hermiston Elk's Club manager Larry Wetherell to celebrate the installation of 1984 officers at the Heppner club.

How much crab was in the dish? "We're not giving away our trade secrets," said Smith, "But we did use six crates of lettuce."

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