

...Of environmental concern

By KATHLEEN MONJE
Of the Emerald

Three timber bills aimed at increasing production on small, private woodlots have received widespread support, according to Congressman Jim Weaver, D-Ore., who introduced them.

"These bills will help put back into production many of the private forest lands that are not now producing the timber we need," Weaver said at a House Forestry Subcommittee hearing last week.

House Resolutions 8020, 8021 and 10618 are designed to increase production on all non-industrial forest lands, according to Weaver, by strengthening exist-

ing federal cooperative assistance programs, by expanding forestry extension programs and by broadening the research authority of the Forest Service.

Weaver said the bills are supported in varying degrees by the Carter Administration, the timber industry and environmentalists.

OSPIRG Applications for summer internships are due in the OSPIRG office Monday, Feb. 13. Several interns will be hired to do a team study of alternative growth policies for Oregon's future — students with background in economics, geography, planning, landscape architecture and related fields are encouraged to

apply.

Interns are paid \$1,000 for the summer and are expected to live in Portland. Other interns will study independently such topics as Wild Rivers, wildlife, health, housing and civil rights of juveniles.

Applications and information are available in the OSPIRG office, Suite 3 in the EMU.

Congressman Al Ullman, D-Ore., is sponsoring legislation to make "significant" improvements in the management of federal grazing lands.

The measure would provide for an additional \$15 million in annual appropriations for improvements, and would allow improvements defined as not environmen-

tally sensitive to be made before completion of an environmental impact statement.

It would also require the removal of all excess wild horses and burros from grazing ranges.

"Passage of this measure would result in substantial increases in productivity of Eastern Oregon grazing lands," Ullman said, "providing long-range benefits to all users of the land."

Banning of the leg-hold trap in the United States will be the subject of an essay contest offering a first prize of \$3,500 as sponsored by the Friends of Animals, Inc.

"The Regina Bauer Frankenberg Scholarship contest is aimed at fostering interest in changing



the relationship between humans and other life forms," the organization announced. Awards will be given to students who enter the three best essays incorporating animal rights principles in support of a federal legislative campaign.

Second and third prize awards of \$2,500 and \$2,000 are also offered. Further information and entry forms are available from Friends of Animals, Scholarship Committee, 11 W. 60th St., New York, N.Y.

Alternative child-care center opens

By CINDY MOL
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The Children's Educational Day Care Center will offer an alternative to rising day care costs when it opens today in Springfield.

"Many day care centers dis-

criminate against low-income families by charging high rates," says Linda Burns, director of Children's Educational Day Care Center. "My aim is to provide low-cost services to those who can't afford standard day care costs."

Parents with children who stay all day will be charged \$20 to \$46 per month less than most other day care centers in the Eugene-Springfield area. Burns estimates costs will be \$100 per month for "full time" children, \$50 to \$55 for children who stay half day, and \$5

per day for "drop-ins."

Currently, Springfield has three other day care centers, "but they're crowded," Burns says. "Many mothers are forced to take their kids to more expensive day care centers in Eugene."

The new day care center is funded by Burns and the Church of the Brethren in Springfield, which provides facilities free-of-charge. Costs are kept low because the day care center is state licensed, not federally funded. The state requires a 1-10 teacher-to-student ratio while the

federal government requires a 1-6 ratio.

There will be three staff members at the Children's Educational Day Care Center — a cook and two teachers. Both teachers have college degrees in early childhood development, Burns says.

Children's Educational Day Care Center has facilities for as many as 35 children from the ages of 2 to 14. Children will be taught a basic education program, Burns explains, in which four main areas of development are stressed: physical, social, intellectual and emotional development.

Burns says she would like to depart from traditional methods of education.

Montessori methods of cognitive development will be taught, she says. This method stresses the development of the child's own initiative. Burns will also use the Hayes Program, in which children are first taught cursive writing, and later, after the child gains finger dexterity from cursive writing, he or she learns to print.

The day care center is located near the Springfield Mall at 460 North 21st St. It will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call 746-2278.

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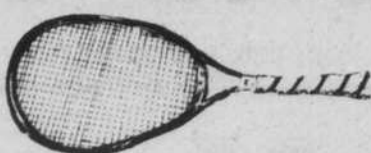
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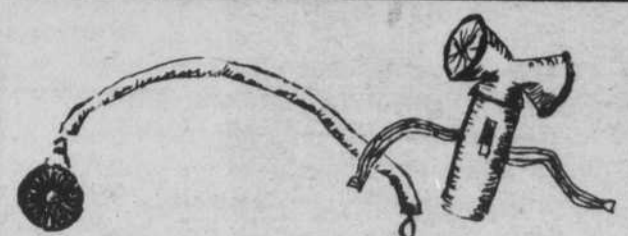


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