

Fire Danger Not Past, Says Forest Service Official

Hunters Cause Many Fires In Pacific Area, Figures Reveal

GOLD BEACH—Hunters last season started 121 fires on the national forests of Oregon and Washington—98 in Oregon and 23 in Washington, Marian Nance, local ranger of the Forest Service, revealed this week.

Smokers caused 65, campfires 30, and warming fires 26. That record alone is enough to make any true sportsman think twice when preparing for his hunting trip, Mr. Nance continued. The hunter should resolve that neither he nor his companions will be responsible for any fire escaping at any time to destroy habitat and game as well.

Sixty-two hundred acres, including plantation of trees, timber, grass and sagebrush, were burned last year. To combat these

922 fire-fighters were used in suppression. Who paid the cost? Every taxpayer! Carelessness, most always, exacts a heavy toll in money and property, if not in lives—Mr. Nance pointed out. The following simple practices, if observed, can prevent these fires:

SMOKING

1. *On Foot*: Do not smoke while traveling on foot, unless it is raining or there is snow on the ground. Occasionally stop in a safe place and enjoy your smoke.

2. *In A Car*: If you smoke in a car use your ash tray.

3. *Matches*: Be sure your match is out. Break it in two before you dispose of it.

4. *Tobacco*: Be sure pipe ashes and cigar and cigarette stubs are dead before disposing of them. Use your foot to clear a spot of dirt the size of your hat. Put your smoking remains on the spot and rub well with dirt. Never throw burning material out of a car or into brush, leaves, needles, duff or grass. *Don't be a flipper.*

5. *Rules*: Be sure to follow any special local smoking rules which might be in effect.

FIRES AROUND CAMP

(Obtain a permit if required)

1. *Making a Campfire*: Select a spot near water or where there is an abundance of loose dirt. Be sure to scrape away all inflammable material from the spot—five feet

in diameter. Dig a hole in the center of the spot. Keep your fire small, especially in windy weather. Never build it against or near trees, logs, or brush or under mossy limbs.

WARMING FIRES IN WOODS

1. *Warming*: Warming fires are discouraged. However, it is realized that when a hunter becomes cold, early in the afternoon, or after a "kill," he is apt to want to build a warming fire, particularly if it's raining or there is a light snow. But it should be realized that a warming fire must

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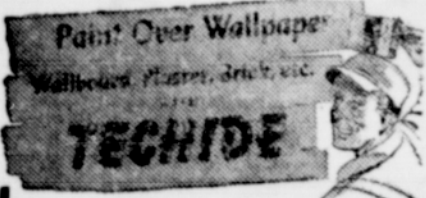
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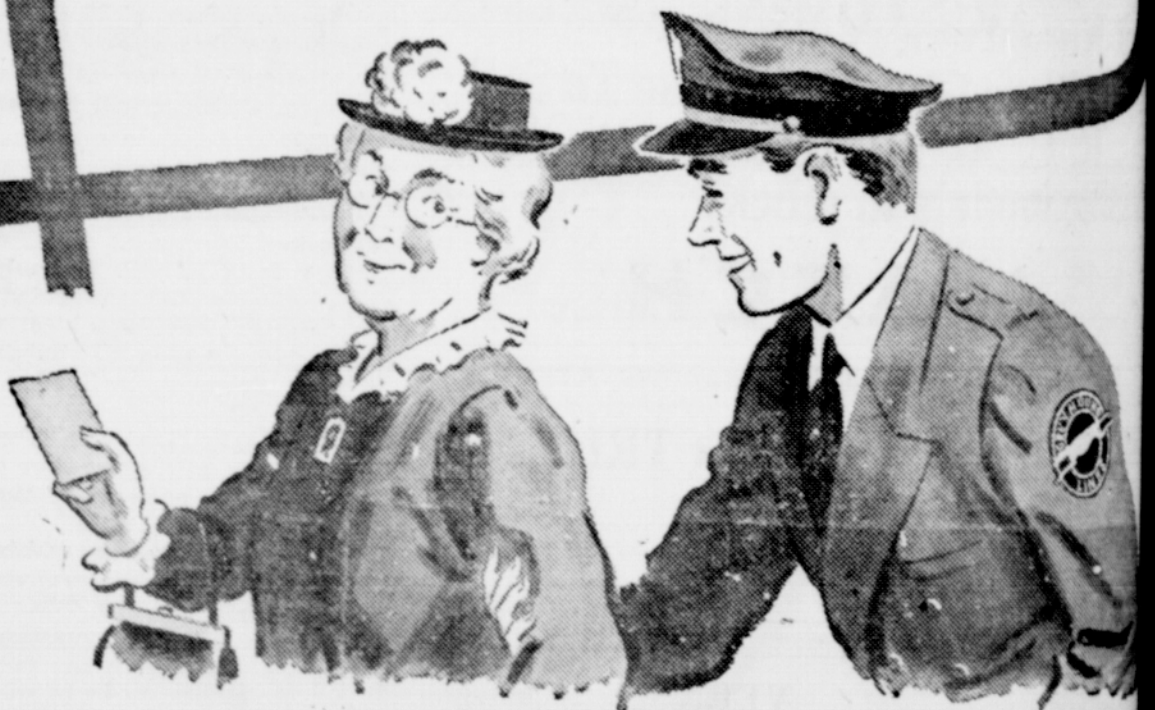
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in diameter. Dig a hole in the center of the spot. Keep your fire small, especially in windy weather. Never build it against or near trees, logs, or brush or under mossy limbs.

2. *Putting Out A Campfire*: Stir the coals with a stick or a shovel while soaking them with water. Turn the stick and drench both sides. Wet the ground about the fire. Be sure the last spark is out. Feel with your hands. Never leave your campfire unattended. If you leave, put it out. Several hunter camps are burned each fall because campfires are left burning. Someone in each hunting party should be designated and responsible for extinguishing the campfire.

3. *Burning Debris*: To keep or leave a clean camp, boxes, old papers, bedding straw, or other items must be burned. If all debris cannot be burned in the campfire, select a spot in a large opening. Clean off the dry grass and duff for at least ten feet in diameter. Burn in small quantities late in the evening or early morn-

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