

Smokey Says----"Prevent Forest Fires"

Why Do People Burn The Woods

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The question is often asked: "Why do people burn the woods?" Many answers are given, differing according to location, custom, and knowledge of timber growing. A survey conducted among Georgia farmers showed that the most common causes of wood fires were carelessness, indifference and lack of appreciation of Forest values destroyed. Fires from these causes included those which escaped while fields, terraces and hedgerows were being burned and those caused by smokers, sawmills and railroads.

One out of five fires are set because of grazing, and nearly as many more from attempts to kill snakes and insects. About 13 per cent of the woods burners hoped to destroy boll weevils, and 7 per cent were attempting to remove fire hazards, such as grass and brush when the fire they had set escaped them. Some fires were attributed to hunting and fishing, including burning to run out rabbits. Desire for excitement and thrill was given as the reason for setting some fires.

Carelessness with fire in the woods can be changed to respect for the forest as an appreciation of the value of trees for timber and protective cover becomes more commonly established.

According to the survey, the farmers who mentioned carelessness and indifference as the main reason for forest fires add that for the most part these fires are not intentional.

The reckless destruction of property that may result when a person starts a fire through indifference and ignorance is illustrated by the experience of a Florida farmer who appreciated the value of timber and had spent a considerable sum of money for protection, including the plowing of firebreaks. He was successful in excluding fire until one day three men selling fish in the neighborhood came along in a truck. A patch of dry broomsedge attracted their attention, and one of them got out of the truck and touched a match to it, probably to see what would happen. As the wind was strong and everything was dry, the blaze got off to a furious start, and little could be done to stop it even though friendly neighbors helped. Hogs were killed, fences burned up, tree re-

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YOU CAN'T SCARE ME—BUT WOODS FIRES DO, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY'RE WILD!



This is the month of ghosts — watch that "wildfire spook" — he haunts every forest; every tree. By preventing wildfires you can stop this spook from haunting and destroying the woods.



production destroyed, and large timber seriously damaged, all as a result of the conflagration.

Destruction of the woods and farm improvements by carelessness or indifference has caused heavy losses and ruin which has affected farmers, industry, and the entire welfare of forest communities. The question of how to stop or reduce this kind of burning is difficult to answer. The best remedy seems to be for each person to interest himself in the fire problem. Everyone must become more aware of the danger to friends and neighbors and to the Nation, when clean-up fires escape, when lighted matches or cigarettes are thrown away, when camp fires are left untended, or when fire is used carelessly in any other way.

We all enjoy our Camp Sapphire woodlands playground. We all enjoy the scenic beauty of woods near our homes. Let us all endeavor to be careful, so that this beauty may remain forever in our midst.

GRUESOME TWOSOME

"Yeah, she's married to a real-estate agent, and a good, honest fellow, too."

"Holy mackerel! That's bigamy!"

EDUCATION

The hillbilly had 17 children, all boys. When they came of age, they all voted the Democratic ticket except for one lad. The father was asked to explain this departure from form.

"Wa'al," he said, "I've tried to bring them young 'uns up in the fear of the Lord, and Democrats to the bone, but Lem, the ornery cuss, larnt to read."

Every Person Has Three Colds A Year

Every man, woman and child in the United States is going to catch at least three colds during the coming year. The cost of these colds to the American public is around three billion dollars, or \$23.00 per person, in lost working days, medical care and money spent on "cures" which seldom work.

A few well founded health rules will do much to help clear up your cold if you are unfortunate enough to "catch" one:

1. Keep away, as much as possible, from others who have colds.
2. Always, at the first symptom of a cold, go to bed. If that is not possible, rest as much as you can.
3. Drink plenty of water, broth or citrus fruit juices and eat light wholesome foods. The old adage "feed a cold and starve the fever" is unsound.
4. If it becomes necessary, take a mild laxative.
5. When you blow your nose, blow it gently so as not to force the germs into the sinuses or middle ear. An infection may result if this happens.
6. If your cold becomes severe, and is accompanied by body aches, fever and weakness, call a doctor. This may be influenza and can lead into pneumonia.
7. If you are near others, cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze. This is a gesture of courtesy as well as a health factor.

Clean clothes and a clean body, plenty of rest and good wholesome food will help stave off colds, but if you should "catch" one, these simple rules will help you rid yourself of the cold.

Five Rules For A Happy Life

Psychologists have given many formulas for a happy life but most agree on five basic qualities if a man or woman is to have a happy existence. To be truly happy an adult must be:

1. Capable of standing on his own feet, taking full responsibilities for one's actions.
2. Careful to maintain a regard for other persons regardless of their race or religion.
3. Be able to start work under one's own power and not be driven to a task.
4. Mindful of the fact that happiness comes only to those who have a purpose in life.
5. Able to take good fortune with a gracious smile and bad knocks on the chin.

Sleep—A Serious Thing

Using a tonic to get that extra pep we need is entirely unnecessary, for nature has provided us with a simple device to regain our feeling of fitness—sleep. Without sleep, we can neither work well nor live long. It is a "must" to keep the body functioning properly.

Sleep is the great repair man. It restores vigor and helps keep the body healthy and disease-resistant. Worn tissues, overworked muscles, tired organs such as eyes, heart, etc., are all given a chance to rest while we are asleep.

Worrying about today's and tomorrow's problems will not solve them, and if we worry about them at bedtime, we will not sleep soundly. We should be completely "dead to the world" when we lie down to sleep. By tensing all of the body muscles and then relaxing them suddenly and completely we will tend to make sleep come more quickly.

Plenty of fresh air, a comfortable bed, loose-fitting night clothes and light weight covers, when necessary, will contribute to sound sleeping. Everyone needs approximately eight hours of sleep after a normal day's work. Some people brag that they can get along on six, five, or even four hours of sleep. In some cases this is true, because no two human bodies function exactly the same. Don't, however, feel that you are anything but wise if you insist on getting your normal eight hours of sleep each night.

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Tossing a match or cigarette carelessly in dry leaves may start a fire in the woods. Be a sportsman—a good one—be sure your match or cigarette is out—dead out. Fire destroys game as well as timber!