



Siuslaw National Forest Fun Facts

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A few more bits of wit, wisdom and short stories from... “The Salt”

From the Mapleton Range District, April 1931:

“A quitter never wins and a winner never quits.”

“To make friends, be one.”

“A good thing to remember

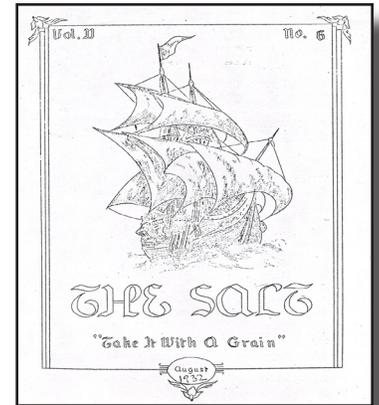
And a better thing to do

Is work with the construction gang

And not the wrecking crew.”

“It isn’t what you say, but what others say you say that keeps you in hot water.”

“Experience is what you get when you are looking for something else.”



From the Waldport Ranger District, June 1931:

July 31, 1930: Noah Koogler was arrested and fined \$25 for burning without a permit. Said he had burned 20 years without one and intended to keep burning whenever he wanted to.

May 15, 1931: Fire permit no. 1, issued to Noah Koogler.

From the Gardiner-Mapleton Ranger District, March 1932:

The writer has just returned from a trip up the Coast Highway as far as China Creek to inspect clearing on the project. It is still necessary to travel the old road over the Cape and this has not improved with use or age. All four wheels are off the ground about half the time owing to high centers. The driver has to look ahead and get up enough speed to slide over them. About every hour the old speedometer would click off a mile and every time she clicked off a mile I made a nickel. Of course this was not all clear money as I broke a shock absorber and shook off a bumper.

There is a bad slide between the tunnel and the Sea Lion Caves. A lot of money has been spent there already but there is no more road there than when they began. Mr. Mack says they will put in a temporary bridge over a portion of the slide till they find out how it is going to perform. This work is being done force account by the Bureau and will help a little to relieve unemployment. (Does this sound familiar to those of us who detoured around Cape Creek at Heceta Head to travel between Yachats and Florence a few years ago? The ranger was traveling north from Florence to China Creek about two miles north of Heceta Head.)

From the Hebo Ranger District, November 1932:

Ray Holst and Roy Garwood started to Bell Mt. on a tour of inspection in Ray’s Buick (50% Buick and 50% #9wire). They were bumping along in great style when they suddenly came upon a herd of cattle in the road. There being very few cars traveling this road, the cattle were not used to getting out in the brush to let them pass, but by careful manipulation Ray managed to worm the machine through the herd.

There was one cow, however, that would not move over but started up the road ahead of the car. No amount of horn tooting or lusty yelling could turn her from her course. After about a half mile in low gear the situation became unbearable, so Ranger Garwood jumped over the door (it being wired shut with #9 wire) and went tearing up the road afoot to try and shoo the bovine critter out of the way, but she would not be shooed.

It then became apparent that the cow was in earnest about staying in the road and the Ranger realized the need of quick action on his part. Grabbing a good hold on the beast's horns, he bulldozed her down over the bank and held her while Ray drove on up the road. The Ranger let go of the cow, climbed aboard the car and he and Ray went bumping on their way.

If any of the other Rangers on the Siuslaw are not up on this bulldozing business, we are sure Ranger Garwood can give them a few good pointers along that line – he might even demonstrate his ability if the proper chance were given him.