

I cannot think of two Oregonians better deserving the Senate's recognition than Lew McArthur and Tom McAllister. Both of them were great teachers, spending nearly all of their long lives promoting the understanding and appreciation of the state.

Before World War II, Lew was already assisting his father with the on-going compilation of "Oregon Geographic Names". He continued to expand many successive editions of this work over the next 70 years, while maintaining a full-time "day job" and pursuing a very active avocation as a mountaineer. "Oregon Geographic Names" is internationally recognized as a classic reference work. Within the state it has saved innumerable writers from embarrassing error and contributed greatly to a clear understanding of our history. At a national and international level it sets an acknowledged standard of both accuracy and excellent writing.

Like Lew, Tom McAllister was already contributing to Oregon before World War II, as an undergraduate botanist and "natural history" student, surveying and classifying the landscapes of what became the Willamette Valley's great Finlay Wildlife Refuge. He spent summers on the Gearhart Mountain fire lookout on the Lake / Klamath County line, becoming deeply at home on both sides of the Cascades. Tom was a leading voice for conservation and the state's environment throughout his 40 years of outdoor columns at the Oregon Journal and the Oregonian. An ardent hunter and fisherman, Tom was not after the bag or the catch as an end in itself. He was a lover and promoter of Oregon's great outdoors in all its glory.

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