

Portrait of a Distinguished Citizen



Clyde T. Swisher

(Editor's note) This drawing and caption honoring Clyde Swisher as Distinguished Citizen appeared in the Sunday Idaho Statesman.

CLYDE T. SWISHER has been a teacher in the Nyssa public schools since 1955. Mr. Swisher ranked among the top five in Oregon in teacher of the year competition and has received recognition from the National Leaders in Secondary Education organization. On two occasions he successfully spearheaded a fund-raising campaign for the American Field Service and has devoted numerous hours of befriending and advising foreign exchange students. Mr. Swisher received his bachelor of arts degree in English with high honors from the College of Idaho and his master of arts degree in English from the University of Washington. He was a teaching assistant at Rutgers University and a John Hay Fellow in humanities at the University of Chicago, the only John Hay Fellow chosen from Oregon.

For the past nine years he has taught without fee a literature course for parents.

Mr. Swisher has been speaker at numerous events and in 1966 received an invitation to speak at the National Council of Teachers of English convention in Honolulu. He has served as treasurer of the Nyssa Education Association, a member of the NEA negotiations committee, chairman of the Nyssa High Department of English, chairman of the State Textbook Committee for Malheur and Baker counties, adviser to the high school newspaper and drama director. Mr. Swisher applied for federal funds, organized and formulated a humanities program for Nyssa High in 1966-67 and in 1962 established an advanced placement English program, the only one in Malheur County. He also established a sequential elective program in the language arts last year. The Nyssa High School yearbook was dedicated to Mr. Swisher in 1968-69.

GIVE YOUR HOME A FIRE SAFETY CHECK

Every 37 seconds, a fire breaks out somewhere in the United States. Of these fires, approximately one in three damages or destroys someone's home. No matter what the season, fire can be a relentless enemy and you must be on guard.

Here are some hints from experts in The Hartford Insurance Group's Junior Fire Marshal program, on how to prevent fire in the home:

1. Make youngsters promise not to play with matches and never to build a fire except under adult supervision. More than 27,000 fires each year are caused by children playing with matches.

2. Look through your basement, attic and garage and get rid of old newspapers and other fire-kindling material.

3. Make sure any paint, varnish or oil stored in the garage or basement is kept in tightly closed metal containers and away from the furnace.

4. Get a yearly check-up on all heating equipment. Defective heating and cooking equipment causes one out of every three fires.

CHICAGO FIRE KINDLED NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In 1911, 40 years after the terrible fire that burned most of Chicago to the ground, the Fire Marshal Association of North America asked that people remember what such a holocaust can do.

It took 11 more years, but in 1922, the President of the United States decreed that the week of October 9 would be called Fire Prevention Week.

Since then, fire departments all over the country have observed Fire Prevention Week in special ways. According to a spokesman for The Hartford Insurance Group's Junior Fire Marshal program, it is a special time for Junior Fire Marshals, as well, for that's when they check their homes for anything which could start a fire.

curtains, drapes, furniture, walls and partitions. Heaters should be regularly checked for leaks and cleanliness.

13. Make sure that your fireplace is covered by a metal fire screen.

14. See if proper-size fuses are in the fuse box . . . and that spare fuses are on hand.

15. Careless smokers cause more fires than anyone else. Never smoke in bed. And be sure that matches and cigarettes are out before leaving them.

16. Discuss the subject of fire with the whole family. Plan how you would escape from each room of the house if fire cut off one or more exits.

17. Check the location of nearest fire alarm box. And learn how to call the fire department.

18. Remind the family that the local fire chief is always willing to offer advice about individual fire problems. When in doubt about any hazardous condition, always seek professional help.

For safety's sake, heed these hints and put them into effect now. Don't let a dangerous situation hang fire.

12. Be sure that portable heaters are kept away from

10. Check on all lamps and electrical appliances to make sure they are not frayed or worn.

11. Make sure that all extension cords are in the open—not over hooks, under rugs, or through partitions or doorways where the insulation may get worn off and be the cause of fire.

9. Be sure that all mops are hung in a safe, well-ventilated place. Check to see that oily rags are either thrown out or kept in metal containers. Oily mops and rags can burst into flame all by themselves.

8. Unplug the iron cord when the iron is not in use, even for a short time.

7. Have trash and rubbish burned only in a wire mesh or other suitable incinerator. (Note: Many cities prohibit burning of trash.)

6. Check to make sure any flammable liquids in the basement or garage are stored in safety-approved metal containers.

5. Keep ashes from the fireplace or furnace in a covered, hole-free metal container and dispose of them frequently.

Task Force On Election Law Reform

Senate President John D. Burns, D-Portland, and House Speaker Bob Smith, R-Burns, today named members of a legislative task force on election law reform.

Burns named Senators Betty Roberts, D-Portland, and Stan Ouderkerk, R-Newport. He appointed Bend newspaper publisher Robert W. Chandler as a public member.

Smith named Representatives Robert Stults, R-Roseburg, Robert Ingalls, R-Corvallis, and Richard Magruder, D-Clatskanie.

The presiding officers also appointed Democrat State Chairman Caroline Wilkins of Corvallis, and Republican State Chairman Hank Hart of Medford.

Chandler was named Chairman, and Stults Vice Chairman.

"No one who charts Oregon's political landscape can deny with any credibility that a serious crisis of confidence exists with respect to Oregon's election laws and their administration," Burns and Smith said.

"And no one can deny that initiative from the legislative branch of government will be required if these problems are to be resolved prior to the elections two years from now," they said.

"The gravity of this situation demands that work begin immediately. Delay-of-the-game tactics until the convening of the 1973 Assembly could deny the Legislature adequate time to take the action and the leadership which is obviously required," they said.

"The Task Force members bring a broad range of skill, experience and political activity to this study. We have every confidence in their ability to provide the next Legislature with a running head start on the solution to a problem which troubles every concerned citizen," they said.

State Parks Report Less Vandalism

Acts of vandalism which have plagued many parks and recreation areas nationwide is not a major problem in Oregon's State Park System according to figures for the 1971-72 fiscal year just released by David G. Talbot, state park superintendent.

Talbot said that the recent reports confirm the downward trend noted in the last few years in acts of vandalism committed in State Parks. The figures for 1971-72 show an expenditure of \$9,177.59 to repair acts of vandals, compared to \$10,461 in 1970-71 and \$13,502 in 1969-70.

The reported number of acts of vandalism was 96 for the past period while in 1970-71, it was 121 and in 1969-70, the figure was 118.

In his annual report to the State Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Talbot singled out the Sarah Helmick State Park as an example of the costs of destruction. In a period of less than seven weeks four separate acts of vandalism in that park cost almost \$1,000 to repair, while on the other hand six acts of vandalism in District V, in eastern Oregon, average \$14.25. Sarah Helmick is six miles south of Monmouth, off US99W.

While the rate of instances of vandalism per million visitor days and nights dropped appreciably as well as the cost of repair, park buildings still continue to be the most popular target of vandals, Talbot said. He also noted that thefts appeared to be on the increase.

The park superintendent was pleased with the decrease in the number of acts of destruction in spite of the increased park attendance. The number of reported acts of vandalism per million visitors dropped from 5.48 in 1968-69 to 3.41 in 1971-72. He said he had no explanation for this decline in vandalism in state parks while it was evidently increasing elsewhere, except perhaps people appreciated parks and were reluctant to damage them.

Solutions To Energy Shortage To Be Detailed

Means of meeting the challenges resulting from the current energy crisis and the constraints imposed by environmental and governmental requirements will be detailed during the 79th annual convention of the Pacific Coast Gas Association here (Del Webb's TowneHouse) September 20-22.

Theme of the meeting is "Energy, Today and Tomorrow". Emphasis will be on potential sources of new gas supplies, both natural and synthetic, and the problems associated with developing these needed supplies.

Approximately 700 delegates of natural gas companies are expected to attend the meeting of the nation's oldest gas association whose members are located in nine western states.

Dr. Pinkney Walker, vice-chairman of the U.S. Federal Power Commission, and Hollis M. Dolc, assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, are among speakers who also include William A. Scotland, senior advisor for

Canada's National Energy Board and James E. Akins, director of the Office of Fuels and Energy for the U.S. State Department.

Industry and business spokesmen include Warren B. Davis, director of economics, Gulf Oil Corporation; Kenneth E. Hill, executive vice president, Eastman, Dillon, Union Securities and Co., Inc.; John M. Houchin, deputy chairman of the board, Phillips Petroleum Company; Tyler Macdonald, president, N. W. Ayer, Jorgensen, Macdonald, Inc.; S.L. Sibley, chairman of the board, Pacific Gas and Electric Company; L.F. Davis, executive vice president, Atlantic Richfield Company; W. L. Culbertson, vice president, Phillips Petroleum Company; Arthur T. Woerthwein, president, and Henry Paynter, managing director, Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, and George H. Lawrence, vice president, American Gas Association.

H.F. Steen, president of El Paso Natural Gas Company, is president of PCGA.



TIRE SAFETY FIRST—Thirty-two shaded states now have laws or regulations against bald or unsafe tires.

Thirty states and the District of Columbia require a minimum tread depth of 1/16 inch in two or more adjacent grooves. California and South Carolina require a 1/32 minimum.

States shown in white have no official safeguards against bald tires.

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Although the nucleus is a very small part of an atom, it accounts for most of its mass and weight.



What about the future?

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