Captain Ivan Decator Applegate and Margaret Hutchinson were married at her home on Pleasant Creek (Ashland, Oregon) on July 14, 1871 and from the History of Klamath County by Rachel Applegate Good we learn of their unique honeymoon. Captain Applegate and his bride along with many of the young wedding guests came from Ashland to the Klamath Country where they boarded a boat, actually a scow, used for hauling freight across the Upper Klamath Lake from Pelican Bay to Kowasta. The boat was about 10 feet by 25 feet and propelled by two sets of oars and a sail. A storm came up and the sail was torn to shreds by the wind. The boat was blown off course and almost swamped. The party finally reached "Annie's Island" where they spent the night huddled around a campfire without any blankets. Then after another day and part of a night on the Lake they arrived at Kowasta where it had been reported that the party had drowned. The wedding party returned to Ashland and Ivan and Margaret traveled by spring wagon accompanied by two Klamath Indian scouts, Little John and Dave Hill, on horseback, to his typical bachelor's cabin at Camp Yainax where they were the only white people at that time. Margaret may have been the first white woman some of the Indians had ever seen.

Ivan's father, Lindsay Applegate had brought his family from Ashland in 1860 and established the Klamath Indian Agency and was its first Agent.

In a taped interview with Alice Applegate Peil by Seth Bullis in 1963 when Alice was 91 years old, she tells some of her memories and they may not be quite as accurate as those of earlier years.

Captain Ivan Applegate was special Commissary stationed at the Yainax Sub-Agency. He was in charge of the Modocs, the Snakes, the Piutes and the renegades off the reservation. In March 1872, Ivan decided it was time to move his wife to where there would be help for the birth of their first baby. It was about 30 miles to the Klamath Agency and being spring the wagon and horses kept getting mired down. Ivan would take the seat off and carry it until he found a place that was solid enough and then go back and carry Margaret and her sister, Florence, to the seat where they waited until Ivan could get the horses and wagon out of the mud hole and drive on to another solid place, take the seat back to the wagon and then carry the ladies back again. This process was repeated over and over again. It was evening when they finally arrived at the Agency. Alice says, "and there I got impatient in the night and decided I wanted to see the world." And it is no wonder that after such a hard trip, doctor or no doctor, the baby decided to be born. A nice lady by the name of Catherine acted as midwife and baby Alice was born March 28, 1872. They stayed at the Agency a few days until Mrs. Applegate was strong enough to travel again.

Ivan's brother Lucian lived in Swan Lake at Edgewood Ranch east of Klamath Falls and that seemed the safest place for his wife and new daughter to stay for awhile. So that is where they were taken.

"The Modoc War had broken out and my father was right in the battle, being shot at, right out in the rocks and the Lava Beds. So, they were a bit worried about my mother being up
there in the mountains in the raw. They were afraid that the Indians would get her, you know. So a younger brother, Captain Oliver Applegate—that wore the whiskers—put mother on a horse. He had another horse, and he made a sling with a little checked shawl that he put over his shoulder, put the baby in it, and started out with my mother to escape from the Indians. They came down that bluff on the Upper Lake on the diagonal trail that comes down there. And my father, while his brother was rescuing his wife and baby, he was off with some other man gathering up the dead bodies of the settlers that were murdered in the valley."

After the Modoc War, Ivan moved his family to Yonna Valley about a mile from Dairy. They built a big, comfortable log cabin with a large fireplace. The big double beds were homemade. The chairs all had hide bottoms and the tables were all wooden. Mrs. Applegate carefully papered dry goods boxes for cupboards. Then to make the home more comfortable, she sewed together unbleached muslin which was stretched out to make the ceiling of the cabin. The wood rats managed to get in under the roof and would run across the muslin ceiling. Ivan would wait until the rats got right under a beam before taking his boot and hitting it. Then he would cut a hole in the muslin in order to pull the body through.

One winter it was terribly cold and got down to 40° below zero. The kitchen was in a shed with two steps leading down into it. The cracks had been battened but still it was so cold that when Alice's mother tried to cook breakfast on the old wood stove, she had to wear fleece-lined overshoes, a hood and her coat. There was no lard in those days, just the tallow from the beef they butchered. Mrs. Applegate told her daughter that "the tallow would really get hard on top of the meat pie on the stove and she'd turn it over repeatedly until it was cooked." That was a cold, cold winter.

When it neared the time for another baby (Eda) to be born, Ivan took them to Ashland in a wagon as there was no doctor in Klamath Falls.

Margaret Applegate was a teacher as was her mother, plus Ivan had also taught for awhile in the Umpqua Valley. It was natural for them to want their children to get a good education. There was no school in the Dairy area yet so Ivan built a little school-house out in the yard and hired a private teacher.

Their next child was a son, the one and only boy, named Moray, born August 6, 1876 in Alkali Valley (Yonna Valley).

Around 1880 Ivan Applegate bought property in Klamath Falls on Link River and built a home by a bubbling spring (Conger Avenue). The school was at the other end of town and Alice and Eda walked about a mile to get there. The family moved back and forth between the ranch and Klamath Falls. Winters were spent in town and summers on the ranch. 1880 was also the year that Lena was born. (Jessie was born in 1883.)

"And as they said, statistics showed that that is the coldest winter up to this year,1880. And my father and his brother, of course, were partners in the stock business. And that winter—that hard winter—all the hay they had was just wild tule hay, and of course they used up all they had and turned the stock out in April. And there come a terrible blizzard. And the stock, of course, were weak eating the spring grass. They lost 800 head of cattle. Broke them up, nearly. And they had to destroy stock to save the milk cows. It was terrible. I'll never forget it because I was eight years old. And then my father had to come here to the Willamette Valley and buy yearlings and start all over. Went up there and drove them, clear out there and started again."

Alice remembered that one of her first teachers was H. E. Armstrong who later was president of the Armstrong College in Portland. She still had the card given to her by Mr. Armstrong for being the Champion Speller of the primary class.

A school was finally built in Dairy and Alice said it was set in the middle of an alkali dust pile. She thought it was about a mile from their ranch. Alice remembered when a new teacher came she wouldn't know in what grade to put the children so she would examine the
books and start them at the place where the books were clean. This was the same school-house where Alice taught in about 1895 after receiving a 3rd grade certificate in her Junior year at Monmouth College. She said, "and there were wonderful whirlwinds that just came up, my they were beautiful. I just opened both doors, one at each end. The whirlwind would go through and took all the dust and papers and everything. It didn't need a janitor!"

[Moray, her brother, taught at the Gap School (Olene) at the same time.]

The school in Klamath Falls had about four teachers and only taught to the eighth grade. There was no high school at that time. Alice stated that "of course when I finished the Klamath Falls school, why, I hadn't graduated from anything. Just had gone as long as the book was clean. Until the book was probably worn out." Alice continued,"the first school that was taught at all in Klamath Falls was taught by my grandmother—my mother's mother. And she went to school and took her baby in the buggy with her, and taught the first school in Klamath Falls."

"My sister and brother and I were well trained in the common subjects—Readin', Writin' and 'Rithmetic." So they went to Monmouth. Since they had no diplomas to show, the professors started them with sub-normal work to review it all. They started at the bottom and finished through their senior year in just three years. Upon graduation Alice was immediately hired as a teacher in the State Normal School at Monmouth where she continued to teach until 1899 when she then went to Ashland and was principal of the Teacher Training Department at that Normal School.

Another memory was about a trip to Lakeview to teach. It was on December 7th and she went by stage. "The road was not graveled or anything." The stage was a hack with a frame with no top to it and pulled by two horses. There was no protection from the falling snow and she was soon covered with a blanket of snow. It took all day to get as far as Bly. In fact it was midnight when they arrived. They were hungry and tired but their appetites were not to be appeased. The bacon was old and rancid, the biscuits were yellow and even the tea was unpalatable because the tea kettle had been burned.

A new rig was readied. It was a two seated buckboard with no top "and nothing underneath either". This driver was a little Dutchman who never uttered a word. Alice sat in the back seat wrapped in a blanket. They had to travel over Devil's Garden which was nothing but rocks. At times Alice couldn't even keep the blanket over her knees. Upon arrival Alice taught a grade in the school for the rest of the winter. After that according to the Klamath Republican, August 4, 1902.....Miss Alice Applegate has accepted a position at the Plevna School four miles from town on the Ashland road near the Stearns Ranch.

Alice was Assistant Principal to John G. Swan in a small public High School which was held in a large upstairs room in the old wooden City Hall (or Town Hall) before the new County High School was built.

In 1903 Alice had planned to go to the Philippines but her sister Eda who was just 14 months younger, got typhoid fever. They moved her to the Applegate home where she lay for many weeks. The doctor couldn't find a cure for her. Eda passed away leaving her husband Joseph Pierce and small son, Albert.

A new county High School was organized in Klamath Falls and the board consisted of the County Judge, the Commissioners and the County Superintendent. This was 1904 and Alice joined them to help in the selection of the new site for the High School. The site chosen was on the hill between 6th and 5th and High Streets. An Indian lady called "Glass Eye" had to move her camp because of this selection. Alice said the Indian lady had an interesting history and made her living by doing washings at different homes and walking many miles from one home to another. Alice taught in the new High School for 4 years.

Then in the spring of 1909 after school was out, Alice was invited to visit her Aunt Alice Applegate Sargent and Uncle Bert in Washington D.C. Her uncle was Colonel in the Army War College. The soldiers were going on maneuvers to Gettysburg and Alice enjoyed walking all over the fields at Gettysburg in her pretty new white dress with her Aunt. The three of
them had their picture taken together while sitting under a monument of some great general on the field of Gettysburg. She couldn't recall which general, however.

Before starting home, Alice decided she wanted to see some of New York City. She went to a nice hotel across from the Flatiron Building and got a nice room for the night without a reservation. The next morning however, when she went into the bathroom she discovered to her dismay that she had been put in a room where the bathroom was the connection to another bedroom. A man was in the bathroom and both he and Alice were very mad and upset with this situation. It didn't take long for the hotel to get Alice moved. The clerk in the office at the time had lived in Portland, Oregon and knew Alice's father and her family.

That adventure was not enough. Alice decided to go to Boston to see some of the historical sites there. She stayed in a hotel right across from the Park Gardens. Returning home she traveled by Canadian Pacific through Seattle, Washington to see the Fair of 1909.

It was after she had returned home that Alice once again met Mr. Emil Peil, an Ashland business man. She had known him since teaching at the Normal School in Ashland. Romance blossomed and they were married in 1910 and Alice moved to Ashland with her new husband. They did not have children of their own but upon the death of Moray's wife, his daughter Alicia came to live with them.

Alice Applegate Peil died at the Rogue Valley Manor in Medford in 1968 at the age of ninety-six. Funeral services were held in Ashland.

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by Mae Smith
Volunteers are the life blood of the County Museum System. Without them the Museums would be closed for lack of employees to do the many jobs required to make them the attraction they are.

Sue Eberlein and Sharon Whitwer are two such people and the Baldwin Hotel Museum is extremely fortunate to have these dedicated, artistic, hardworking ladies donate hundreds of hours to this "Labor of Love".

Susan Paddock Eberlein was born in Klamath Falls, attended Fairview Elementary and graduated from Klamath Union High in 1963. She attended college at Lewis and Clark in Portland before switching to the University of Oregon after an accident. Her major was History and Business but she enjoyed studying French, German and Russian too. (She says "Don't ask me to speak any of it now though"). After graduating in 1965 she returned to Klamath Falls where she started the Basin Moving and Storage Co.

In 1967 Susan and Neil Eberlein were married. They have a daughter, Laura, sixteen and a son, Steven, eleven.

Sue loves to read and do needlepoint and other handwork. She indulges her love of history by volunteering at the Baldwin Hotel Museum.

Susan's partner is restoring history is Sharon Williams Whitwer and what a couple they make!

Sharon was born in Eugene, Oregon but moved to Klamath Falls with her family and attended Roosevelt Elementary. She graduated from K.U. in 1949 then returned to Eugene to attend the University of Oregon where she majored in History. She taught in Springfield, Oregon after graduation.

It was while in college that Sharon and Don Whitwer met. They have now been married 35 years. Sharon and Don and young son, Richard, moved to Klamath Falls in 1957 and Don has been an instructor at O. I. T. ever since. The younger son, Scott, was born in Klamath Falls.

Sharon is interested in History, walking, camping, reading and working at the Baldwin.

Both Sue and Sharon enjoy decorating the Baldwin for the Christmas party and Open House in the spring. They have spent many hours recreating a Dry-Goods Store and the General Store for visitors to view this summer. They are working hard and fast to finish projects in time for the June Open House... (which was held June 3rd.) And should you see two Victorian Ladies dressed in the fashion of the 1900's visiting the Roosevelt School or the Library to explain the traditions, etiquette and artifacts of the Victorian age, you can smile and say "hello" to Susan and Sharon as they go about another of their projects.

---by Mae Smith---

APPLEGATES WHO TAUGHT
IN THE EARLY COUNTRY SCHOOLS OF THE COUNTY
IN THE LATE 1890's AND EARLY 1900's SUCH
AS SHAN LAKE, DAIRY, OLENE, AGENCY, KENO,
PLEVNA, MERRILL ETC.

ELMER APPLEGATE
ALICE APPLEGATE (PEIL)
EDNA APPLEGATE
FRED APPLEGATE
MORAY APPLEGATE
ANNA (ANNE) APPLEGATE
BESSIE APPLEGATE
EVELYN APPLEGATE
ESTHER APPLEGATE
RACHEL APPLEGATE
IONA APPLEGATE

Prominent in the City School System were:

ALICE APPLEGATE (PEIL)
RACHEL APPLEGATE (SWAN)

---Research by Janis Kafton---

DAIRY SCHOOL
MUSEUM HAPPENINGS:

The Applegate display will be shown through August at the County Museum. Plan time to see this artistic and informative exhibit which features artifacts from the Applegate family, paintings depicting events from their lives, and some items on loan which tell about the Applegates who lived in Swan Lake and Klamath Country. Shannon's book, SKOOKUM is available in the Gift Shop and prints of the painting, FAMILY PARTY IN WINTER, by Susan Applegate.

Two Saturdays this month, June 17th and 24th, the Cascade Woodcrafters will be demonstrating in the museum lobby. The 17th will be wood carving and the 24th will be demonstrations of the scroll saw and band saw.

Watch the newspaper for an HISTORICAL HAPPENING at the Baldwin Museum during the last two weeks in July. There will be dramatic readings (historical), music, drama, and other exciting entertainment.

Then, August 25th, 26th & 27th the Quilters will be having their annual QUILT SHOW at the Baldwin. Tickets are already on sale for a chance to win a beautiful hand-made quilt. This always benefits the museum! The Coloring Book was financed by the Quilter's donation as well as the new Video at the Baldwin!

Pat McMillan

LOCAL COMING EVENTS:

July 30.....Sunday....
Annual FRIENDS OF COLLIER PARK MUSEUM BAR-B-Q
Tickets available from
Cora Rogers.....783-2458

August 27.....Sunday...
ART WALK-----Watch Herald & News for details
MUSEUM will be showing the REMBRANDT ETCHINGS......