



Artifacts

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Celebrate with Us; It's Women's History Month

Women have made their mark throughout southern Oregon's history. This month the Society recognizes the efforts of women in honor of Women's History Month. Below are just a few outstanding achievements in the history of southern Oregon's women.

In Ashland's early days, Ann Hill Russell and a group of women formed what may have been Oregon's first "sit-in" when a saloon opened downtown. The women placed their rocking chairs in front of the saloon, blocking the door, and knitted. During the three-day sit-in no man dared enter the saloon. At last the saloon owner came out and proclaimed, "All right, ladies, you win," and moved the saloon to Medford.

In 1914, two years after women received the right to vote in Oregon, Marian Towne of Phoenix became the first woman elected to the Oregon Legislature, and the second woman in the U.S. elected to a state legislative office. Rather than speaking publicly, Marian campaigned door-to-door, meeting her constituency in person.

Vetabelle Phillips Carter was the granddaughter of Ashland and Talent pioneers, and an Ashland High School graduate. After marrying Fred Carter, a traffic engineer, and moving to San Francisco, Vetabelle became intrigued with traffic control. As a result, she invented a traffic light. She became one of the few recognized women inventors in the country during the 1900s.

These are only a few of the many intriguing women in southern Oregon's history who made a difference in the lives of women today. To learn more, attend one of the special programs offered this month (see inside).



Vetabelle with her version of the traffic light.

Gun Collection Stories Unfold

Since last summer, Society volunteer Bill Powell, has been inventorying and cataloging the Society's collection of 19th and 20th century firearms. The bulk of the collection has been on exhibit in the Jacksonville Museum for more than 40 years; others remain in storage.

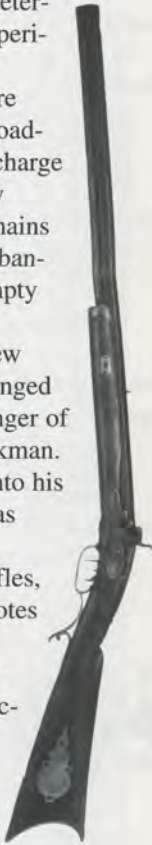
Powell examined each of the 159 pieces by taking overall measurements, checking bore diameters and comparing markings and other features against standard references in firearms literature. Powell has identified specific models and determined, where possible, the dates of manufacture and periods of probable use.

Although each firearm has a story to tell, some are more unusual than others. For example, one muzzle-loading shotgun has a burst left barrel, with the oxidized charge shot — loaded sometime in the last century — visibly lodged in the split-open barrel. The right barrel remains loaded, probably because the user was too busy bandaging his bleeding left hand to remember to empty the gun.

Other firearms have a specific local history. A few were used in the 1870s Modoc War. Others belonged to area residents, including a cased pair of Deringer of Philadelphia pocket pistols, owned by C.C. Beekman. It is easy to imagine Mr. Beekman slipping one into his vest pocket "for insurance" on days when gold was being shipped from his Jacksonville bank.

The collection also includes hard-used hunting rifles, some of which came to the Society with cryptic notes such as, "This gun killed many deer."

Powell's hours of review and research have given the Society a database of the firearms collection. This valuable information serves as a basis for future exhibits and articles, as well as a tool to help us answer the public's questions about the collection.



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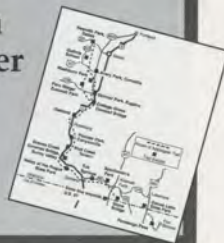
Families invited to Children's Heritage Fair Family Day, Saturday, March 22.



Mystery object from the Society's collections. What's your guess?



Spring fever? Explore the High Road and discover the Applegate Trail.



Programs

Activities at Your Historical Society

March 1

The Women of Hanley Farm Presentation

March 5

Mark Twain Short Story and Film Discussion

March 6

The History of Buttons

March 7

High Tech Genealogy

March 15

Genealogy Fair

March 22

The Life and Times of Dorland Robinson

March 27

Sherwood Anderson Short Story and Film Discussion

Coming in April

April 10

Susan B. Anthony Presentation

April 12 & 19

Archaeology at Hanley Farm

Celebrate Women's History Month

The Southern Oregon Historical Society honors women during National Women's History Month with a variety of special programs.

• Saturday, March 1, the Society presents "The Women of Hanley Farm" at the U.S. Hotel in Jacksonville beginning at 1:00 P.M. This free program explores the legacy left by the Hanley sisters through the artifacts and documents they left behind. Space is limited; preregister by calling 773-6536.

• Thursday, March 6, at 2:00 P.M., "Button Up" will be presented by the Southern Oregon Antiques and Collectibles Club in conjunction with *Three Aspects of Women's Lives*, on display in the Community Collects Gallery at the History Center. During this free program button samples will show the diversity of types and materials used while revealing the history of buttons. Bring your buttons to be identified. Please call 773-6536 to preregister.

• Saturday, March 22, at 1:30 P.M., a slide presentation will be given at the Jacksonville Museum, depicting the tragically short career of local artist Regina Dorland Robinson. This free presentation supplements the artist's works now on display at the Jacksonville Museum. Call 773-6536 to preregister.

"Ancestors" High Tech Help and Genealogy Fair

• Friday, March 7, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., learn the ins and outs of computers, the internet, and genealogy at the SOSOC Computer Lab. Call 779-0808 for more details.

• Saturday, March 15, the Society and many of the organizations participating in the "Ancestors" workshops will be on hand answering questions; featuring displays; presenting programs; and providing computers, the internet, and genealogy software demonstrations at the Southern Oregon Genealogy Fair. Visit the Smullin Center, 2825 Barnett Road, Medford, from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for many special activities, resource materials, door prizes, refreshments, and a wealth of information. Call 773-6536 for more information.

Families Invited to Spring Children's Heritage Fair

Families are invited to gather at the Jacksonville and Children's museums on Saturday, March 22, from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. This free, annual event is the chance for families to explore communities and life-ways of the early pioneers and Native Americans through hands-on activities including apple peeling, gold panning, Indian bracelet making and much more.



Films Continue

Don't miss the March films and short stories at the History Center, 106 N. Central, Medford. Join the Society and Southern Oregon State College for this month's featured films:

• March 5, 2:00 P.M.

Mark Twain's "The Man that Corrupted Hadleyville" and

• March 27, 2:00 P.M.

Sherwood Anderson's "I'm a Fool."

Copies of the short stories are available for \$3 at the History Center prior to each program; the programs are free. Call 773-6536 to preregister.

These programs supplement *Language of the Land* — now on display at the History Center.

Collection's Mystery Object

The response has been overwhelming to February's Mystery Object. Thanks to everyone who participated — we hope you enjoyed our new feature column. Watch for the February winner's name to be announced in the April issue.

Now for the answer to February's Mystery Object: "Security Auto Theft Signal." The theft signal was designed to lock around the tire and rim of the right front wheel. The label on the theft signal reads "A \$100 Reward." The artifact was found by a highway construction crew near an old wrecked car on the Siskiyou.

Clues for March! This 3" x 4" sandalwood case inlaid with ivory was used by a woman in the early 1900s to help her arrange visits to meet friends, as well as strangers. Do you know what this special object is? A winner will be drawn from all correct answers received by March 26. Winner will receive \$5 in "Applegate Trail Script" good towards any Society purchase.

Send your ideas on a 3" x 5" card with your name, address, and phone number to: Collection's Mystery Object, Southern Oregon Historical Society, 106 N. Central, Medford, OR 97501. Watch for the answer in next month's *Artifacts*.



March 22

Children's Heritage Fair Family Day

Call 773-6536 for complete details.



History Happenings



Foundation Creates - the Heritage Circle

Acknowledging that a secure and sound financial base is the key for the future of the Society for the next 50 years, the Board of Directors of the Southern Oregon Historical Society Foundation have voted to focus their energies on building a substantial endowment fund. Knowing that they will need the assistance of the many members of the Society, they have also voted to form a new association dedicated to accepting this challenge — the Heritage Circle.

To become a charter member of the Heritage Circle all you need to do is make a bequest to the Society, or the Foundation, through your will. A generous, tax-advantaged gift through your estate will help build an endowment fund which will preserve and protect the investment so many of you have made in the Society through the years.

Members of the Heritage Circle will receive a special Heritage Circle pin to wear to Society events; be our guests at an annual brunch; enjoy special seating at Society events; be invited to an exclusive Curator's Tour; and your name will be entered on the Society's Major Donor Board.

If you would like to learn more about membership in the Heritage Circle please call Jerry Price, development director, at 773-6536. We will be pleased to send you additional information.

Arnold Appointed to Vacancy



At the January 8, 1997, Board of Trustees meeting, Vern Arnold of Medford was appointed to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of J.B. Roberts. Arnold was first elected to the Board in 1989 and served six years. He is a retired teacher and former president-CEO of Rogue Federal Credit Union. Arnold has lived in southern Oregon his entire life. He currently is a member of Medford Rogue Rotary Club, Rogue Flyfishers, Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, and is a lifetime member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Arnold will serve on the Board Finance and Long Range Planning committees.

Handcrafted from oak and black walnut trees salvaged from the historic Hanley Farm.



The History Store
106 N. Central, Medford

Watch for the History Store's
NEW Jacksonville location
opening this summer!



This fine checkerboard and
a variety of traditional games
are available exclusively at
the History Store.

Our Mission:

The Southern Oregon Historical Society collects and preserves objects relating to the scope and diversity of human experience in Jackson County and the southern Oregon region. Through its interpretive programs, collections, and publications, the Society strives to generate an appreciation of regional history for present and future generations.

Museums, Sites, and Exhibits

For information, call (541) 773-6536

- **Southern Oregon History Center**, 106 N. Central Ave., Medford. Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saturday from NOON to 5:00 P.M.
- **Research Library**, 106 N. Central Ave., Medford. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.
- **The History Store**, At the History Center. Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Saturday, NOON to 5:00 P.M.
- **Jacksonville Museum of Southern Oregon History**, 206 N. Fifth St., Jacksonville. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.; Sunday, NOON to 5 P.M.
- **Children's Museum**, 206 N. Fifth St., Jacksonville. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.; Sunday, NOON to 5 P.M.
- **C.C. Beekman House**, California and Laurelwood streets, Jacksonville. Closed for season.
- **U.S. Hotel**, Third and California streets, Jacksonville. The Hotel's upstairs and downstairs rooms are available for rental by community groups for a nominal fee. Call Susan Cox-Smith, (541) 773-6536 for scheduling.

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Fishing has always been a popular Rogue Valley pastime. Pictured here a large group poses with their gear, which ranges from the latest in fly casting rods to willow sticks with string tied to the end.
SOUTHERN OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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March 1997

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | <p>Did you know electric street lights were installed in Phoenix on March 10, 1910?</p> | | | | <p>1 The Women of Hanley Farm Presentation 1:00 P.M., U.S. Hotel Dorland Robinson: Part 2 Exhibit Opens Jacksonville Museum</p> |
| <p>2 Construction began on the "yardstick house" of the veterans housing project on a lot at Dakota and Grants streets, Medford (1946).</p> | <p>3 Articles in the <i>Mail Tribune</i> debated whether rubbing St. Jacob's Liniment on ones "tender spots" can cure rheumatism (1919).</p> | <p>4 The first pre-fabricated home in southern Oregon opened for public inspection at 101 South Modoc Ave., Medford (1956).</p> | <p>5 Mark Twain Film & Discussion 2:00 P.M. History Center</p> | <p>6 Button Up — The History of Buttons 2:00 P.M. History Center</p> | <p>7 High Tech Genealogy 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. SOSC Computer Lab</p> | <p>8 The formal opening of the Buckhorn Mineral Springs Resort was planned. The resort included mineral water and carbon dioxide gas vapor baths (1936).</p> |
| <p>9 The <i>Mail Tribune</i> stopped accepting new subscriptions as newsprint shortages became chronic (1945).</p> | <p>10 Mary Love Hanely, 92, dies. Hanely donated her family farm, The Willows, to the Southern Oregon Historical Society as a "living museum" (1986).</p> | <p>11 The first outboard motor races ever to be held on the Emmigrant Lake Course was announced (1936).</p> | <p>12 A Medford high school boy was robbed of \$11 and his trousers at gunpoint by "auto bandits" in a buick six (1925).</p> | <p>13 Miner, Baker, Furniture Maker Construction Tour 10:30 A.M. Jacksonville Museum</p> | <p>14 Ashland's new and second fire station, located on Oregon 66 at Sherwood Street, was activated (1966).</p> | <p>15 Southern Oregon Genealogy Fair 11:00 - 4:00 P.M. Smullin Center, Medford</p> |
| <p>16 Under a new lease, an old mine at the peak of Gold Hill was once again yielding the precious metal (1927).</p> | <p>17 Don Lowe and Charles Dunford of Little Applegate claimed 5 of the 6 "wild" horses rounded up in the Applegate area (1936).</p> | <p>18 Tule Lake Relocation Center, wartime home of nearly 30,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, closed (1946).</p> | <p>19 Construction began on a trolley line along a two-and-a-half mile scenic route from Medford's Siskiyou Heights along Main Street to the city's reservoir (1914).</p> | <p>20 Twelve inches of snow fell on Jacksonville Hill; Roxy Ann Butte received fifteen inches of the white stuff (1935).</p> | <p>21 Work began in Medford to widen the Barnett Road I-5 overpass from two to four lanes (1975).</p> | <p>22 The Life & Times of Dorland Robinson 1:30 P.M., Jacksonville Museum Children's Heritage Fair Family Day, 1:00 P.M. Jacksonville Museum</p> |
| <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25 "Ship of Fools" was playing at Lithia Drive-In. The Starlite Drive-In was showing "The Comancheros," and "The Searchers" (1966).</p> | <p>26 Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m. History Center</p> | <p>27 Sherwood Anderson Film & Discussion 2:00 P.M. History Center</p> | <p>28 Two antique beveled glass and wood doors from Ashland Branch Library, built in 1912, were auctioned. The new doors met new safety glass requirements (1976).</p> | <p>29 The Jackson County Health Department urged a mass immunization for smallpox after outbreaks in San Francisco and Seattle (1946).</p> |
| <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> | | | | | |

MEET THE CANDIDATES

The following seven candidates were nominated by the Society's Board of Trustees for election to the Board. The slate includes incumbents Lawson Inada, Ann Moore, and Alice Mullaly, plus Allen Alsing, Joyce Hailicka, Jeffrey Nafie, and Marjorie Overland. The candidates are running for three-year terms which begin July 1, 1997.

Ballots will be mailed to members May 13, and must be returned (and post-marked) no later than June 5, 1997. Please review each candidate and exercise your right to vote. Other Society members may be nominated for the Board election by submitting a petition having a minimum of fifteen signatures of members in good standing as of May 5. Petitions will be available April 16 and must be returned no later than May 5 for consideration in this election. Contact Membership Coordinator Susan Cox-Smith at (541) 773-6536 if you have questions.

Allen Alsing, Ashland

Al Alsing has been a resident of Ashland for 45 years. He received a B.S.



in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University and is a former Ashland Director of Public Works and City Engineer. Alsing is a commissioner on the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (pastchairman); present chairman of the

Ashland Parks Foundation; director and present treasurer of the Oregon Aviation Museum; member and past chairman of the Oregon Institute of Technology Engineering Curriculum Advisory Committee; past board member, past secretary and present president of Red Coat Volunteers for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival Association; present treasurer of the Ashland Airport Association; and past board member and past chairman of the Ashland Airport Commission. Alsing most recently assisted the Society by leading the fundraising effort for the Simpson-DeHaven glass plate negative restoration project. *Our historical inheritance is a treasure which must be preserved to help future generations understand their past and connect it with their future. Southern*

Oregon is fortunate to have citizens who have committed public and private funds toward the conservation of its rich history. Numerous members of our communities have helped to guide the Society. I recently worked with the Society staff in fundraising for the preservation of a collection of historic glass negatives, and understand the effort required to make the Society a success. I am willing to contribute to that effort. History is interesting and enlightening. It is also fun.

Joyce Hailicka, Butte Falls

Joyce Hailicka has been a resident of southern Oregon for the past ten years. She attended the University of California at



Riverside, Cal Poly State University, and Riverside Community College due to her strong interest in the humanities. Hailicka is an avid grant writer, consultant, and economic development specialist. In 1989, Hailicka began work-

ing on one of the first Strategic Plans in Oregon for rural communities. In partnership with the Oregon Economic Development Department and the Town of Butte Falls, she helped draft a plan which was used as a model by over 63 communities throughout Oregon. As the founder and chairperson of the Butte Falls Economic Development Commission, she assisted in bringing a new library and two museums to this town of 350 people. These and numerous other community involvements led to a National Leadership Award for Rural Diversification and the Medford "Oregon Spirit Award". *I have 'high hopes' for the Southern Oregon Historical Society. The Society's role in promoting and encouraging an understanding and appreciation of the history of Jackson County is vital to the economy and preservation of the rich historical resources unique to our region. First, history is big business in Oregon according to the Oregon Department of Tourism, with nearly 50% of tourists visiting places of historical interest, including sites and museums. 'Tourist Traps' are a 'dime a dozen'; however quality historic resources which are part of our legacy are valuable in providing historical character*

and interest. They provide a sense of difference that cannot be replicated elsewhere. And secondly, people with skill and imagination are essential resources to carry out the vision of what the Southern Oregon Historical Society can become. My interest in history far exceeds my memberships in organizations and my involvement in the community. It has something to do with 'soul'. With all the new growth and development (and natural catastrophe) we stand to lose bits and pieces of our historic resources. Although the occasion of these events becomes our history, they should also serve as a wake-up call that we are the keepers of history and the leaders of change.

Lawson F. Inada, Ashland

Lawson Inada was appointed to the Board December 1995 and is a candidate



for reelection. Inada is a Professor of English at Southern Oregon State College and has been a resident of the area for 30 years. He received a B.A. in English from Fresno State University and a M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the

University of Oregon. Inada currently serves on the Board of Directors for KSYS-TV and on the Board for the Friends of Ashland Public Library. Inada has served on the following Society Board committees: Long Range Planning, Bylaws, and chairman of the Ashland Presence Select Committee.

Since history is continually being made, and since our very views of history are subject to change, the Southern Oregon Historical Society has to be both traditional and flexible, both with the times and ahead of the times. I look forward to the challenge.

Ann Moore, Medford



Ann Moore was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1995 and is a candidate for reelection. She is a graduate of Oregon State University and a retired educator. A resident of the area for

almost 30 years, Moore is a community volunteer who enjoys getting people excited about projects and seeing such projects accomplished. She is involved in the American Association of University Women, Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Britt Music Festivals as well as the following volunteer work for children: S.M.A.R.T., CASA, and the Children's Festival. Moore is currently the first vice-president of the Board of Trustees, has chaired the Bylaws Committee for the past two years, and is also a member of the Development Committee.

I am seeking a second term as a Southern Oregon Historical Society trustee and currently serve as first vice president. I was on the Applegate Trail Sesquicentennial Committee for Jackson County, served as a judge for Oregon's National History Day competition for middle and high school students, and have gathered oral histories. By bringing history to life we can touch, smell, feel, and imagine how things were in the old days. We can educate ourselves about what worked and what didn't and build on the good without repeating the bad. As we plan our future, it is essential to reflect on our history.

Alice Mullaly, Central Point

Elected to the Board of Trustees in 1995, Alice Mullaly is a candidate for reelection. She has served as Board treasurer and chairman of the Finance Committee the past two years as well as serving on the Hanley Farm Select Committee. Mullaly received a B.A. from Oregon State University and a M.A. from Stanford University. She is a mathematics instructor at Southern Oregon State College and has been a resident of the area for over 30 years. For the past seven years, Mullaly has volunteered in the Society's Beekman Living History Program. She was a parent volunteer in classes for 12 years for District 6 schools, worked on election campaigns and for the Crater High Site Committee, and for the Southern Oregon Math League, she co-directed five high school math contests for more than 2000 students from 17 schools.

Understanding our personal and collective history is essential for young peo-

ple, community leaders, and all of us to make wise decisions. My great-grandparents came here on the Oregon Trail. Every generation of my family has been public-spirited. These ancestors led me to serve on the board of the Southern Oregon Historical Society. As an incumbent, I recognize the importance of maintaining the fiscal integrity of the organization in uncertain times. In this way, the Society's mission of collecting, preserving, and interpreting our historical heritage can be achieved.

Jeffrey H. Nafie, Central Point

Jeff Nafie has been a social studies teacher at Crater High School since 1978. He has lived in the area for 18 years.



Nafie received his B.S. in Education (history major) from the University of Nevada, Reno; M.S. in Education, Southern Oregon State College, and was an Educational Testing Service Consultant (reader) for the Advanced Placement U.S. History Exam from 1993-1996. Community involvement includes serving on the Jackson County Education Service District Social Studies Textbook Narrowing Task Force; Oregon Department of Education Certificate of Initial Mastery Revision Committee; and coaching 5th and 6th grade girls' basketball and 3rd and 4th grade boys' football for the Junior Comet Sports Youth League. In 1993 Nafie received the Oregon Social Studies Teacher of the Year award and the Milken National Educator Award.

We live in a society that often views history as the irrelevant actions of people long dead. Regrettably, this view is often nurtured by the way history is taught. Really, the teaching of regional history is the task our trustees so efficiently oversee. The Southern Oregon Historical Society, through people and programs, is the key player in the presentation of relationships between present and past. Our community profits from an awareness and understanding of our ancestors. Moreover, there is often no literary or media substitute for 'standing in the ancient field' and experiencing history on-site. Thus, our society preserves physical history, encourages popular interest, and then, interprets so that we learn what our ancestors felt and

we discern why they behaved as they did and why we act as we do. Southern Oregon Historical Society trustees have an exciting mandate. As a member of the Board of Trustees, I would be cognizant of an educational responsibility to our community — history is not dead and we are all life-long learners.

Marjorie Overland, Medford

Marjorie Overland is the development director of the Southern Oregon Drug Awareness Program. She has been an area resident for 17 years and received a B.A. in history from Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota. Overland is currently serving on the board of directors of the Craterian Performances Company and is a member of the Gold



Diggers' Guild of the Southern Oregon Historical Society. She is past president of KSYS public television Medford Storytelling Guild; past director of the Children's Festival; former volunteer in Medford schools, including four years as parent representative on the South Medford High School Site Council; 1996 chairperson of the Britt Bash; former member of the Jackson County Library Advisory Committee; and in 1984, chairperson of the Library Levy Committee.

In this era of doing more with less, it is essential that members of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Oregon Historical Society bring innovation, creativity and unflagging industry to the mission of the Society. Our region is a unique treasure — not only for its stunning beauty, but also for its fascinating history. The collections, publications and interpretive programs provided by the Society are a wonderful link to that history. The challenge over the next few years will be to continue to protect and promote our historical treasures, and also to find new ways to share them with the public, so that all of our citizens, and particularly our young people, will appreciate them.



Hooked on History



Southern Oregon Historical Society
Newsletter for Youth Historians

March 1997



CRAFT OF THE MONTH

THAUMATROPE

All month during
museum hours
Children's Museum
Families, all ages
no fee

NEWSLETTER REPORTERS

Friday, March 7
4:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Jacksonville Museum
Ages 7 and up
No fee
541-773-6536

Write, draw, or create puzzles
for the *Hooked on History* newslet-
ter. Upcoming topics include toys
and games, archaeology, pranks
and more. Please sign up for each
month's meeting.

Hours:

- JACKSONVILLE MUSEUMS •
10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Wed.-Sat.;
12:00 to 5:00 P.M. Sun.
Closed Mon. and Tues.
- HISTORY CENTER •
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Mon-Fri.
12:00 to 5:00 P.M. Sat.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops will resume in
April after Children's
Heritage Fair.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

COME AND BROWSE

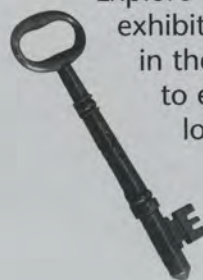
You are invited to come
and check out our new library.
Read a book about advertising,
quilts or pioneers.

DO LAUNDRY

Wash clothes the old-fash-
ioned way by using the wringer
and washboard in the laundry. Try
your hand at using wooden
clothes pins to hang laundry out
to dry.

LOCK YOURSELF UP

Did you know the Children's
Museum was once a jail?
Explore the upstairs jail
exhibit and lock yourself
in the cell. You can try
to escape if no one is
looking!



SPECIAL EVENTS

CHILDREN'S HERITAGE FAIR

FAMILY DAY

Saturday, March 22

1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Jacksonville museums

All ages

No fee

Find out what 4th graders do
each year during Children's
Heritage Fair. Activities include
hands-on stations exploring early
communities and life ways of the
pioneers and Native Americans.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Miner, Baker, Furniture Maker
is scheduled to open this summer
at the Jacksonville Museum of
Southern Oregon History. Sign up
to tour the exhibit during con-
struction on Thursday, March 13
at 10:30 A.M. No fee.

The Children's Museum is
located on the corner of "C" and 5th
streets in Jacksonville. The first work-
shop fee listed is for youth
historian, family, or grandparent
members; the second fee is for non-
members.

Hooked on History can now be
found inside the Society's *ArtiFACTS*
newsletter each month.



An Ashland Actor

by Charlie Bufalino, age 9

Angus Bowmer, actor, director, and college instructor, started The Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland in 1935. The city built the stage he needed, but they were afraid it wouldn't make enough money. To solve this problem, they held boxing matches in the afternoon, but the plays made more money than the fights! The festival has been running for over 60 years.

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is a repertory theater--a group of actors put on a number of plays each season. This means the actor might play a big part, like a king, in one play and a small part, like a spear carrier, in a different play. So there is no big star. It is a group effort. This is better for actors because it isn't boring, and they get to play lots of roles. Besides actors and directors, others are needed to run the festival such as artists, crafts people, musicians, technicians, welders, stitchers and more.



Oregon Shakespeare Festival photo of the 1935 Elizabethan Theatre.

OCCUPATION WORD SEARCH

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| barber | miner |
| rancher | actor |
| milliner | teacher |
| doctor | banker |
| chef | cowboy |
| clown | cook |
| seamstress | lawyer |
| weaver | blacksmith |
| engineer | wagon master |

Early Teachers

by Molly Piazza, age 10

To become a teacher, a man or woman had to be able to read, write and handle rough students. Most teachers were men. They were called schoolmasters. Female teachers had to be single.



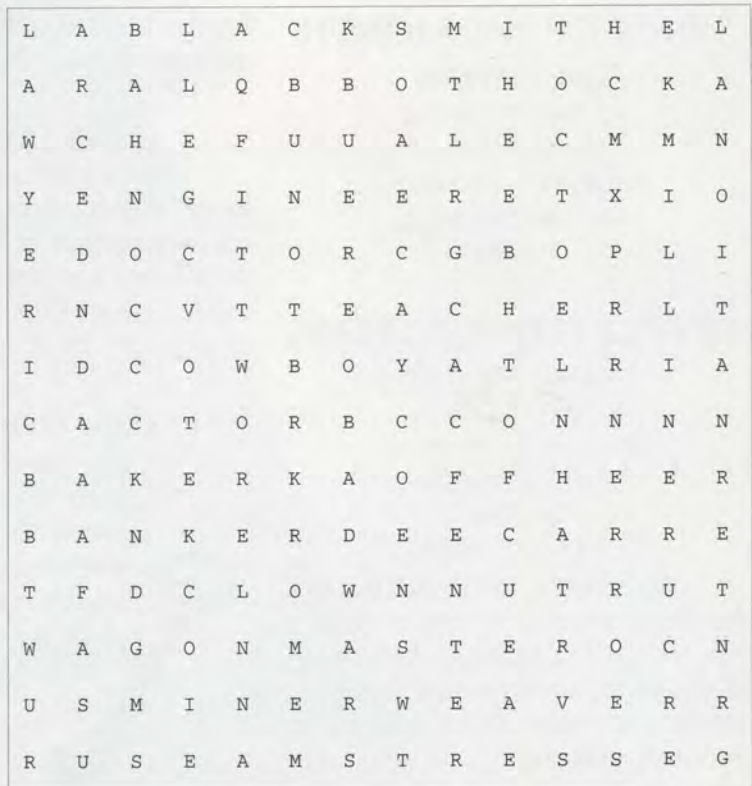
Early teacher instructing students at blackboard.

Once a woman got married, she was not allowed to continue teaching in a school.

When a new teacher arrived in town, he or she was given food and shelter. Every family in the community paid a small amount of money for the

teacher's salary and took turns boarding the teacher. The families that could not pay with money gave the teacher goods such as corn or tobacco.

As you can see, teaching sure has changed!



Articles are written by youth reporters. This month's theme is "Trades and Occupations."



Exhibits

It's Getting Closer...

Come join us for another behind-the-scenes tour of the exciting new exhibit, *Miner, Baker, Furniture Maker* being created at the Jacksonville Museum. The tour this month takes place March 13 at 10:30 A.M. in Jacksonville. Tours are free to Jackson County residents and their guests.

If you have any questions about the exhibit and its construction, feel free to call Exhibits Curator Greta Brunschwyler at 773-6536 for information.

Watch for details of the April construction tour in next month's *ArtiFACTS*.



Justin Earp constructs the frame for a house in *Miner, Baker, Furniture Maker*.

March Exhibits

History Center, Medford

- *Going Places*
- *Language of the Land*
- *Tips for Preserving Heirlooms*
- *Kitchen Gadgets, Handcrafts, & More*
- *Early Minorities of Jackson County*

Jacksonville Museum

- *All Dressed Up*
- *Politics of Culture*
- *Artwork of Dorland Robinson: Part 2*
- *Jacksonville: Boom Town*
- *Hannah: Pioneer Potters*

Children's Museum

- *Hands-on History for All Ages*

U.S. Hotel, Jacksonville

- *Third Street Crafts and Trades*

SOSC, Ashland

- *Hit the Return!*

JJ North's Grand Buffet

- *Faces: Ashland, Central Point, Gold Hill*

Take the High Road!

Shake off your cabin fever, hit the road, and get a taste of local history by visiting the interpretive sites along the Applegate Trail.

The Applegate Trail is...

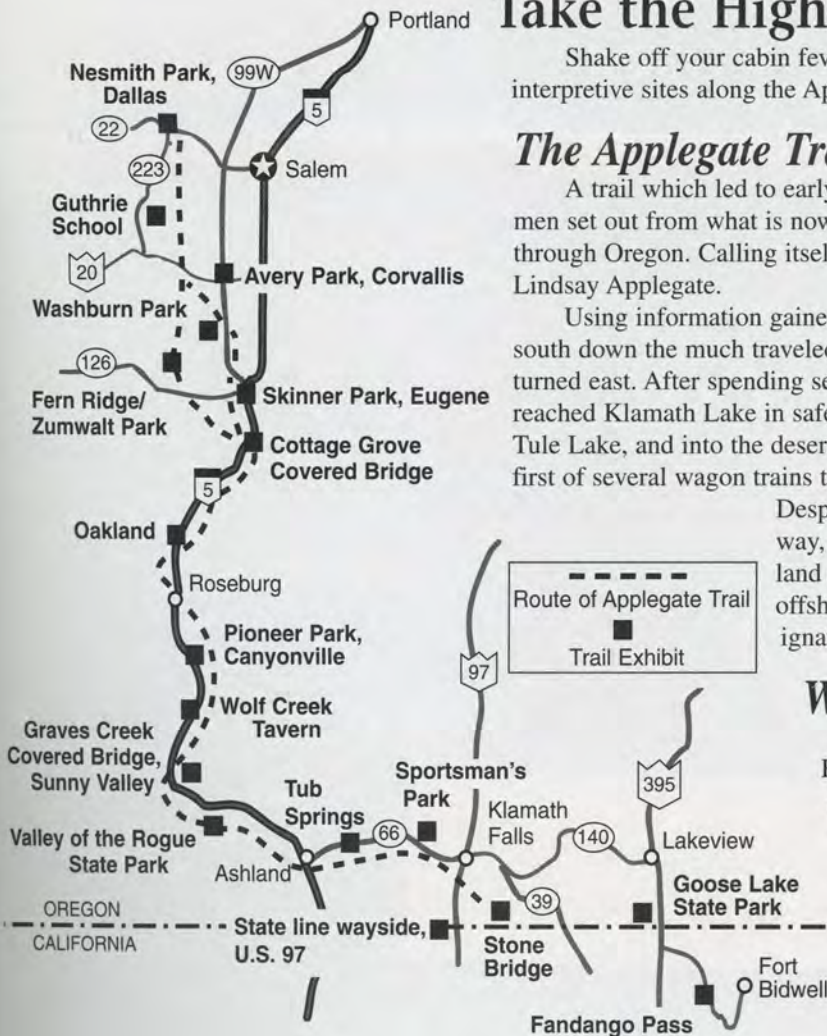
A trail which led to early pioneer settlement in our region. On June 20, 1846, fifteen men set out from what is now known as Polk County to create a southern, overland route through Oregon. Calling itself the "South Road Expedition," the party included Jesse and Lindsay Applegate.

Using information gained from an expedition the month before, the party headed south down the much traveled Trapper's Trail to today's Ashland, where the party then turned east. After spending several days exploring the Cascade Mountains, the party reached Klamath Lake in safety. The crew moved steadily southward and eastward past Tule Lake, and into the deserts of Nevada and Idaho, arriving at Fort Hall in mid-July. The first of several wagon trains to use the trail headed west from Fort Hall shortly thereafter.

Despite the sufferings and hardships they experienced along the way, pioneers noted in diaries and letters an appreciation for the land and their hopes for the future along the Applegate Trail. An offshoot of the California Trail, the Applegate Trail has been designated a National Historic Trail by the U.S. Congress.

Where can I see it?

The Applegate Trail is still used today as Interstate 5 and Highway 66. Eight counties in Oregon have joined together to create outdoor exhibits educating interested travelers about the history of the Trail. Each exhibit is located on, or very close to, the Trail and offers a wonderful sense of the history of the region. The exhibits do not need to be viewed in sequence to understand the story, but if you do choose to tour the sites in sequence, you will really get a thorough and enlightened understanding of some of our predecessors in the region. Further information and maps are available at the Society.



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