

# 'Hanleylands' Garden Noted for Cherries, Lilacs; Other Blossoms, Trees Contribute to Beauty of Area

## Mother and Daughter Take Pride, Pleasure In Extensive Plantings

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Michael Hanley, who arrived in the Rogue valley 100 years ago this summer, may not have been interested in flowers, but on a tract of land which is a part of his original farm on Ross lane is a garden of outstanding beauty.

The garden, a source of great pleasure to scores who have visited Hanleylands this year, was originally planned and planted by Michael Hanley's daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. B. Hanley, and his granddaughter, Mrs. Hanley Heffernan, has added to the plantings in recent years.

### Cherries and Lilacs

The garden is noted particularly for its flowering cherries and lilacs. Mrs. Hanley, an authority on the cherries, selected and planted these throughout the years and there are now about 90 trees. Mrs. Heffernan has concentrated on a collection of lilacs and there are hundreds of these in a wide range of types and colors.

One of the most spectacular sights of Hanleylands is the quarter-mile-long lane of flowering cherries when they are at the peak of bloom. Banked against the flower wall of pink and white cherry blossoms are lilacs, and below these grow irises.

Mrs. Hanley obtained most of her cherry trees from importers who brought the finest stock from China, Japan, Korea and Formosa. Planted in the deep, rich loam of Hanleylands, they have flourished beyond her dreams. Mrs. Hanley knows their common names, their botanical names and even the translations which the poetic orientals give them. When the visitor sees a group of three Fugenzo trees, the blossoms of which are so lovely that they beggar description, Mrs. Hanley explains that this name means "triumph of life over all material things." Mrs. Hanley knows that one should not just linger at a distance and admire—one should stand in under the boughs and look upward in order to realize the real beauty; or do as the orientals do—lie on the ground and contemplate the blossoms outlined against the deep blue sky. To do so is to experience a spiritual uplifting. Also beautiful are the blossoms of another known to the orientals as "laughter of a waterfall."

Names Them All  
As the visitor wanders on Mrs. Hanley names them all—the Sargentii, the Yoshino, one is known as "day break," another as Asaki Mikuruma, another is Cheal's cherry, this is Beni Higan and that is Mt. Fuji, she explains. The trees along the lane are Sekiyama, a variety of the Kwanzon. Intermingled with the cherries are lilacs, flowering crabs and other shrubs and trees. There are several types of magnolias, the grandiflora and the lily and tulip-flowering which are admired by so many gardeners.

There is a bewildering array of lilacs—more than 250 kinds of French hybrids alone, and the choicest known to lilac fanciers. Mrs. Hanley and Mrs. Heffernan have collected most of those developed by the famous French hybridizer, Lemoine. Many of the Prestonia hybrids are in the plantings, and some represent the work of a western woman, the late Hulda Klager of Woodland, Wash., only American woman credited as a breeder of new varieties of lilacs on a commercial scale. Mrs. Hanley and her daughter are always pleased to recommend the Klager strains, for they are known for their hardiness and their adaptability, and having been bred in the west, are most suitable for western gardens. Clark lilacs from San Jose and stock from England, Belgium and Holland are also to be found at Hanleylands.

Some of the varieties in the Hanley gardens were selected for Mrs. Hanley by the late E. O. Case of Vancouver, another recognized lilac authority and fancier. The color variety seems endless—the various shades of white and cream, the lavender and lilac tints, the mauve, the pink, the rose and the purple—all these are to be found.

Single and Double  
Some of the flowers are single and some are the double or multiple petaled type. Even the perfume varies—using a large bouquet in the living room Mrs. Hanley demonstrated how the whites, the lilac, the purple, each has a different perfume. The little known variegated leaf lilac with white bloom is in the collection.

To mention only a few, the collection contains Ami Schott, vestal virgin, Esther Staley, "my favorite" and Longview, the latter two Klager lilacs. Mrs. Klager named her lilacs after persons of her acquaintance or towns in the state of Washington.

Mrs. Hanley explains that lilacs originated in Persia, and one of the old "vulgaris" type is planted in the garden along with the newer and more beautiful kinds developed throughout the years. In some lands the lilac is known as a "fox tail lily," possibly because the plume-like clusters of blossoms resemble

the plume tail of a fox. In the Hanley-Heffernan garden library is a copy of the "lilac bible" by Susan Delano McKelvey, a large, expensive tome which includes a rare color chart showing the precise and exact shades of all the colors. Mrs. Heffernan is in touch with various other lilac fanciers and growers throughout the United States, and some traveling in the west visit Hanleylands to see the collection.

Not Whole Story  
But the cherries, the lilacs and the magnolias are not the whole story. When Mrs. Hanley first began to plan the big garden for Hanleylands, she had behind her years of experience as a gardener and garden club member in Seattle since the E. B. Hanley family lived in that city for many years. The project was discussed with the late Mr. Hanley, and a sum of money designated. The garden was then planned, and the plantings charted. Background plantings of trees—evergreens, maples, chestnuts, and many others were selected to provide a backdrop for the beauty of the smaller trees, and were planted to provide two major axis lines for the garden. Then each area was plotted, the plantings begun and as time went on, the smaller trees, shrubs, bushes, perennials and annuals were used to fill in and round out the picture with artistic effect. Leaf texture, color and size were all considered in selection.

Formal Garden  
There is a formal garden, with geometric plantings of roses balanced with tall, slim evergreens at either end, and a pergola with visteria for accent. There is a long vista of lawn bordered with an artful combination of native and imported material, and magnolias with a graceful garden bench with curving steps. Tucked away in a corner is a large native boulder brought from a nearby hill with a memorial plate dedicated to the husband and father of the two gardeners. It is surrounded with Oregon grape.

One sees pink dogwoods, dozens of iris, vines, including several clematis, and peonies. Also to be found are some of the less common plants and trees—a red (or pink) chestnut tree like those in the famous Kew gardens in England, which Mrs. Hanley has visited; there is a rose from Josephine's garden in Malmaison, France, and a dwarf rose with tiny little flowers, a plant whose ancestors grow in the Alps.

The Clearing  
Last, but not the least, is a little garden, partly fenced with old rails. Mrs. Hanley calls this "the clearing" and in it are planted flowers and shrubs which might have been found in a pioneer Oregon garden. One finds the old-fashioned moss rose, which Mrs. Hanley thinks deserves more attention than it gets these days, the pungent "gas plant" and little yellow roses dear to the heart of many westerners—Rosa Hugonon or Father Hugo's rose, Harrison's yellow and the really old-fashioned yellow rose which Mrs. Hanley calls "pioneer" rose.

Mrs. Hanley not only plans, plants and helps to take care of gardens and flowers, she writes about them as well, or many years she was on the editorial board of The Arboretum, published in Seattle, and has written articles for this quarterly publication. The storage room and library above the large garage at Hanleylands is filled with notes, clippings and materials and Mrs. Hanley still hopes to find time to do more writing.

A past resident of one of the large Seattle garden clubs, Mrs. Hanley worked for many years with the board of the Children's Orthopedic hospital in that city, helped to raise funds for the fine new hospital which is now in use and went back to Seattle to assist at the dedication of a fountain placed in the garden of the hospital grounds.

Contemplating the beauty of Hanleylands, one should not forget nature. Mrs. Hanley often reminds the visitor. The combination of a rich soil, a climate not too severe in winter and water have produced tall trees and lush shrubbery which might



**CORNER OF GARDEN**—One of the few older trees in the garden is a huge horse chestnut now in full bloom. Beyond the big tree one can see evergreens, dozens of lilacs and other shrubs, and rail fence reminds visitors that the first Hanley to live in the Rogue valley came here 100 years ago this summer and took up farmland. By the fence is Mrs. E. B. Hanley who first planned the garden and with her are two dogs, Seagram (near the iris) who formerly belonged to her grandson's fraternity chapter at the University of Oregon, and Daisy Mae, brown and white spaniel. —(Brainerd photo)



**LONG DRIVEWAY**—The long winding driveway into Hanleylands presents many vistas of interest. Pictured here is a corner near the house, with massed lilacs in various shades, evergreens and other trees and base plantings of perennials or rock plants. Size, leaf color and texture were all considered when garden groupings were planned. —(Brainerd photo)



**TREE AND SKY**—Silhouetted against the sky are the top branches of a grouping of three Fugenzo flowering cherry trees, imported from the orient. These exquisite blossoms are almost red in the bud stage, blossom out into a white fluff and then gradually turn pink again as the bloom ages. Orientals interpret the name to mean "triumph of life over all material things." —(Brainerd photo)

have been there for 40 or 50 years. In truth, only two trees of any worth were left on the place when the original large farm house burned some years ago, a Burbank walnut and a white horsechestnut, and the rest of the trees were planted no longer than 22 years ago—some are not that old.

"This is what makes the Rogue River valley a garden of Eden," said Mrs. Hanley.

Salem — (U.P.)—Newell S. Wight, Portland, chief appraiser for the Oregon State Department of Veterans' Affairs, will retire next Tuesday.

### Jacksonville Tavern Burglarized Thursday

A cash register containing about \$100, 10 to 12 cartons of cigarettes and six bottles of beer were taken Thursday night or early Friday morning in a burglary of the Jacksonville tavern, sheriff's deputies reported.

They reported that whoever entered the building broke the glass portion of a side door and crawled through. The case was still being investigated yesterday.

The tavern is owned by Charles P. McBeth.

### Larceny and Other Cases Bring Fines

Two men were sentenced for petty larceny after entering guilty pleas in district court Saturday, according to court records. Two others were fined for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Richard Lee Farrell, 20, 506 North Riverside ave., and Robert Francis Kirk, 226 North Front st., entered guilty pleas on the larceny count involving theft of a hub cap. Farrell was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail with parole possible after 10 days. Kirk was given a 30 day jail term with suspension possible after five days. They were arrested by Central Point city police.

Police said that Paul William Hammond, 59½ Sixth st., Ashland, was fined \$100 in city court Saturday on a charge of driving a motor vehicle while under influence of intoxicating liquor. He was given a 10-day suspended jail sentence and his driver's license was suspended three months. He was arrested early Saturday on South Riverside ave. between Boyd st. and Stewart ave.

Roland Lawrence Renfro, 25, P.O. Box 127, Phenix, entered a plea of guilty on a similar charge in district court, reports showed. He was fined \$250 and \$5 court costs and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence. His operator's license was suspended 90 days. Renfro was arrested by state police on Highway 99 south of Medford.

### Applegate Girl Selected as Outstanding 4-H'er of May

Anita Kubli Rosemus, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kubli, Box 10, Applegate, has been chosen as the Jackson county 4-H club member of the month for May. The selection was made by the executive committee of the Jackson county 4-H Leaders association.

Anita started 4-H club work when she was 7 years old. At that time Oregon 4-H regulations permitted younger members to join.

Since then, she has completed seven years of work in health, beef, clothing, knitting, and junior leadership projects. Three times she has received scholarships to the annual 4-H summer school at Corvallis.

### Won Fair Championship

In 1932, Anita exhibited the champion angus steer at the Oregon state fair. It was the first time that an angus had been exhibited at the fair from Jackson county. She also won championship ribbons for showmanship at the fair, and received three blue ribbons in clothing projects.

Last year was a blue ribbon year for Anita. She represented Jackson county in the state sewing contest and the state fair, and also was selected as one of three home economics members from Jackson county to take part in the home economics judging contest at the Pacific International Livestock show in Portland.

At one time or another, Anita has held almost all of the offices in her 4-H clubs. This year, she is assisting her leader, Mrs. Myrtle Krouse, as the junior leader of her clothing club.

### Active in School

Anita attends Grants Pass High school, where she is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, Girls Athletic association, Future Homemakers of America, and the Camera club. She also is business manager of the school annual.

Despite her many activities, Anita has maintained a 1.5 grade average, and has been on the school honor roll throughout this year. She will graduate from high school Friday.

During her leisure time.

### Democratic Meeting Slated Wednesday

A report on plans for local Democrats to attend the Jefferson-Jackson banquet in Portland June 11, at which Former President Harry S. Truman will speak, will be on the agenda of the Democratic Central Committee meeting to be held Wednesday, June 1, at the Medford Labor Temple, beginning at 7:30 p. m., according to County Chairman Robert A. Boyer.

A full attendance of precinct committeemen and other Democrats interested is urged by the chairman.

A tape recording of Democratic State Chairman Howard Morgan's speech on the recent legislature will also be heard by those attending, Boyer said.

Plans for the next big social event to be held by the Jackson County Democratic club will be announced by President Larry Sheehan, Rogue River, who promises a prominent speaker as a surprise attraction. William Deatherage will give a report on plans for the forthcoming Democratic picnic.

### Slander Damage Suit Hearing Continued

A \$21,500 damage suit, which had been set for trial on Friday and Saturday, in circuit court, will be continued at a date yet to be determined.

The suit, charging slander and pending since Jan. 29, 1931, was brought by Mrs. Barbara Helms Pheasant, Ashland, against Lottie and Sarah Bewick, Valley View sisters.

The plaintiff moved Friday to amend the complaint and the defendants requested continuance of the case. Both motions were granted by Judge H. K. Hanna. Previous amendments were filed on Aug. 21 and Dec. 17, 1931.

William Briggs, Ashland, is attorney for the plaintiff. The law firm of Roberts, Kellington and Branchfield represents the defendants.

Chicago — (U.P.)—Mrs. Jane H. Lennie, 59, sued for divorce Thursday on the ground her husband deserted her in 1922 and she hasn't seen him since. The divorce was granted.

### Illinois YMCA Boys Slate Visit Here

Hidden Valley ranch, off Highway 99 between Central Point and Gold Hill, will serve as a camp site for 23 boys from the Chicago area in August.

The youths, traveling by bus under sponsorship of the West Suburban YMCA, La Grange, Ill., will make the southern Oregon stop while on a tour of 21 states, Canada and Mexico. They will be here August 4 or 5.

LaRue Morris, owner of Hidden Valley ranch with his brother, Earl, said that suggestions for entertaining the boy tourists would be appreciated. Phone number of the ranch is NOrmandy 4-2847.

Charles Stotz, executive secretary of the LaGrange YMCA, who is in charge of the tour, was a football teammate of Morris at University of Illinois.

### SAIA CANDIDATE

Green Bay, Wis. — (U.P.)—Bob Saia, Tulane University fullback who was drafted by the Green Bay Packers last January, will complete his school work this year and will try to make the 1935 team. Saia had not expected to play pro ball until 1936.

Portland — (U.P.)—The Nippon Maru, four-masted Japanese training ship, will be a Portland visitor during Rose Festival week.



**ANITA KUBLI ROSEMUS**  
4-H Member for May

Anita enjoys swimming and making clothing for herself and her family. She also helps care for her father's cattle on the Kublis' 360-acre ranch in the Applegate valley.

Last summer, Anita traveled to Naples, Italy, to visit her half sister, who was the first woman to enlist in the U. S. Air Force. On Feb. 9 of this year, Anita was married to Tom Rosemus, who is stationed at Castle Air Force base, near Merced, Calif.



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