

### Bob Hogan Writes About Training In School For Blind

Bob Hogan, who previously had submitted to a number of eye operations in an attempt to save his sight, and who is now at a Portland school for blind, has written to Mike Page, telling of his experiences and of the training he is receiving. The letter:

8435 N. E. Glisan, Portland, 16,  
August 4, 1949  
Mr. Mike Page,  
Brookings, Ore.

Dear Mike:  
I arrived in Portland, safe and sound. Although I promised to write you fellows, the numerous activities here take up most of my time, and it is difficult to get any letter writing done.

The school here is certainly a wonderful place for the blind. It is too bad that all of you cannot be here to witness the activities which are being carried on. You would not believe your eyes!

Some 74 people from all parts of the state are attending classes in typing, braille, speech, music, ceramics, cooking, sewing, physical education, sensory perception, travel, crafts, home mechanics, and homemaking. I am especially impressed with our sensory training class. They teach us to walk up to objects without even hitting them! We walk through doors without feeling for them and dodge such obstructions as trees by the feel of the air and echoes. In our physical education class we actually shoot archery. Then, too, we try our hands at rowing boats on the Willamette river. One period a week we play football. Yes, we are having a worthwhile time combining learning with pleasure.

It is hard to understand why people of this state seem to know little about the activities that are taking place here. If all of you can participate in the activities of this blind school, I believe you would be able to understand the blind twice as much as you do now.

Sincerely yours,  
R. L. HOGAN.  
P. S.: As limited time prevents me from writing to all of my friends, I would appreciate it if you would have this published in the Pilot.

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### Lily Census Taking Is Near Completion

The market investigation of the Pacific Bulb Growers Association is hard at work throughout all of the bulb growing sections.

Locally Mrs. Catherine Bolin, Otto C. Turley and Mrs. May T. Stafford are finishing the job.

In Del Norte county, William Fisher has almost finished. Clifford Walker and Mrs. Stafford will attend the Humboldt County bulb growers meeting Tuesday evening.

According to these people, it would speed matters if all the growers would have their lists ready when the census taker arrives. All growers have been one hundred per cent co-operative.

### Along Azalea Row

Our Azalea Garden Club flower show has been written up in one of the recent issue of the Amarillo, Texas, newspapers. Mrs. Tom Holman, vice-president of Texas Garden Clubs, incorporated, and on the delegates entertained here at the time of the Azalea Festival, writes:

"Your letter and package of interesting pieces of driftwood arrived yesterday and my heart feels like 'Christmas in July.'"

You asked if I remembered your interesting little town and I must tell you that I not only remember the place, the lovely flower show, the hospitality of the people and you, but I wrote a series of articles for our local newspaper and that event was one of my articles.

The interesting pamphlet which you enclosed about your valley gives me a desire to go back again. I would much prefer to go by own car sometime instead of in a group hurrying to a definite point. Who knows, it may happen some day.

I want you to know one of the outstanding sections of your flower show, to me, was the junior division—for the past two years I have been state (Texas) chairman of junior garden clubs, and therefore the junior work caught my attention.

It would be nice to know more about your garden club, how it functions, etc., and if you have time we might exchange helpful ideas. I need new ones. I am local chairman of "Garden Center" this year and state chairman of "scrapbooks." Have you any ideas about either? Thank you, you

shall hear more from

Eva Holman (Mrs. Tom Holman), Amarillo, Texas.

Pleased, aren't you? And an orchid, no, I mean an azalea to our pupils, teachers and garden club members who made the junior division of the flower show a noteworthy success.

This letter from Mrs. Holman is an indication that word does get around about any good thing, and all of us are little one-man chambers of commerce for our own town and its activities.

Which brings me to a name for our Lily Blossom Festivities. Hope all garden club members have their thinking caps on. We are so fortunate here in this community not to be hampered by

tradition. We can be as original as we please since we are making tradition ourselves. In the east, colonial days, in the Southwest, Spanish conquest or Indian culture, are the themes of pageants and festivals. How nice to be original.

"The efforts, the time, the energy and devotion which we give freely to garden club work is contributing definitely and lastingly to our country's welfare."

Garden club meeting, Thursday, August 11, with a special program of interest to us all by our president, Mrs. Olive Page, Mrs. Lockland and Mrs. Grayshel. The hostesses are Mrs. Elsie Reynolds, chairman; Mrs. Bea Bolton, and Mrs. Harbin, with others to be

announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Owsley of Klamath Falls were visitors in this area last week and looking after their lily interests.

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