

# No Race Horse Could Ever Become Miss America, Says Columnist After Interviews

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK—(AP)—It is much easier today to win the Kentucky Derby than it is to become Miss America.

All a horse has to do to cinch the derby is to run fastest. And it can use all four legs.

But it doesn't have to prove it can ride a human being, sing a folk song, paint a picture, look well in bathing suit and evening gown, do a tap dance or give Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

The average racehorse isn't even sure Lincoln ever had an address in Gettysburg.

But to win the Atlantic City beauty contest now a girl not only has to show derby form—she has to demonstrate personality, talent and intelligence. And she goes through a more rigorous training routine than the average derby entrant. She may even have to eat oats (oatmeal) to slim her figure.

Many of the lassies competing this week for the nation's \$5,000 beauty crown at the Jersey resort spent a week or two in Manhattan getting a final currying. They hire specialists to teach them how to walk gracefully and use makeup artfully.

**Tramps For Miles**

"I've tramped miles up and down my hotel room learning all over again how to walk," said brown-haired, 18-year-old Miss

Arkansas — Barbara Brothers, bust 34, waist 23, hips 34. She would like to have a rubber face.

"Mine is all worn out from smiling," she said.

Miss Brothers, besides looking beautiful, can sing, paint water colors, and write poetry. If she wins, she said she would positively reject any Hollywood offers.

"I want to become director of religious education for the Methodist church," she said.

She is sponsored by the Eastern Arkansas Young Men's club.

Another candidate, "Miss Wyoming" — Esther MacLeod, 22, bust 34, waist 25, hips 34, spent the last few days before the contest studying at the Barbizon School of Modeling. Sponsored by the University of Wyoming, she is a mezzo soprano and wants to continue her study of music.

Lipstick With a Brush

Eastern beauty techniques have left Miss MacLeod a little bemused.

"The hardest thing I had to learn was to put lipstick on with a brush," she laughed. "You get a finer lip line that way—they say."

Miss Wyoming, who arrived with Stetson hat and cowboy boots, is a water safety instructor and can play the piano as well as sing.

"I can also rope, tie and brand a calf—a small calf," she said.

Unfortunately, even if she borrowed a clothesline, a horse (Miss Montana brought one) and the Hereford heifer that accompanied Miss Nevada, she wouldn't be able to demonstrate this talent.

Calf or heifer branding isn't on the contest program—which puts the girls from the West, where women are women, under a handicap.

Miss Arkansas will be one of the few entrants with a claqué—three University of Arkansas students who decided to go to Atlantic City and root for her.

One is Bob Riley, an almost sightless war veteran who also is a member of the Arkansas legislature.

"Bob is real fun," said Mrs. Tom Allen, chaperon for Miss Arkansas. "Once, during a night out, he lost his glass eye. So, he put an ad in the University paper saying:

"Lost one glass eye—probably bloodshot."

Ragweed pollen grains, which are one of the major causes of hay fever, are so small that it takes 2,500 of them to make an inch.



**NEW SEASON**—The opening school day, Sept. 6, found this type of activity at Roseburg's senior high school. In the top picture, Photographer Paul Jenkins recorded a pre-class informal session in the classroom over which Mrs. Cloyd Riffe presides. Although the opening day was also the first full day of school, neither teachers nor students were really able to get back into the swing of things. The question, "What did you do all summer?" was asked more frequently than the customary inquiries students will hear when the excitement of the first day is over. The second picture shows Principal George Erickson handling the registration procedures for those youngsters who were not on hand last week to sign for classes. With well over 600 students enrolled during the regular registration period, most of the signing up process was completed. However, Erickson, as do other school principals, expects the year's total to exceed the school population record set last year. The pre-school enrollment guess was 675. One can almost "see" the noise in the lower photo as students throng the school halls prior to the assembly which ushered in the current year at senior high. Laden with books and clothed in new school garb and a summer tan, these youngsters are renewing acquaintances in the last few minutes before the bell signals a return to "School Days." — (Pictures by Paul Jenkins.)

## Books Have Various Rivals As Knowledge Sources

EUGENE, Ore. — (Special) — Evidence that the book is yielding to other methods of recording knowledge is shown in a report made by William H. Carlson, Director of Libraries of the State System of Higher Education, to Chancellor Paul C. Packer.

"Such items as sound recordings, slides, film strips and motion picture films would have been foreign to the libraries of only a few years ago, as they indeed still are to a good many libraries," Carlson observes.

But today, in the seven libraries of the system, non-book holdings include such items as: 54,642 maps, valued at \$39,218.01; 88,438 photographs, pictures and prints, \$8,430.91; 3,569 sound recordings, \$5,243.02; 3,596 slides, \$24,150.76; 112 film strips, \$274.38; 101 motion pictures, \$3,890.02.

Carlson also calls attention to the rapidly growing audio-visual department at the University of Oregon. Its biggest item is 34,107 slides, valued at \$23,917.88, and all acquired within the past year.

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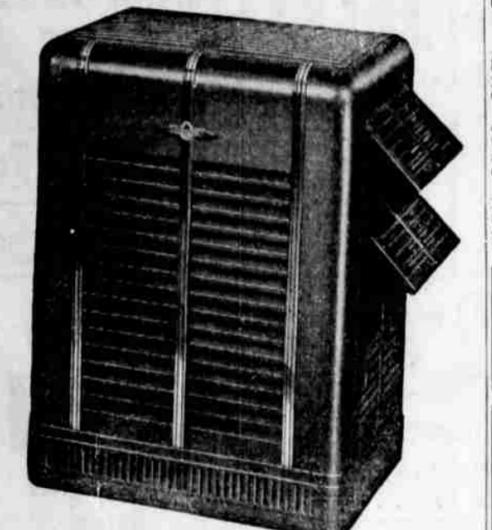
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## Jobs Boost This Fall Predicted By Senator Lucas

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7. — (AP) — Senate Democratic Leader Lucas has predicted that the nation's employment total will climb above 60,000,000 this fall.

"We are approaching the fall season, when business activity usually rises," Lucas said in his weekly summary of Capitol activities for radio broadcasts in Illinois. "I believe the number of employes will pass the 60 million mark in the next two months."

Lucas said a "recent adjustment in business" had led to a "decline of activity in some sections of the country" with about 4,000,000 seeking work.

"Our government is very much concerned about them," he said, "and we are taking steps to channel federal projects into sections where the need for new employment appears to be urgent. The results of this policy are already being felt. The rise in claims for unemployment compensation has been checked, according to the latest official figures made available to me."

## Big Dogs Friendly, Small Ones Worst, Postman Says

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — (AP) — Postman Johnny Jones, who has been carrying the mail 14 years, has a few observations on dogs.

"I have no trouble with big ones. People are just scared of their size. It's the little ones that are yappiest and which will chase you."

"Ninety percent of the dogs I've met are friendly; the others are the reserved type, not necessarily mean but stand-offish. First thing I do when I meet a new dog is whistle and talk to him in a friendly voice. The thing to do is be friendly, but don't push it."

"If you're riding a bicycle, remember it's the bike the dog is barking at. Get off and walk until the animal gets to know you. Never act afraid; don't threaten a dog. Don't pick up a stick because you may startle him into attacking you. Troubles with dogs are mostly caused by humans, anyway. Handle a dog right and he'll respond in a friendly way."

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## Federal Potato Buying Probably To Be Light

PORTLAND, Sept. 7. — (AP) — Oregon's new potato commission administrator says the government is likely to purchase only small quantities of potatoes during the 1949-50 marketing season.

Ben Davidson, Redmond, said cuts in potato acreage indicate that there will not be an oversupply during the season. He saw a possibility that the government might not have to buy any No. 1 grade potatoes at all.

He reported good cooperation from both Oregon growers and the Idaho Potato commission in drafting the Oregon program.

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