

## Mar. Beauties Seeking Title Of "Miss Canada"

HAMILTON, Aug. 19 — (CP)—Among the 30 beauty queens who registered here today is the girl who will wear the "Miss Canada" crown for 1948.

Preliminary events began today for the blondes, brunettes and red-heads who represent towns and cities from Nova Scotia to the Prairies. No British Columbia or Prince Edward Island girls entered the contest.

The girls faced the news cameras this afternoon and tonight will attend a garden party at the Amputations' Association headquarters on Hamilton's mountain.

A beauty motorcade will drive through the streets tomorrow, giving citizens a glimpse of what they will see at the gala pageant Friday night.

Cecilia Brownrigg, a little girl from Stellarton, N.S., has temporarily given up her newspaper carrier route to compete in the search for a girl who typifies Canadian beauty and talent.

"Miss Halifax," Betty Jean Ferguson, had been invited to be the guest of Hamilton's Mayor McIntyre, and Mrs. McIntyre but under pageant rules she had to stay at the registration hotel.

There is a possibility Mayor Ahern of Halifax will be in Hamilton Friday to root for the city's 20-year-old queen. Girls who have registered already include:

Patricia Milvener Merrill, Fredericton, N.B., blonde, age 18; weight, 138; talent, decorating.

Betty Jean Ferguson, 20, Halifax, blonde, weight, 123.

### CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS TO HOLD 46TH ANNUAL MEETING AT REGINA

The 46th Annual Meeting of the Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants will take place in the Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, from August 24th to August 27th. Mr. Thomas H. Moffet, Regina, President of the Association, will preside. Other officers of the Association are: E. J. Howson, Toronto, First Vice-President; W. A. Morrell, Charlottetown, Second Vice-President; R. C. Field, Victoria, Immediate Past President; K. J. Morrison, Calgary, First Regional Representative; A. E. Beavris, Quebec, Second Regional Representative; and C. L. King, Toronto, Secretary and Research Director.

Mr. George D. Balley of Detroit, President of the American Institute of Accountants will address the luncheon meeting on August 26th. Other speakers to be heard from during the Convention are Mr. K. L. M. Carter, past President of the Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountants, who will speak on Personnel Selection; Dean J. H. Thompson of the University of Saskatchewan, who will speak on "The Income Statement"; and J. Grant Glasco, newly elected President of the Ontario Institute, who will speak on "Depreciation."

Also attending the Convention will be Mr. G. H. Ward, Canadian Gold Medalist in the 1947 First Examination, who will be awarded a certificate.

### FOLIO POINTERS

In August the incidence of "polio" always close to its September peak and parents, teachers and others concerned with the welfare of children should take precautions against this disease. During the danger period, children should be kept away from crowds as much as possible. They should avoid people with nose and throat infections and should not be chilled by staying too long in the water or overtired by too violent exertion. If symptoms remotely suggestive of polio appear, a doctor should be called at once.

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## Official Opposition Is Discussed

EDMONTON, Aug. 19 — (CP)—Chief interest in the Alberta election tonight was whether the Liberals or the C.C.F. would form the official opposition to the Social Credit Government, re-elected in Tuesday's voting with a top-heavy majority.

Seven seats still were in doubt, the latest standing showing Social Credit with 48 seats, C.C.F. one, and Liberals one in the 57-seat legislature.

The doubtful seats were Banff-Cochrane, Beaver River, three in Calgary and two in Edmonton.

In the question which party would be the official opposition to the five-member Calgary riding was the point of interest.

Leaders of both opposition parties already are assured of victory in Edmonton.

On the 16th count in Calgary, C. C. F. candidate A. J. E. Liescher held a slim lead over Liberal standard-bearer Hugh John MacDonald. Next candidate to be eliminated under the proportional vote count is a Liberal candidate and the majority of those votes probably will go to Mr. MacDonald.

Or the doubtful ridings, Social Credit are leading in five and C.C.F. and Independents hold the edge in the other two.

The power plebiscite provided the only spectacular overnight shift from last night's trend. A heavy urban vote swung the power question sharply in favor of private ownership.

Private ownership control, trailing control by a public utility under the government by some 8,000 votes, picked up 15,000 votes from larger centres like Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge to move into a commanding lead.

With 2,359 polls heard from out of 2,760, private companies were leading public ownership 106,681 votes to 101,194.

## Aviation History Full of Cranks

By JAMES J. STREIBO

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 — (AP)—Airport visitors at Hagerstown, Md., are startled by a scrawny frame sporting two half-cylinders which hives down the runway, hops into the air and lands.

The machine, called a "channel wing," was devised by Willard R. Custer, an automobile mechanic who took up aeronautics after seeing a barn unroofed in a storm. Custer wanted to know how the wind exerted such force. Twenty years, a lot of work and some \$200,000 have been invested in the answer.

Custer's plane is the oddest of the season but is not particularly freakish in the background of aviation history. Many inventors' ideas appear to have resulted from being "hit" by a barn roof.

There was, for example, the persistent person who proposed that a powerful magnet be hung in front of the airplane to draw it forward. Just asking "What's going to move the magnet, Mister?" doesn't discourage such people.

One of the strangest of all aircraft was the "Cygnus," brain-child of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone. This was a "tetrahedral kite," resembling a billboard in size and shape.

You can make a tetrahedron by folding a square of paper with two opposite points together. Bell mounted 3,383 such double triangles made of silk over wood frames in the Cygnus.

The 42-foot kite flew in 1907 while being towed behind the little steamer Blue Hill on the Bras d'Or Lakes near Baddeck, N.S., the Bell summer home. With Lieut. Thomas Selfridge at the controls, the kite rose about 170 feet. However, smoke from the Blue Hill hid the plane and it was dragged apart when Selfridge, landed unknown to the steamer captain.

Built Bigger One

Bell, who assembled and financed a small group known as "Aerial Experiment Association," built a still larger kite in which an engine was to be mounted. The project was not completed.

Every heavier-than-air craft, whether jet fighter, mammoth flying boat or helicopter uses the principles of flight developed by the Wright brothers for their "Kittyhawk's." Some, like the channel wing, vary the application, but only those which use the Wright principles have flown so far.

An Italian idea in aircraft was related to the Custer channel wing but had its propeller completely encircled. The goal was to increase propeller thrust.

The opposite extreme was the Galland D-4, test flown by the United States Navy at Pensacola, Fla., in 1917. Its propeller encircled the fuselage. Both types flew.

Many ideas, such as the magnet tractor, are completely false conceptions. One such was the proposal to have an electrical discharge from the tail, propelling the plane by "electric repulsion." Many proposals are for the use of electric power. Where to get this

power usually is left to the next guy to figure out.

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## African Colony To Take Census On Its Natives

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia, Aug. 19 — (CP)—A census experiment which is being watched with great interest by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations is at present being undertaken in Southern Rhodesia.

Twenty-four men will spend the next two months visiting nearly 2,800 native kraals scattered throughout the colony to get as far as possible an accurate total of the African population of Southern Rhodesia.

This scheme, it is understood, may later be applied in other African territories and result in an accurate assessment of the total population of the African continent for the first time in history.

"The United Nations is inter-

ested because this is the first time such a method has been tried in Africa," said J. R. H. Shaul, census director for Southern Rhodesia.

"If it is a success, other African territories will undoubtedly follow. What is urgently required is not so much the actual population figures as the rate of growth."

Mr. Shaul said that the colony itself would benefit from possession of reliable figures on birth and death rates, infant mortality rates, fertility statistics and the age distribution of the African races.

Draft proposals for a sample census of the African population of the colony were prepared in August, 1947, and forwarded to the sub-commission on statistical sampling at Lake Success.

He said that in recent years a new method known as "sampling" had been tried with success in the United States, Canada and Britain. Today, for the first time, it was to be applied to census-taking among Africans.

Mr. Shaul said a complete enumeration in the orthodox manner was practically impossible in the case of a large illiterate population. With the European populations the responsibility was thrown to the householder, but with the native populations the enumerator had to fill in the forms himself.

Some experts, he said, claimed that the sampling method was actually more accurate than com-

plete enumeration. A limited number of enumerators was employed and the factor of human error was thus reduced to a minimum. At the same time results could be obtained more rapidly and at much lower cost.

On reaching each kraal, said Mr. Shaul, the enumerator would be recorded in one of three age groups—under one year, one year and over, up to the age of puberty and over the age of puberty. Deaths during the past 12 months would also be noted.

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