

National Guard Pilot From Oregon Only Northwest Entry In Jet Race

SANDY—A Portland Air National Guard jet fighter pilot, try in the Air Force Association's Lt. Col. Staryl C. Austin, Jr., was second annual EARL T. RICKS

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MEMORIAL TROPHY race on July 2nd, it was announced by Gus Hiebert, Route 2, Sandy, Vice-Commander of the Portland Squadron, Air Force association.

The event, sponsored by the Air Force association to honor the memory of the late Major General Earl T. Ricks, a veteran pilot and the first Chief of the Air Force Division of the National Guard Bureau, is a cross-country speed run open only to Air National Guard jet fighters. Each of the Guard's twenty-three jet-equipped Fighter Wings is allowed to select one representative who must have at least 500 total hours in jets and a minimum of 100 hours in the type of aircraft he will fly in the race, and each entrant must make his own refueling arrangements along the route.

Last year's inaugural event was won on the basis of elapsed time by Lt. Charles J. Young of New Jersey's 141st Squadron (108th Wing), who flew his F-86 from Ontario International Airport, California, to Detroit, Michigan in three hours, 27 minutes, and 13 seconds. This year's event will be held on July 2nd in conjunction with the International Aviation Exposition of the Aero Club of Michigan, the flight starting from Ontario International Airport, California, and terminating at the Exposition in Detroit, Michigan. The race will be timed officially by the National Aeronautics association, the winner being the pilot who gets the best performance from his airplane under a handicap system devised by the Guard Bureau. The Air Force Association will present the Ricks Trophy to the winner of the event at the Airpower Banquet on August 13th during the annual AFA Convention in San Francisco, and will also award plaques to the top pilot in each class.

Col. Austin, commanding the 142d Fighter-Interceptor Group, Oregon ANG stationed at Portland International Airport, is the entrant selected to represent the 142d Ftr-Intep Wing, comprising the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and will fly his F-86 Sabrejet in the event. He is a veteran pilot holding a senior pilots rating and has a total of 2365 flying hours, of which over 700 hours are in jets and over 100 hours are in F-86 type aircraft.

Col. Austin was born in Condon, Oregon, graduated from Salem High School in 1938 and attended Spartan College of Aero-

autical Engineering in Tulsa, Oklahoma for 2 years. Enlisting as a Private in September 1942, he applied for pilot training, graduating as a 2nd Lt. in October 1943. Assigned to the 9th AF, European Theatre, he flew his P-47 Thunderbolt for 140 combat hours on 80 sorties during 58 combat missions as a Flight Commander in the 410th Fighter Squadron, receiving the Air Medal with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters, and was awarded the Belgian Fourragere by the Belgian Government.

Assigned as Commander of the 125th Fighter Squadron, Oklahoma ANG, in February 1947, his unit was called to Active Duty in September 1950 for the Korean emergency, and was sent to France flying F-84 Thunderjets. He returned to Portland to take command of the 142 Ftr-Intep Group, Oregon ANG in July 1953. He is employed by the ANG as an Administrative Assistant and resides with his wife, Jacqueline and 15 month old son Steven at 945 N. E. 118th, Portland. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Staryl C. Austin, Sr., reside near Salem, Oregon.

Clackamas Youths Elected Officers At 4-H Meetings

Seven Clackamas county 4-H clubbers were elected officers of their living organizations at the 40th annual 4-H club summer school on the Oregon State college campus, June 14 to 24.

Students serving in offices were Lee Ann Ellis, secretary; Ann Cook, Joan Babcock, Kay Lucht, Gilbert Shibley, songleaders; and Darrell Russell, executive committee.

Marilyn Fish, Nan Johnson, and Sheila Noack appeared in the annual talent show and Marilyn Mitts and Joan Babcock were in the 4-H club radio revue.

Over 1850 youngsters from all over the state attended summer school this year.

SANDY LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ellis and son were visitors in Sandy Tuesday of last week from their home at Forestville, California. They visited with relatives in Vancouver while here. The Ellis were former residents of the Sandy Ridge area.

Rev. Philip Hampe returned last week from two weeks spent with the Gresham National Guard unit of which he is chaplain.

World War Veteran Dies Near Boring

SANDY—Funeral services were held last Thursday from the Peake Memorial chapel at Milwaukie for Theodore S. Molander, aged 49, who died last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence D. Terrill, route 3, box 143, Boring.

The deceased was a war veteran and had been in failing health for several months. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Irene Fish, of Whittier, California.

Former Sandy Man At Training Camp

SANDY—Conrad V. Hassel, Sandy high school graduate who is now attending Duquesne university at Pittsburg, is taking a six weeks' summer course at Quantico, Va., for a commission

in the Marine Corps. After two the Marine Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. the graduates are given commissions as second lieutenants in Camp.

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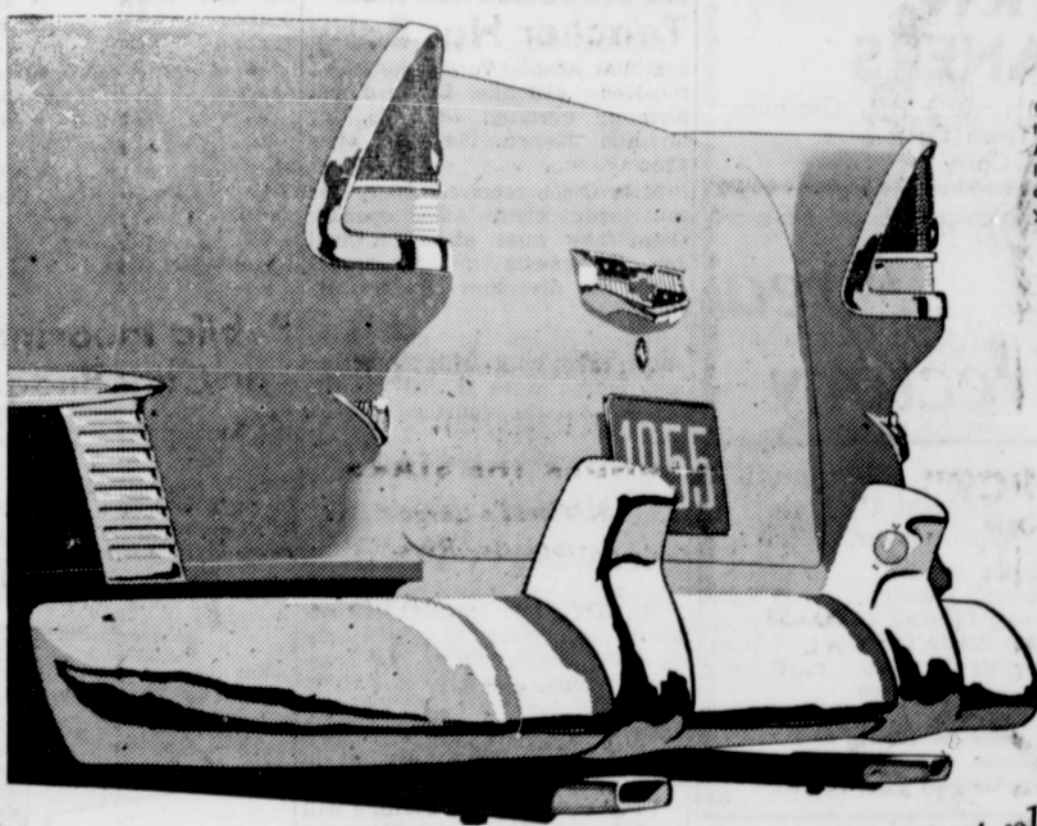
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