

# 12 Airmen Wait \$40,000 Thompson Trophy Race Today

## Plane Owned By Local Man 1 of Favorites

### Hoosier Pilot Sets New World Mark

CLEVELAND, Sept. 1 (U.P.)—Twelve speed kings fight it out around the pylons in the \$40,000 Thompson trophy race today—America's Kentucky Derby of the air.

The race is scheduled to be flagged off at 4:50 p.m. (Indianapolis time). There will be a special jet division without prize money, for service pilots at 2:20 p.m.

Wagers were pretty evenly divided on two ex-navy aviators, an air-line captain and a test pilot. All have smashed the standing 373-mile-per-hour record during their qualifying trials for the main Labor day attraction at the national air races.

#### Both From Cleveland

The former navy officers were Cook Cleland and Richard Becker, both of Cleveland, flying experimental F26 Corsairs that have the most powerful engines in use today and which topped 400 mph in trials.

Western Air Lines Pilot—Paul Penrose, North Hollywood, Calif., who qualified at 360.9 mph, was ready to give the Corsairs, both en route by Cleland, a run for their money in his bronze colored P-51 Mustang.

The fourth threat to the 1946 record set by Alvin M. (Tex) Johnston, Bell aircraft test pilot, a handsome woman in her day, was Jay Denning, Niagara Falls, with who will be flying the same P-39 Airacobra, "Cobra II," with which Johnston won the \$16,000 first prize last year. He qualified at 366.810.

#### Owned by Local Man

The plane is owned by Rollin H. Stewart, Indianapolis businessman. The winner will receive another \$2000 if he breaks the current record.

Penrose had extra incentive today, for the world's closed course racing record of 374 m. p. h. which he set last winter in Miami, Fla., was toppled yesterday by Steve Beville, Hammond, Ind.

Beville, who will fly in the Thompson, raced a P-51, with which his buddy, Bruce Raymond, also of Hammond, won 4th place in the Thompson last year, to a \$2500 first prize in the \$5500 Kendall trophy race for P-51's. His speed was 384.602 m. p. h.

#### Takes Individual Honors

Beville's exploit headed a Sunday calendar in which air force jet planes and souped-up ex-fighters raced to new highs. Tony Levier, champion pylon turner and chief test pilot for Lockheed Aircraft, took individual honors with top winnings of \$4800 in two races.

Levier whirled around the 15-mile course at 360.866 m. p. h. to take \$2500 for first place and \$500 for fastest single lap in the \$5500 Ohio trophy race for P-38 Lightnings. He drew down another \$1800 to become high winner in elimination heats and semi-finals of the \$25,000 Goodyear trophy race for midge planes. The finals will be run today.

Capt. Richard H. Burnor, Monterey, Calif., streaked from Cleveland to Indianapolis—520 miles—in 63 minutes 4 seconds to win the Allison trophy race for P-80 jet planes. His 494.279 m. p. h. average speed placed the pilot in the first fighter group, March Field, Calif., in front of five other shooting star fliers.

12,000 Jam Airport To See Jet Racers

A crowd estimated at 12,000 persons swarmed over Weir Cook municipal airport yesterday for a five-second thrill.

The visitors came to see six jet planes round a pylon in the 52-mile Cleveland-Indianapolis round trip P-80 trophy race in conjunction with the national air races.

The planes traveled so fast that many spectators scarcely had time to focus their field glasses.

## Salvage Timber Amid Shells

SCHENECTADY, N.Y., Sept. 1 (U.P.)—General Electric Co. engineers have solved the problem of salvaging about 12 million feet of timber, liberally sprinkled with metal and unexploded artillery shell.

The timber is near the Ft. Lewis military reservation in Washington. How the shells got into it, nobody knows. Authorities said they probably were shot from airplanes 10 or 12 years ago.

A contractor told the government he wouldn't run any more of the timber through his sawmill because of danger from the ammunition and because metal fragments would damage high speed saws.

#### Use Metal Detector

The U.S. corps of engineers asked the General Electric Co. what they could do about it. Today engineers were ready with a metal detector.

The detector will be placed in the water. When logs containing metal float by on their way to the mill, the device will flash lights and sound an alarm, engineers said.

They explained the logs will pass through a magnetic field set up by the detector's coil system. An electronic circuit will measure the amount of voltage unbalance in the field created by the metal in the logs. If the unbalance is great enough, the alarm will go off.

#### All Types Needed

Every type of entertainer is needed—singers, dancers, magicians, those capable of dramatic parts, musicians and any other kind of part.

## Life of Mrs. Sallie E. Coleman Symbolized By Gifts to Churches, Hospitals, Schools

### Funeral at Home At 2 Wednesday

By MRS. EMMA RIVERS MILNER

Church bells tolling the angels in Leuilly, France, each day recall the life and work of Sallie E. Coleman.

Mrs. Coleman died Saturday night in her home, 1006 N. Meridian st., after an illness of two years. She and her late husband, William H. Coleman, went to live in the Meridian st. mansion 57 years ago, not long after their marriage.

The bells given by Mrs. Coleman to the little French church somehow symbolize her character. She heard how the church had been bombed during world war I and was greatly in need of bells. Since she was always giving something to somebody, she supplied the bells.

#### Her Cheerfulness Remains

Her open-handedness and hospitality were the subject of discussion of the friends who were gathered at the house yesterday. They talked naturally, not in muted tones. They almost seemed as if the cheerfulness which Mrs. Coleman always broadcast clung to the rooms into which she brought so much life and happiness.

Large numbers are expected to visit the house today. But yesterday, her dearest friends sat in the room where her body lay, taking leave of her and talking over old times. Present were Mrs. Carolyn Valen Collins, Mrs. O. A. Pfaff, Mrs. John Kera, Mrs. Clyde

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