



Harris Hill from a Sailplane.

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PREPARATIONS for ELMIRA

The Decennial Celebration
Is Nearly Ready



With slightly more than five weeks remaining—at the time this is being written—before the opening date of the 10th Annual National Contest, it is extremely gratifying to report that earlier predictions are coming true.

To date, some 80 pilots have filed intentions of entering 35 gliders, and this does not begin to cover the total of known pilots and their craft who will turn up on Harris Hill around June 24th. Yet, let no pilot stay away because of fears that more pilots and gliders will be on hand than the operations and technical personnel will be able to handle. Jay Buxton, R. E. Franklin, and Gus Scheurer, all seasoned timers, will each have charge of a launching team operating as separate units. A fourth launching team will be organized, though the official in charge will be selected from among several experienced individuals who have already been engaged as assistant timers. Launching equipment, including tow cars, winches and airplanes, is being taken care of, and the barograph staff has been engaged with Karl O. Lange in charge. C. J. MacGregor, official in charge of the Weather Bureau Station at Elmira, assures us that his staff will provide us with every meteorological aid. Commander Reichelderfer, Chief of the Weather Bureau, has arranged to furnish two airplane meteorographs for upper air soundings, the data from which will be computed by the Elmira Station. Mr. Wiggin, Chief Weather Bureau Forecaster at Newark Airport, will be assigned to the Elmira Station from June 21st to July 9th.

Messages conveying best wishes have been received from President Roosevelt, Dr. George W. Lewis, Director of the NACA, and other prominent individuals interested in the progress of soaring. General Arnold has appointed Captain McBlain, official Air Corps observer for the duration of the meet, with the understanding that he will prepare reports on the value of soaring experience in the piloting of aircraft and the value to the Air Corps of a large number of young, experienced soaring pilots.

A joint meeting of the Institute for the Aeronautical Sciences and the Soaring Society is being arranged for June 30th-July 1st, with Karl O. Lange, Chairman of the Institute Committee. He has arranged for a number of very worthwhile papers to be presented by leaders in the field of aeronautical research. R. E. Franklin is acting as Chairman of the Soaring Society Committee and is arranging for papers to be presented by leading sailplane designers. Dr. George W. Lewis has assured the Contest Board that Eastman N. Jacobs and Robert C. Platt of the NACA Technical Staff will be on hand to observe the Contest.

The Elmira Amateur Radio Association, with the cooperation of the American Radio Relay League, is making more careful preparations than ever before to handle

Heavy traffic.

