

communications. All communications at the meet will be handled by radio. In addition, a station is being set up to handle traffic for pilots on a 24-hour schedule between Elmira and the rest of the world.

Maurice L. Waters, General Manager of Elmira Area Soaring Corporation, has assured the Contest Board that all contestants will be provided with accommodations, even though the number exceeds the cabin space available on Harris Hill. He also announced that arrangements have been completed for meals to be served to both pilots and spectators in the new dining room of the Administration Building. There will be continuous service between 7 A. M. and 8:30 P. M., and pilots and crews will receive special rates. This is a need which has long been recognized, and we are extremely glad to see that it has finally been rectified.

One of the chief points of interest to the contestant is that the swimming pool has finally been completed, and will be available to pilots and crews during the meet. The officials are very happy about this, since it affords an inducement for the boys to remember their badges.

The spectators will be pleased to learn that they will not be in danger of repeating last year's experience of arriving at noon time and discovering that all of the ships have flown away. Special arrangements are being made to have daily exhibition and contest events take place on Harris Hill at all times when there is no soaring activity. There will be spot landing and bomb dropping contests, and exhibitions of the various training and launching methods. Demonstrations will be given of the flight tests required by the Civil Aeronautics Authority. The public will be given a comprehensive picture not only of contest flying, but of all phases of gliding and soaring.

A possible innovation this year will be a take-off site at the base of South Mountain. If this site is used, ships will be launched by winch to a height of about 500 feet, and will then fly back to the ridge. Ships which are unable to soar will land back on the field. Also, about 400 feet will be added to the altitude credited to each flight.



REMINDER TO CONTESTANTS

(1) Every pilot must supply his own barograph. None will be supplied by the Soaring Society or the Contest Board.

(2) No ship will be permitted to leave the ridge unless all of its occupants wear parachutes.

(3) Bring your own bedding. Cabins will be equipped with bunks and mattresses only.

(4) Make every effort to have your ship and yourself properly certificated before arriving at the meet. Although this may be done at Elmira, the inspectors at the meet always have more work than they can handle.



Airport, looking northwest.

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will be recorded for altitude and distance in both single and two-seater ships. At the present time, Harland Ross holds the single-seater altitude record of 7,000 feet and also the single-seater distance with return (21 miles), both of these being unofficial.

The Scoring System used will be substantially the same as that of the Southern California Meet. (See SOARING, May, 1939.) The method of recording altitude for non-record flights will also be copies from the same meet. The altimeter adjustment knob will be sealed, and the dial photographed. All altimeters will be calibrated.

The surrounding towns have shown splendid cooperation, raising well over \$1,000 in prize money. Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Amarillo have each posted \$100 for goal flights to their respective city. Aside from the goal flight and point award prizes, each pilot will receive a percentage of the gate receipts. It is felt that, in fairness to the pilots who have come from great distances, the profit made on the meet should be used to help defray their expenses.

To those of you who have never attended a national meet, we give the following advice: Remember that, although you may be an expert pilot, you cannot accomplish anything unless you have a good set of instruments and an experienced ground crew.

This is your contest, and Elmira Area Soaring Corporation, The Soaring Society Contest Board, and other cooperating groups and individuals are all doing their best to provide everything that contributes to outstanding performances. All we ask of you is to come to Elmira and soar as high and as far as you can. We'll be seeing you at Elmira, and good luck in getting there.