

Elmira: Christine Lambros, Marian Arikian, Allegra Nichols, Alberta Brown, and Sally Record.

### Highlights and Sidelights

Two Elmira Radio stations covered the contest, WENY airing two live broadcasts from the field, while WELM transmitted recordings made on the spot at later hours. One of the latter features went on the ABC network from WELM. On many flights, pilots and passengers carried "mikes" in the ships and described their experiences to the spectators on the ground over the public address system. The "P.A." hook-up and continuous broadcasts over it were in charge of Hugh Wheeler. The acting chairman of the publicity committee, Karl Healy, worked early and late, coordinating contest news with the excellent coverage by local papers.

Social events filled every evening during the contest. A picnic supper was served by the Junior Association of Commerce on the Hill Friday evening, followed on Saturday night by a lawn party and buffet supper given by Schweizer Aircraft Corp. at the plant. On Sunday evening, the American Legion extended open house to the visitors, while the awarding of prizes and trophies took place at the closing banquet in the Administration Building dining room on Harris Hill, Monday night.

### \$1500 in Cash Prizes Unclaimed

The Elmira Area Soaring Corp., sponsoring the N.E. States meet, under sanction of the Soaring Society of America, was unable to award the two largest prizes offered at the N.E. States contest . . . \$1,000.00 for the first pilot to set a new national distance record in a flight originating at Elmira; and \$500 for the first pilot to set a new national altitude record in a flight from Elmira. Approximately 340 miles and 20,500 feet above release must be made, respectively, to win these awards. The offers will stand until July 31, 1948, if the prizes are not claimed before that date.

Take-off for each of these record flights must be made from a point within 15 miles from the center of the city of Elmira, N. Y. Lee Wood, Harris Hill caretaker, is an official observer of the SSA, and he is on hand at all times to seal barographs and otherwise officiate at contest flights. Further details concerning the above awards can be obtained by writing Elmira Area Soaring Corp., Association of Commerce, Federation Building, Elmira, N.Y.

### List of Award Winners

Northeastern States Championship, 477 points, Don Pollard, \$100.00  
Championship Runner-up, 133 points, Clarence See, Baldwinsville, N.Y., Radio  
Longest distance flight, 206 miles, Don Pollard, \$100.00  
Second longest distance flight, 64 miles, Stanley Smith, Tonawanda, N.Y., \$40.00  
Third longest distance, 48 miles, Clarence See, \$15.00  
Greatest altitude above release, 4700 feet, Don Pollard, \$100.00  
Second greatest altitude, 3200 feet, Stan Smith, \$40.00  
Third greatest altitude, 3000 feet, O. Lawrence Creighton, Elmira, \$15.00

## N. E. SOARING KING



Photo by Norman Fairbanks  
Courtesy, Elmira Sunday Telegram

**Don Pollard, Northeastern Soaring Champion, talks things over with Jacques Wollard of the Office Francais Exportation de Material Aeronautique just before taking off on his 206 mile flight.**

Longest duration flight over 2 hours with return to take-off, 2:40, Larry Creighton, \$75.00.

Second longest duration over 2 hours with return to take-off point 2:07 Franklin E. Hurtt, \$40.00

Third duration prize, 1:40, Howard E. Burr, Elmira, \$15.00

### Spot Landing Winners

Friday—1st, Eugene P. Miller; 2nd, Larry Creighton; 3rd, Richard J. Comey

Saturday—1st, Maurice L. Waters; 2nd, Larry Creighton; 3rd, Dick Comey

Sunday—1st, Maurice L. Waters; 2nd, Larry Creighton; 3rd (Tie), Maj. Floyd, J. Sweet, Kempes Trager

Monday—1st, William E. Frutchy; 2nd, Dick Comey; 3rd, Larry Creighton

### Aerobatics Winners

Friday—1st, William E. Frutchy; 2nd, Eugene P. Miller; 3rd, Larry Creighton

Saturday—1st, Larry Creighton; 2nd, Eugene P. Miller; 3rd, Youston Sekella

Sunday—1st, Maurice L. Waters; 2nd, Kempes Trager; 3rd, Bill Frutchy

Monday—1st, Maurice L. Waters; 2nd, Kempes Trager; 3rd, Larry Creighton

### Point Award Distribution

The point award fund total of \$539.40 was distributed among 21 pilots whose points aggregated 1,348. The value of each point was 40 cents. Final standings are given on Page 16.