

# IN THE AIR... "THE 1-26"



ABOVE: The 1-26 prototype in flight at Chemung County Airport.

LEFT: Dale Gustin gets set to try out the 1-26.

## FIRST FLIGHT OF THE 1-26

The 1-26 was first flown on January 16, 1954. The results were highly satisfactory and a very active test flying program is underway. Already over a dozen pilots have flown the 1-26 and here are some of their comments:

BILL IVANS of AGGSC, San Diego, Calif.: "A highly satisfactory ship—cockpit very roomy and well arranged. Turn performance truly exceptional—sink 'performance seems quite good over a good speed range. Very safe and a joy to fly with high performance to boot."

ART MILLAY of PGC, Chester, Pa.: "I'm enthusiastic about the 1-26. Beautiful and easy to handle on the ground and in the air. Quick response to light stick pressures, small sink rate and slow stall speed permit effortless soaring under marginal conditions. Ship felt familiar and comfortable even during early minutes of first flight. I want one!"

JACK PERINE of MASA, Washington, D.C.: "It flies like I always wanted a sailplane to, nimble and responsive and yet easy to fly. The fact that I can keep it assembled in my T hangar and its easy ground handling should cut the ground work to the bone, and put me in the air for more hours."

The 1-26 shows excellent promise of meeting our projected aims and we now are analyzing the interest. We have had a very enthusiastic response to date. However, in order to allow time to get the benefit of the maximum number of questionnaire returns, we are extending our decision date to March 15. If you have not received information on the 1-26 write immediately,

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