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## PERCY PIERCE

We regret to report the passing of Percy Pierce on July 30, 1962. Readers may remember the notice in the August *Soaring* telling of a serious heart attack suffered by Percy earlier in July. He was one of the early soaring pilots in the U.S., having earned C Badge #52 and competed in several of the early soaring contests at Elmira.

## Ideas For Christmas

SSA has a number of items available which readers may wish to consider giving to spouses or friends for Christmas.

From the Society's viewpoint, Associate memberships in SSA would go a long way toward spreading the sport by putting issues of *Soaring* magazine in the hands of potential enthusiasts on a regular basis. Almost everyone active in the sport has a friend who has evidenced more than curious interest. Have you thought of remembering yours this way?

Binders to hold a year's issues of *Soaring* magazine are a popular item with wives of members every year at this time. A plentiful supply is on hand. Look for the ad in this issue.

Soaring calendars for 1963 make a good gift for those on your list who deserve more than a Christmas card. They're inexpensive, especially in quantities of 10 or more, as advertised in this issue.

A new item is the Zippo cigarette lighter emblazoned with the SSA seal. There is an ad for it, too.

Then there are the various chapters of the *American Soaring Handbook* and other items listed in the soaring merchandise classified ad: lapel buttons, decals, sew-on emblems, log books, etc. Feel free to browse around. The store is open late until Christmas.

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Cover photo: The prototype Schweizer 2-32, resplendent in its new coat of paint, carries Dira Aldott and Bernie Carris aloft near Elmira, N.Y. This all-metal, high-performance design is expected to go into production in 1963 with a larger, tapered horizontal tail. Photo by Sandor A. "Alex" Aldott.

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