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education in that it was designed by Floyd Fuller, technical instructor, and constructed by a group of college men as part of their instruction. It produced such satisfactory results Mr. Weaver acquired it for the Elmira meet.

Franklin K. Iszard, member of the Arnot Glider and Soaring Club, Elmira, is keeping pace with the old timers in the contest. He was an interested spectator one year ago while Wednesday he soared from 10:38 a.m. util 4:33 p. m. His associates are proud of his record as in Albert E. Hastings, his instructor.

Natives of the countryside be-

tween Athens and Towanda, Pa., received the surprise of their lives when they saw what they assumed to be a plane in distress flutter to earth on the side of the mountain near Milan. Hastening to the aid of the pilot they discovered martin Schempp, Pittsburgh, Pa., calmly removing the wings from his Haller-

Hawk. they extended him a royal welcome and proceeded to make short work of the job of getting the ship ready for the trailer.

W. Hawley Bowlus is under sus-

picion. Twice he has landed his glider on a farm at Wilawana, Pa., and contest officials declare he has a sweetheart in the Pennsylvania hamlet. "Do you think they have moved the airport?" demanded Official Referee Louis F. Ross, when the ever-popular Hawley laughingly reported his location.

Miss Helen Wheadon was one of Wednesday's interested spectators on South Mountain, while gliders were buzzing around like a bunch of bees. Miss Wheadon has joined the ever-increasing number of glider fans whose presence has caused contest officials to declare a young women's glider club is to be Elmira's next bid for publicity.

What's next? Married nearly a year and never had their picture taken together! Surprisingly but true, for Mrs. John G. Parfitt had con-fessed it in writing. She is the sec-retary of the glider contest committee while her husband is the efficient official scorer. J. C. Kauffman.representative of the Advertiser, was out gunning for pictures at the glider meet and secured one of Mr. and Mrs. Parfitt. He presented a copy to the recently weds and in a note of appreciation the young lady disclosed the lack of a joint photograph.

Autographing gliders is the popular pastime on South Mountain. Robert Hyde of the Arnot Club has been selling tiny gliders, stamped with the contest date, to replenish the club's finances. Soc res are buy-

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ing the affairs and presenting them, with fountain pens, to popular pilots for signatures. It is said that Captain (soon to be admiral) Alfred Heath started the craze and now the birdmen are reporting attacks of writers' cramp.

Elmira physicians are benefiting by the glider meet and the general committee suggests a contribution to contest expenses. Sore necks by the score required attention Wed-

nesday night as the result of the acute attack of glideritis suffered by those who watched the soaring ships most of Wednesday afternoon. "This 'rubber-necking' makes me feel at home" aid one pilot from the allwise City of New York.

B. Bancroft Hunt Smith, treasurer of the Eastern Aeronautical Corporation, operator of the Elmira

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arrived in Elmira late Wednesday night to see the glider show.. He is particularly anxious to watch his fiend, Major Russell Holderman of Leroy, soar over this valley in a glider.

Gardener "Peg" Nagle, chief pilot at the Elmira Airport, has proven a friend to glider men. He has towed them by airplane from airport to South Mountain as well as all over the city, giving some really spectacular demonstrations.

Robert Hyde fastened thee toy gliders together on South Mountain, and demonstrated a new stunt in soaring. "You certainly develop some crazy ideas," said Prof. R. E. Franklin of the University of Michi-gan, as he took the gliders from Mr. Hyde's hand and proceeded to fly them himself. As the golden sun sank to rest behind the bluecrowed hills Pro. Franklin was seen to attach another glider to the chain of three, while Mr. Hyde sat on a nearby rock, holding his head as he murmured, "And he called me crazy."

J. G. Budwig, director of air regulations for the United States Department of Commerce, has been ordered to Elmira by the government to hold an important conference on gliding.

Contest visitors have been enthusiastic in their praise of the canvass used by the Arnot Club to cover its gliders in transit. On either side is listed a score of Elmira business men who assisted the club financially in securing its ship. It has been suggested that above the names be placed this line: "Business boosters for a more widely known Elmira."

To be cited for distinguished ser-

vice is the high honor about to be conferred upon the Elmira Amateur Radio Association, which is operating two stations in connection with the glider contest. This citation will be the result of securing prompt aid for Major W. L. Purcell, after his accident, and will be conferred by the American Relay League. Daily these stations are in contact with Germany, reporting contest results.

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THE accompanying pictures show some of the figures who made glider h i s t o r y in yesterday's events. Stickler, on his second soaring flight, remained in the air for seven hours, 28 minutes, 30 seconds, losing the American duration record to Hastings by one minute, 30 seconds. Franklin remained in the air practically as long as Hastings and Stickler, but was disqualified because of his landing. Mrs. Holderman and Mrs. Barnaby qualified for Class C soaring licenses, the first women in this country to hold earned licenses of this type. Later Mrs. Holderman established a new women's duration record with a flight of 46 minutes. Schempp soared to Milan, Pa.

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