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Mrs Junkin Making Aviation Comeback At Elmira Meet 1935

First Woman to Earn Class C Glider Rating Again Competing

Signaling her active return to aviation after several years of absence, which she devoted to a young son and daughter, Mrs. Hattie Meyers Junkin, 4536 Lowell street N.W., now is participating in the National Soaring Meet at Elmira N.Y., where eight years ago she won the first Class C glider license issued in the United States to a woman.

Mrs. Junkin, in addition to gaining national recognition in aviation, is an author, chiefly on aviation subjects, a lawyer and a lecturer.

Not only does she hope to regain her active status as a soaring pilot in competition at Elmira, but she hopes to re-establish there contacts which will give her an opportunity to re-enter aviation in a professional capacity.

Known as "Mrs. Waco"

After some years of association with aviation, Mrs. Junkin gained her Class C glider license, bearing the Federation Aeronautique Internationale number 37, as a result of a qualifying flight of 13 minutes made in a soaring plane at Elmira August 12, 1931. The flight was officially witnessed by Charles H. Gale, National Aeronautic Association observer and editor of the Sportsman Pilot.

Mrs. Junkin first became associated with aviation following her marriage to George E. "buck" Weaver, one of 35 civilian aviation instructors to the American Expeditionary Forces in France and founder of the company at Waco, Ohio, which now manufactures Waco airplanes. Through her activities during the period following the war, she became known to old-timers in aviation as "Mrs. Waco."

Widowed by the death of Mr. Weaver, she became the wife of his closet friend, Elwood "Sam" Junkin, who at 21 years was an inspector of aircraft during the World War. They were married in 1924, a year after Mr. Weaver's death. Mr. Junkin died November 1, 1926.

Aviation in Family

Her brother, Charles Meyers, of Cleveland, saw war service in the British Royal Flying Corps. Continuing in aviation following the war, he won the New York-Spokane air derby in 1927.

Carrying on the family aviation tradition her son, George Weaver, jr., at the age of 10, gained distinction by piloting an airplane in flights with some of the best-known American pilots, though he did not achieve the solo stage at that time.

Her daughter, Janet Junkin at the age of 5 made a flight with her stepfather, Comdr. Ralph Barnaby, U.S.N., Mrs. Junkin's third husband, in the first two-seater glider flown here. The flight was made from Congressional Airport in June, 1932. Divorced last year from Comdr. Barnaby, first licensed American glider pilot, Mrs. Junkin has resumed



the name of her second husband.

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