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 New York Aviator is Believed to Have Exceeded Martin Schempp's Sunday Record by 10 Miles--Entertained at Girl Scout Camp--Robert Eaton Soars to Ulster and Has Glider Burned on Return Trip--Glider Instructor Hitch-Hikes from Waukegan.

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Events in the Third Annual National Gliding and Soaring Contest followed one another in rapid succession Monday, 18 pilots taking off from the mountain top between Elmira and Big Flats, while several of them reached nearby communities, much to the delight of the residents. Robert Eaton, Norwich, landed at Ulster, Pa., 28 air miles from Elmira; A. L. Lawrence, Providence, R. I., landed near Corning, 16 air miles from the starting point; Warren E. Eaton, Norwich, reached Chemung, six air miles.

Stanley Smith, University of Michigan, accomplished the difficult feat of soaring from the mountain tip to the airport, about five air miles, skirting the city and effecting a safe landing. B. L. Helvie, Akron, Ohio, took off at 1:18 p. m. in the special two-seat glider designed by Dr. Gross, Akron, and when the contestants left the field for the night he was still in air. Pilot Helvie had been advised by Dr. Karl O. Lange, M. I. T. expert, he might expect a full moon and it was believed he contemplated an endurance test. Clouds, however, forced him to land at about 7:45, giving him more than seven hours in air.

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 One of the popular pilots at the contest is William Howard, Waukegan, Ill., near Chicago, who hitch-hiked to Elmira to witness the events. His trip required four days although he says he actually walked about 25 miles. Mr. Howard is an instructor in gliding and declares he has already been well repaid for his trip here by the marked development in soaring he has been able to witness. He agrees with Wolf Hirth and Dr. Wolfgang Klemperer that Elmira is destined to become the Wasserkuppe of America.
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 ((picture of a young girl with bow in her hair, holding her skirt out))
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State Park, July 18--(AP) --Robert F. Smith, 42, of Indiana, who is general manager of the American Legion Post 1000 in Chicago, was killed today while operating a glider. A teacher, riding down a steep slope at Long's Peak, near the top of the mountain.

Published by The Advertiser, 1000 Main Street, Elmira, N. Y.

This dainty little girl is the daughter of Mrs. R. S. Barnaby, the only feminine pilot entered in this year's contest, but does not seem inclined to follow her mother's footsteps so far as aerial aspirations go. Her father was an associated of George "Buck" Weaver, designer of the first Wac((?letter is written over))o airplaneandfounderof of the Wacco airplane and founder of the Wac((?letter is written over))o Aviation Company. Mr. ((line extending from this point to below the article with a handwritten note 'Junkin died')) when Janet was a baby in arms.

LEGION MEMBER KILLED

Estes Park, Colo., July 18.--(AP)
--Robert F. Smith, 41 of Indianapolis, general manager of the American Legion Publishing Company was killed while mountain climbing today. A boulder, rolling down the north slope of Long's Peak, struc ((text cut off)) him in the head.

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