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contest is the best ever and one of aviation's big bets."

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Lloyd George of Airway Age, New York, has interested A. B. Macy, a Lackawanna Railroad official, in the Elmira soaring contest, and Mr. Macy has interested President Davis to the extent that Dame Rumor says the chief executive of his staff are soon to be Elmira guests.

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Among others planning to visit Elmira during the contest are Lawrence Fisher of General Motors, General John F. O'Ryan of Colonial Airways, George Eastman of Rochester, Berharr McFadden, Ray Howard, the publisher; Paul Bloch, former Elmira now prominent in the advertising and publishing business; C.T. Luddington of the Luddington Airlines, J.H. McGraw of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company.

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Lieutenant Barnaby, in discussing his return to Elmira for this year's meet paid eloquent tribute to the beautiful hills surrounding the city and the kindly people who occupy its many homes, and then said: "It would be a pleasure for me to send to Washington for wind to make these gliders fly, but Congress is not in session so hot air is not available.

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John G. Parfitt, who is official scorer for the meet, is proving himself an expert in this work. His utmost courtesy has won the appreciation of all his associates, for despite long hours and trying circumstances he never fails to show up smiling and ready to supply information to all comers.

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Mrs. Parfitt, the dainty and versatile wife of the official scorer, is secretary at glider headquarters. She runs a card index system in her head and questions are answered almost before the final word is spoken. In fact there is a growing suspicion she remains up all night committing information to memory for no one has yet forced her to say, "I don't know."

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Happiness reigned supreme at the airport when it was announced that Major Purcell is showing improvement at St. Joseph's Hospital. He is popular with pilots and contest officials alike and his injury caused gloom to enter every heart. When the day's work is done pilots drift toward his room, one by one, to encourage him on the road to recovery. The fortitude with which he is meeting his adverse fate has won for him praise unstinted.

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Mrs. L. F. Ross, wife of the official referee, and Mrs. R. S. Barnaby, glider pilot, welcomed into the big family Mrs. Russell Holderman of Leroy, who has entered the contest. Mrs. Holderman in short order started increasing her circle of friends and today a vote would show Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Varnaby and Mrs. Holderman the three most popular contest guests. Their interest in the work and success of each and every contestant in sincere and genuine and strikes a responsive chord in all hearts.

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Former Mayor J. Norton Wood, Manager Malcolm J. Wilson of the Association of Commerce, and Mrs. Wilson; and Homer Brotzman, were among the interested airport visitors Tuesday. One of the contest officials, watching Manager Wilson as he surveyed the long line of gliders, said: "Some of these days you are going to see him dedicate Elmira's first glider factory. Questions he is asking pilots and visiting officials indicates he is going to do his level best to make this city the "Wasserkuppe of America" and he is going to have plenty of backers in his endeavor."

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