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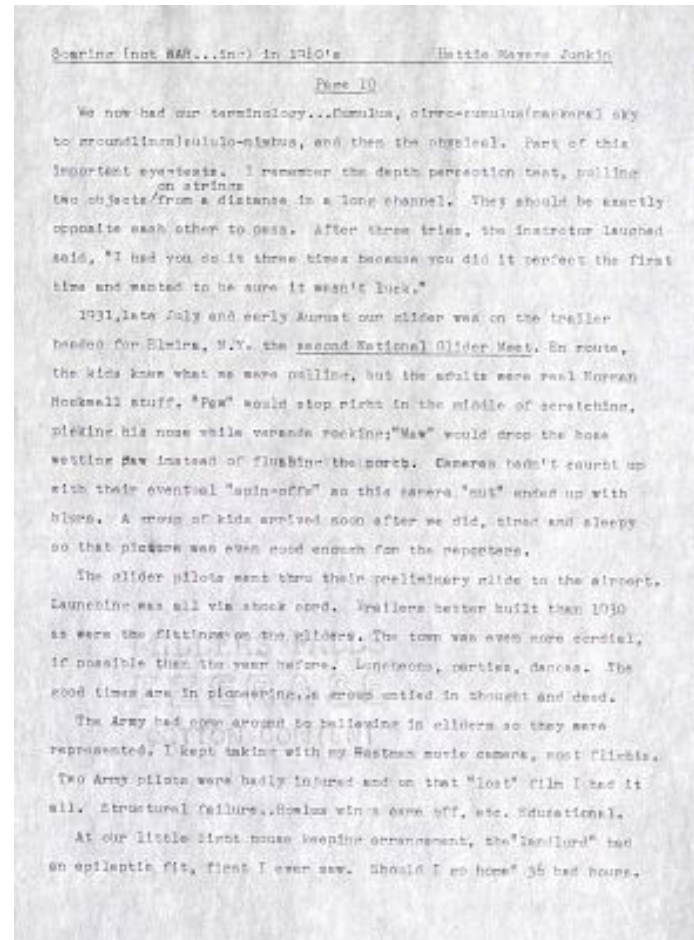
We now had our terminology...cumulus, cirro-cumulus (mackerel sky to groundlings) cululo-nimbus, and then the physical. Part of this important eye-tests. I remember the depth perception test, pulling two objects/on strings from a distance in a long channel. They should be exactly opposite each other to pass. After three tries, the instructor laughed said, "I had you do it three times because you did it perfect the first time and wanted to be sure it wasn't luck."

1931, late July early August our slider was on the trailer headed for Elmira, N. Y. the [[second National Glider Meet [underlined]]]. En route, the kids knew what we were pulling, but the adults were real Norman Rockwell stuff. "Paw" would stop right in the middle of stretching, picking his nose while veranda rocking; "Maw" would drop the hose wetting paw instead of flushing the porch. Cameras hadn't caught up with their eventual "spin-offs" so this camera "nut" ended up with blurs. A group of kids arrived soon after we did, tired and sleepy so that picture was even good enough for the reporters.

The glider pilots went thru their preliminary glide to the airport. Launching was all via shock cord. Trailers better built than 1930 as were the fittings on the gliders. The town was even more cordial, if possible than the year before. Luncheons, parties, dances. The good times are in pioneering..a group untied in thought and deed.

The Army had come around to believing in gliders so they were represented. I kept talking with my [Hastman?] movie camera, most flights. Two Army pilots were badly injured and on that "lost" film had it all. Structural failure..Bowlus wins came off, etc. Educational.

At our little light house keeping arrangement, the "landlord" had an epileptic fit, first I ever saw. Should I go home? 36 bad hours.



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