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THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS: TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1932

AVIATION by ERNIE PYLE

Five-year-old girl makes flight in a glider; air traveler thought plane wings were to shield passengers' eyes; Pomeroy is back [[photo of male - Ernie Pyle?]]

PROBABLY the proudest little girl in Washington is Janet Junkin, of 4536 Lowell-st nw. She has just made a glider flight. Janet is 5 years old

Of course she didn't pilot the glider herself. She rode as a passenger with her famous step-daddy, Lieut. Comdr. Ralph Barnaby, of the Navy. They thought it was the first passenger flight ever made in a glider around Washington. But I believe not. I seem to remember a couple of friends of mine going up once in a single-seater glider, one setting on the other's lap. Of course they weren't supposed to do that, and it was dangerous, but they did it.

But Janet rode in a cockpit all her own, with her pilot up front in another cockpit. It was the first real two-seater glider ever flown around here.

Class by Herself

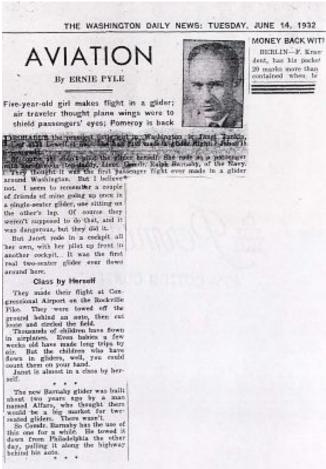
They made their flight at Congressional Airport on the Rockville Pike. They were towed off the ground behind an auto, then cut loose and circled the field.

Thousands of children have flown in airplanes. Even babies a few weeks old have made long trips by air. But the children who have flow in gliders, well, you could count them on your hand. Janet is almost in a class by herself.

The new Barnaby glider was built about two years ago by a man named Alfaro, who thought there would be a big market for two-seated gliders. There wasn't.

So Comdr. Barnaby has the use of this one for a while. He towed it down from Philadelphia the other day pulling it along the highway behind his auto.

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