

MAIL IS DELIVERED BY ROCKET GLIDER

Device Splutters for 2,000 Feet
From New York to Jersey
on Greenwood Lake.

POSTMASTER IS OBLIGING

He Carries Two Sacks of Cards
and Letters From the Ice to
Office to Save the Day.

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GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The second attempt to shoot mail-carrying rocket gliders across the New York-New Jersey State line was partly successful here today.

With the aid of smooth ice and several willing workers, one of the rockets slid across the line. The letters it carried will reach their destination because the Hewitt (N. J.) postmaster dragged the mail bags to the postoffice. The sponsors of the rockets called the trial a "complete success."

More than 700 persons, who had walked more than a mile from where their cars were parked on a snow-blocked road, waited nearly six hours for the event and, as they went home, expressed the opinion through a frosty air that the method of sliding the "successful" rocket up to the State line seemed "a little unconventional."

The first of the small all-metal rockets—which are constructed like gliders—was scheduled to get off at noon. It was on the catapult at the edge of Greenwood Lake, 400 feet from the Hewitt, N. J.-Greenwood, N. Y. border at that hour but it was not until 3:30 P. M. that it was set off.

In the meantime, while the spectators stamped to keep warm, Fred W. Kessler, sponsor and president of the Rocket Airplane Corporation of New York, swore out a warrant for an unnamed "mechanic" whom he charged with malicious mischief and blamed for the failure of the rocket flights two weeks ago.

The first rocket was thrown twenty feet from the wooden catapult and landed on the ice. Gaseous fumes sputtered from its tail and then it slid across the ice, rose forty feet in the air and crashed to the lake. No one measured to see whether it had made the State line.

An hour later, after a consultation between sponsors, the second rocket was dragged out on the ice about 100 feet from the State line. A torch ignited its fuse and the rocket slid across the ice and the State line. It rose about fifty feet in the air and dropped to the ice. It slid on a few feet and again rose thirty feet in the air, to crash to the ice about 2,000 feet from the starting point.

Postmaster Walter White of Hewitt then took two bags of mail from the rockets and dragged them across the ice to the postoffice. The 6,000 letters and postcards in the bags bore 50 and 75 cent stamps which Mr. Kessler had had made and sold to stamp collectors, besides the regular government stamps. Postal officials denied the rocket flights were sponsored by the United States Government.

"The flights were a success," Mr. Kessler said later. "We have proved the value of the rocket."