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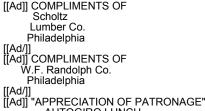
Robertson landed only one less. That's fishing in any man's league.

The three were members of a fishing party arranged by the Bodine Tool and Machinery Company. They left the Brielle dock in Captain Hessler's good boat Magdalena about eight A. M. and were back shortly after the noon hour with a catch of 33 tuna.

Captain Hessler and his mate, Sam, told Reasor this was the best catch of the season. This assertedly is in line with Captain Hessler's reputation of being a genial host as well as a splendid fisherman.

The individual tuna ran from 50 to 65 pounds. Because the weight of the larger catches varied only a few ounces no prizes were awarded.

Others on the enjoyable party were Willie Lauth, John Reichert and Otto Goltz, all of the Bodie Tool and Machine Company.



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are shown above, From left to right, Willie Lauth, Mate Joe, O. S. Reasor, S. P. Lyon, John Reichert, Jimmy Robertson, Otto Goltz, Captain Hessler and Mate Sam.

Bourne Manager of Production

Joseph Bourne, a Philadelphian who began his career in the aircraft industry in California, has been named production manager.

Bourne, according to the announcement by S. P. Lyon, general manager, will be in charge of and responsible for production planning, tool department, tool inspection, processing, estimating, plant layout and maintenance.

At the same time, it was announced the H. D. Guy had been made general superintendent in charge of all production manufacturing. Guy had been factory superintendent.

Bourne was graduated from West Philadelphia High School and Penn State. He took his master's degree at California Tech.

While in high school, Bourne was a member of the varsity eight. He played football and also wrestled at Penn State.

After leaving California Tech, Bourne went to work with Stone and Webster. He turned to aviation in 1933, accepting a position with

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Douglas. In 1936, he joined Curtiss and installed the mold loft procedure at the Buffalo plant.

For the past 20 months, he was shop superintendent at Bell.

He is married and has three children.

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One of First Giro Fliers Joins Plant A buyer of one of the first Kellett Autogiros and a pioneer in sky banner advertising, Leslie B. Cooper, has joined the sales department of the corporation in connection with autogiro sales.

Mr. Cooper, a member of the 1915 class at Princeton, had his first contact with aviation during the World War. He was a member of the 27th Aero Squadron, First Pursuit Group. He has been associated with the aviation industry continuously since.

During the 20's, he served as sales manager of Fairchild Engine Corporation and later as general sales manager of the Curtiss-Wright Flying Service.

In the early 30's, he purchased one of the first Kellett autogiros and, as president of the Giro Sales and Service Company, acted as Kellett distributor in New York. He successfully developed crop dusting by means of autogiros and later entered the Department of Agriculture where he was in charge of their giro dusting for some years.

More recently, he has been associated with Pitcairn Autogiro Corporation and its successor, Pitcairn-Larson Autogiro Corporation.

Mr. Cooper has had approximately 3,000 hours of autogiro flying to his credit.

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Leslie B. Cooper does more than sell and fly autogiros. He even writes verse about them. Here is his latest, written especially for the Kellett News: Pilot's (Giro) Lament I'm going to a better land Where giros do their stuff Where clutches give you rotor revs And rotor blades ain't rough!

I'm going to a better land Where giros still land slow But once you jump into the air Good God! how fast you go! I'll pass the speedy transport planes And wave as I go by No longer shall the slow freight trains Crawl past me when I fly. -Leslie B. Cooper.

P.S.-

Now having written this, I think It is my only hope To partly give up taking drink And cut out taking dope.

### Giro on Border

An autogiro has been added to the equipment of the United States Border Patrol at Laredo, according to an article in the Texas Digest of Dallas, Tex. The ship, to be used for observation purposes, will be piloted by Ned Henderson, former Border Patrol Inspector at McAllen. He received army training in the flying of the autogiro built by the Kellett Corporation.

their promises and under no circumstances give them all out aid such as is extended to Britain.

C. JESSUP- I do not see where the religious issue enters into the situation at all. With our course apparently directed towards the same objective with England let's keep on that subject. Social and religious problems come afterwards. With victory for the allies, the combined weight of the United States and England, along with other supporting countries, I believe will swing Russia into a line of the religious issue. A dictator nation fighting for its life will make promise now- which may be meaningless later.

D. WHITEY- I think Russia should be given material aid only to the extent that they pay for it. This aid that we give them they should come after it so that we could keep our ships on the side of the Atlantic.

GEORGE WIREN- I think our aid to Russia should be continued for the time being until Hitler is defeated, after which our aid will not be needed. Being our aim to defeat Hitler we should think of that first, then our future relationship with Russia and their actions are not our concern.

FRED HENRY- Religious or social issues mean nothing at the present time. We have aligned ourselves with England and Russia to help them defeat and to protect ourselves against a common foe. Our course under these circumstances is well defined. Aid and more aid not overlooking, however, the necessity of keeping our own forces adequately armed.

#### Fire Fighters

The Fighters The National Park service has acquired two autogiros from the U. S. Army to aid in fighting fires and insect scourages that annually hit the nation's forests. The 225-horsepower autogiro will be used primarily to spot forest fires in "blind spots behind ridges where tower lookouts cannot see, and to search for "sleeper fires" that smoulder for several days before bursting into flames.

Giros in Game Control Autogiros are the latest wrinkle in game control work in Alaska. It's a natural here," writes Frank Dufresne, executive officer of the Alaska Game Commission. "In this territory when we think of going anywhere, we think of the autogiro. I've lived in the plane during weekend trips."

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