HELICOPTER ONE :

ON STRIP: The "do-it-yourself" craze has spread to the air, and a couple of Sydney handymen have built their own helicopters.

This one is SUPPOSED to take to the skies at the end of a towline, but, though the blades whirl round and the two-truck hits top speed, the helicopter just REFUSES to leave good old mother earth!

So lets leave him and

ON STRIP: Pop over to Bankstown where farmer Queenslander John Emerson has HIS gyro-copter ready for take-off.

EMERSON: Emerson climbs aboard, the tow-line's ready ... and off he goes! He's going UP, too even if it IS a rock 'n roll take-off!

IN AIR: The copter has no notor, so the tow-line can't be slipped.

But Emerson hopes to fit an engine, and when he does he can slip the tow and REALLY fly. The FIRST of the home-made whirly-birds!

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