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The Hammers said they heard the plane, and before they could get their automobile turned to give the signal, the ship fell to the ground about 300 feet west of the flying field. The pilot managed to extricate himself from the wreckage and was brought to the Reid Memorial hospital here.

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