



**FLIPPED**—No one was injured in the crash of a plane which flipped on impact and landed upside down near the airport Monday. (Story on page one).

## 'Don't Fence Me In'

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—In response to recent criticism from some segments of the community regarding the cost of fencing installed in the school system, Superintendent G. Raz Autry replies:

As you can see, the title of this article should get you interested in reading it. It deals with the reasoning behind the fences I have put up at various places in our school system. First of all, I do not own any stock in any fence company. All of our work of this nature, when it involves a lot of money, is put out for bid, the low bidder receiving the contract.

In our 1975-76 budget we have included \$10,000 to be spent for a fence to enclose a parking lot for the school buses at our new office site. This includes an area large enough to

accommodate a school bus garage and maintenance shop which we plan to build in the future. Also enclosed is a 10,000 gallon gas tank which we keep for emergency purposes for our school buses.

In a five year period at the present school bus garage, the cost of stolen gasoline and other types of vandalism amounted to \$8,400. It is self-explanatory that this fence will pay for itself many times over.

The fence at Raeford Elementary School was put up strictly for safety reasons. Those of you who have children in the fifth or sixth grades will verify, or can well remember, that this is the most restless time of their life. They are careless, they will run onto a road without thinking or into someone's yard. I don't believe there is a tax payer in Hoke County who will object to the board of education spending \$900 to make it safer for our children. The fence at the other schools has already paid for itself by reducing vandalism and by

keeping people from using the school playground area as a parking lot and race track.

I would like to repeat something I have said many times. I am dedicated to the idea that the schools belong to the people. Those of us in the school system work for the board of education, which represents the people.

The people are entitled to know anything about the school system they desire. We will certainly supply the answers, if we know them, as long as it is ethical.

The things I do personally, certainly are open to criticism. My way is not always the right way but I believe it is the right way or I wouldn't do it.

We are doing many fine things in our school system, both inside and outside. Come and look at them any time. It is our job to give our youngsters the best we can provide academically, physically, and morally.

Raz Autry

## C Of C Eyes Finances

Chamber of Commerce directors met Tuesday and studied a detailed report of their financial outlook for the coming year, Chamber president Dick Lovette said.

Lovette said outgoing manager Harold Gillis submitted a complete audit of financial reports for 1970-75 and also a proposed budget based on planned expenditures at the meeting. Included in the reports was a profit and loss statement for the licensing bureau operated by the Chamber.

Lovette declined to disclose the details of the Chamber's financial status, saying the board wanted more time to analyze the information.

The board also was briefed on the membership drive, Lovette said, with over 51% of the chamber membership renewing.

"We would expect to exceed our past membership," he said.

One hundred and forty eight letters have been sent to members and potential members, and a follow-up campaign is planned by the board.

Lovette reported the chamber has received seven written inquiries for the vacant director's job, but none has been acted upon yet.

Gib Barnhart, Julian Butler, and Vardell Hedgpath were named to a committee to research plans for the publication of a city map sometime within the next year, Lovette said.

## Youth Put On Probation

A 15 year-old youth was placed on probation Friday by Juvenile Court Judge Joseph Dupree after admitting to stealing a 1974 Volkswagen stationwagon on June 26. The vehicle owned by the Hoke County Association of the Mentally Disabled was also involved in an accident. The youth is on probation until his eighteenth birthday.

A case concerning two 14 year-old youths who admitted to stealing two boxes of doughnuts valued at \$1.28 from the A & P was postponed indefinitely.

## Air Advisory Line

A toll-free weather advisory number was installed for the Raeford area July 15. Paul Rose of Rose Aviation said that he had applied for the number about a year ago from the Raleigh Flight Service Center, but the installation had been delayed because of a 30 aircraft qualification factor.

Rose said the number works something like a Watts line. To use the number, dial 0 and then give the operator the number WX8143. The operator will then connect the caller with the Raleigh Flight Service and the needed information will be given.

## Farm Items

By W. S. Young County Agricultural Agent

Some information has come to the County Agent's office about changes in the Plant Variety Protection Act. An amendment specifies that it is unlawful to sell by variety name seed not certified when the variety is protected under this act. There are currently 66 varieties in this category. Some are grown in this area. The North Carolina Seed Law follows the same information.

The State Seed Law was amended to permit farmers and seed dealers to request investigations arising from seed complaints. The complaint should be filed within ten days after the alleged defect becomes apparent. There is a \$10 filing fee. The Commissioner of Agriculture then appoints an investigation committee.

The N.C. Department of Insurance made changes effective January 1, 1975 in the North Carolina Building code. One amendment refers to the insulation requirements and the

other relative to specifications for foam plastic insulation.

It also decreases the minimum "U" values for exterior walls and ceilings, floors and weather stripping of exterior doors and windows. Home builders should get a copy of these changes so you will be in compliance with the North Carolina Building code.

A summary of the 1975 tobacco plant bed cover tests has been received in our office. These tests showed that plant stands were similar under cotton nylon and perforated plastic. The stands were slightly reduced under these experimental knit covers.

Based on the number of transplants at the first and second pullings, the perforated plastic gave the fastest plant growth rate, the nylon gave an intermediate growth rate and the cotton and knit covers gave the slowest growth rate.

## Season Tickets On Sale

Reserved seat season tickets for the 1975 football season at Hoke High will go on sale Monday, August 4, principal Allen Edwards announced.

Cost for a season ticket is \$15, or \$12.50 if two or more are purchased. Ticketholders are entitled to attend six varsity home games, three junior varsity games, and four freshman games.

Reserved seats will be on the 50 yard line. Seating will be on

first-come, first served basis, Edwards said.

Purchasers of two or more season tickets will be entitled to a parking in the fenced-in Gibson parking area, Edwards also announced.

The season tickets will be offered for sale at Hoke Drug Co., Howell Drugs, Bank of Raeford, and Southern National Bank in Raeford.

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### Excess Contributions Should Be Avoided

Excess contributions—more than \$1500 a year or more than 15% of earned income—are subject to penalties, and so should be avoided.

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### What About Withdrawals?

You can't withdraw from an IRA fund without penalty before age 59½, except in case of disability or death. You must start to withdraw when you reach age 70½. You can withdraw in one lump sum or can schedule withdrawals so the entire amount in the account will be distributed during your life expectancy. Withdrawals are taxable as ordinary income, but with the expectation that you will be in a much lower tax bracket after retirement. Remember, too, that at age 65 you qualify for a double income tax exemption that lowers your tax bracket.

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### What If You Should Decide To Discontinue Your IRA — Or Not Make a Deposit To Your Plan During A Particular Year?

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