

Survey of Midwest Flood Damage Reveals Nation's Loss

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Floods which rolled down over the Midwest from the north a month left behind crop and property damage estimated Monday at more than a half billion dollars. The survey of the flood damage in the Midwest, which still covered many rich bottomland areas, was made by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. It showed that the four states hardest hit—Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois—lost more than 10 million acres of topsoil. The survey of the flood damage in the Midwest, which still covered many rich bottomland areas, was made by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. It showed that the four states hardest hit—Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois—lost more than 10 million acres of topsoil.

Number killed—16.
The figures told only part of the story, and gave only a hint of the suffering, hardship and financial loss felt by farmers and townspeople in the flood-stricken areas. The floods, which surged down the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and their numerous tributaries in one record-breaking crest after another, destroyed 47 homes and damaged 4,190. The Red Cross estimated that 263 farm and factory buildings were destroyed and 7261 damaged. **2000 Were Homeless**
Fifty-two Red Cross shelters in 30 communities housed about 2000 homeless persons during the height of the floods. The Red

Cross said it fed 6000 persons, more than half of them levee workers. Damage to highways and railroads in the three-state area of Illinois, Missouri and Iowa was estimated by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service at \$9,490,000. The Burlington Railroad reported \$1,000,000 damage to its tracks and installations alone. **Damage to cities and towns in the three-state area was estimated by the Soil Conservation Service at \$17,415,000.** Agriculture experts and crop analysts said the flood's effects would be felt for months to come by persons who knew about the floods only through their newspapers. Housewives may have to pay higher prices for pork chops and beefsteak because of the damage to corn, one of the nation's basic crops. Livestock producers said

Aussie Bride Aids Recovery

WALLA WALLA — (AP) — An Australian war bride who came to this country 16 months ago to join her husband she knew was dying of a lung infection, was given a large share of the credit for his "remarkable recovery." When Mrs. Stanley Martinsen came here in March 1946 from Queensland, Australia, her husband was in a veterans' hospital with little hope held for his recovery from recurring attacks of

malaria, a tropical skin infection and a disease of the lungs. Doctor's said that prior to his wife's arrival he "had lost his will to live" and was sinking fast. But her visits with him helped his morale so much that he began to eat regularly again and gain strength. Six months ago after the birth of his daughter he agreed to a series of complicated operations and a daily rub with an oil compound in an attempt to cure his infections. Today, Stanley Martinsen, an ex-GI from Portland who saw extensive service in the Pacific during the war, is ready for the convalescent ward prior to discharge from the hospital knowing that his doctors are unanimous in crediting his wife's "courage and devotion" as a major factor in his recovery.



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