

## FLOOD RELIEF MEN ENCOUNTER BIG JOB

More Than 300,000 Acres  
Inundated in Illinois

Springfield, Ill., May 13.—Reports of flood damage along the Wabash River received through the Red Cross by the Illinois Flood Relief Committee today indicate that the loss in Lawrence, Wabash, White and Gallatin counties has been underestimated. Glenn Kies, field representative of the Red Cross who has completed a preliminary survey of these counties finds that a total of 92,000 acres of farm land was inundated.

In Lawrence County, 45,000 acres was overflowed, of which nearly half was planted in wheat and it is estimated that the loss of this wheat crop alone amounts to more than \$400,000. Four hundred families are affected in this one county. A large percentage of these families must be cared for during the next four or five months, pending the raising of a new crop and seed must be provided for many of them.

In Wabash County 17,000 acres of land was inundated; in White County 20,000, and in Gallatin 10,000 acres.

This is in addition to the 200,000 acres of land overflowed along the Illinois and Mississippi rivers in Illinois.

Howard K. Weber, chairman of the Illinois Flood Relief Committee which was appointed by Governor Small to assist in raising funds for flood sufferers and which is co-operating fully with the Red Cross, called attention to this enormous loss today and urged greater activity in raising funds.

### Grave Situation.

"While some funds are being received," Mr. Weber said, "it is evident that the people in the State in general do not realize the gravity of the situation. Chambers of Commerce, Civic organizations and committees appointed by mayors are working in a number of communities, but in a majority of the cities of the State there is no organized effort."

Grant Burgner, executive secretary and field representative of the Red Cross has established headquarters in Springfield in connection with the Red Cross Flood Relief Committee of which H. M. Merriam of Springfield is chairman. He is co-operating with the Illinois Flood Relief Committee through its secretary, Halbert O. Crews.

The Red Cross organization throughout all of the inundated area is making a complete survey which covers every farmer affected by floods. The survey will show whether or not the farmer owns his farm or is a tenant, if he owns it, how much of an equity he has in it; how much insurance he carried on farm equipment and stock; how much he has been damaged; what he owns in the way of stock and equipment; what crops he has on hand for feed or seed; and all other information tending to show his loss and his ability to take care of the loss without assistance. All of the expenses of this survey are being met by local Red Cross chapters in the inundated areas or by the National Red Cross organization. None of the money contributed for flood relief will be used for overhead. All of it will go to provide relief.

### Police Station Filled With Community Stills

Toledo, O.—May I borrow your still?  
"One person in the neighborhood buys the still and his neighbors pay him so much for the use of it," Judge Aaron Cohn declared in talking before members of the League of Women Voters. "It makes the rounds like the old sauerkraut cutter."  
"We have community stills piled to the ceiling at Central station."

### Legion and Men's Club to View U-Boat Films

Members of Winnetka Post, No. 10, of the American Legion, with members of the Winnetka Men's club as their guests, are to view the celebrated German U-Boat films Tuesday evening, May 23, at legion headquarters.

The films are to be shown by Colonel Siqueland, of the United States Intelligence service in Europe during the World War, and are being dis-

played in very section of the country.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock. Those planning to attend are requested to mail in their "reservations" to Adjutant Marcus D. Richards, without delay. It is explained that the gathering is not a dinner.

### KENILWORTH "CLEAN-UP"

Tuesday, May 16, was "Clean-up Day" in Kenilworth. This is an annual village enterprise which has as its object the collection and removal of accumulated rubbish on private and public grounds.

### On The Novel

A London periodical has been holding a symposium on the question, "Is the novel played out?" which has elicited a variety of opinions. An interesting letter was written by W. J. Locke who said that as long as such novelists as Hugh Walpole and Sheila Kaye-Smith are living and writing, you

might as well ask "Is the moon played out?" as to questions the continued and enduring value both of the novel as a form of art and of many of the novels that are being written. His reference to Sheila Kaye-Smith in such high terms shows that this young author, among the most recent of the British novelists to forge to the front, has won the cordial appreciation of her fellow-craftsmen in England as well as of the rank and file of readers.

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