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## Damage High In Hamilton, Utopia Districts

Total loss caused by the flood has not been determined but a partial list of estimated damages and loss in Hamilton, the surrounding area and in the Utopia district indicates the final totals will run into high figures.

Mrs. Bessie Luton and her son Bruce obtained this list of estimated loss given for some of the stores and residences in Hamilton.

Hamilton school, water damage to books, food, equipment, etc., \$1500.

Collette Grocery and Lockers refrigeration equipment, meat, groceries, etc., \$4500.

Hi Lead Tavern, \$4000.

Mac's Tavern, \$750.

Cafe owned by W. H. Stoffer (formerly owned by Nels Hodgins), \$1000. The Stoffers just bought the cafe three weeks ago.

Georgia's Tavern, \$1500. Mr. and Mrs. George Olles also had their new Dodge sedan damaged.

Bud Russell—3½ tons oats, 1 ton barley, tractor submerged.

Cyrus Hooper family, who had gone to Birdview, lost all personal things.

Wiley Moores house, total loss, including furnishings.

New O. F. Huston house, had new broadloom carpet, \$1000.

Cascade Grocery, owned by Les Wilkinson, \$6000, had foundation undermined, building twisted.

Jungbluth cabins, \$1500.

Reuben Schroder, one cow.

Jess Sapp reports that his brother-in-law, Raymond Rayne of Seattle, who owns the old Davis place, lost three thoroughbred Brown Swiss yearling bulls. Ed Kolb, farm manager, saved 11 head which were in danger, and had the rest of the herd of 80 head on high ground.

Mrs. Cecil McDougale, Courier-Times Lyman correspondent, reports the Matson family, who live on the peninsula known as the "Island" between Lyman and Hamilton, lost five cows and cannot find a sixth. They also had the chicken house destroyed. The Ben Nelson family lost between 75 and 100 chickens. She reported that most of the farmers in the area got their stock out in time. Bill Sweeten's barn was surrounded by water, and water damaged some of his hay.

The Utopia district also was hard hit, according to Mrs. Harley McConnell, Utopia correspondent.

She reports these losses there:

George Betschart, two cattle.

Francis Attwell, two purebred heifers.

E. R. Van Matre, a heifer, three pigs (39 head saved, although only

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their heads were above water at the peak of the flood.)

W. A. Dorcey, lost cabbage, rutabagas and beets which he was raising for seed.

William Mosher, trees and logs on cleared land.

Oscar Dickerson elevated his cattle with hay and stayed with them throughout the entire danger period. The Seversons saved their cattle, although the cattle had their heads hanging over the fence and that was about all that was above water. The Walter Nichols got up about 3 a.m. Sunday and took their cattle to the house of their son Ray Nichols, who has the old DeWitt place on the Lyman road.

Five horses owned by Lfeo Cecotti near Sedro-Woolley were also reported drowned. This report was unconfirmed, as Cecotti's telephone is still out of order.

Lloyd Taylor of the Utopia district was able to save his two horses which nearly were drowned.