

## ~~MY~~ U.S. TORNADOS

*Really*  
This was Hudsonville <sup>Only</sup> ~~many~~ a few hours before the flattened  
ruin-area was a little township. <sup>Its</sup> ~~about~~ 2,000 people  
heard the terrifying screech which, in Michigan, means only  
one thing - tornado. Like a scythe through grass it  
ripped by - and no houses remained. 13 people were dead,  
a miraculously small number; more than 300 were injured.

In Standale, a suburb of Grand Rapids, it was the same  
ghastly story. Men saw a huge, dark, fan-shaped cloud  
swooping upon them. No possible escape. It's believed  
that the total number of <sup>in 13 States</sup> ~~tornado~~ deaths ~~nears~~ 50. ~~The~~  
~~twisters cut paths of destruction through 13 states.~~

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TORNADOES RIP. MID-CONTINENT WESTERN MICHIGAN HARDEST HIT

We're in Hudsonville, a little town perhaps like your own. Only this one is flattened; hit by tornadoes which sliced-through western-Michigan communities. Thirteen mid-continent states felt the tweisters; Michigan received the hardest blows: 17 dead, more than 200 injured, damage estimated at 11 million dollars. Nature's knife cut deeply in Hudsonville, population two thousand. Says one eyewitness: "There was a wild sound, and our house was gone." We were looking straight up at the sky."

Hudsonville is located southwest of Grand Rapids toward Lake Michigan.

In a suburb of Grand Rapids, Standale, there is more evidence of the fury of the windstorms, grim reminder for many of the Flint disaster of June 1953. If you've wondered what a twister looks like, we quote another eyewitness' vivid picturization: "It was a big fan-shaped cloud, all dark and gray and white, with little horns on top."