


People from around the country—and the world—donated money to help those who had lost their homes. Neighbors helped one another rebuild and replant their fields.

But many of the ruined towns never recovered from the disaster. The Dillons stayed in Parrish and rebuilt their house and farm. But many of their neighbors left.

The two biggest cities hit—Murphysboro and West Frankfort—did partly recover. But the cities were never as vibrant as they were before March 18, 1925. •



In the days and weeks after the tornado, thousands of homeless people relied on free food provided by the Red Cross and other relief organizations.