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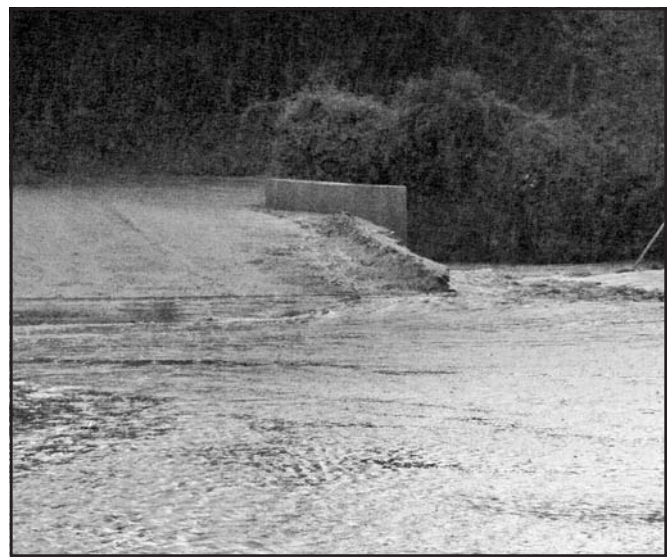
"A line of dark red and purple just camped out south and west of my house and never moved."

Union County Extension Agent Mickey Cummings said farms in Western Union County that had already planted, lost their crops.

"Of course there are many areas of the county where farmers also had planted and they got rained on, but nothing like it rained on the West side," Cummings said. "The farmers who live on the Western end of the county who are regulars at the Union County Farmers Market will most likely have to replant.

"I've heard from several folks who tell me that their gardens got wiped out and they also lost a lot of topsoil," Cummings said. "We'll still have plenty of crops coming in when the Farmers Market officially opens on June 8th, but, there will be several farmers that are a few weeks behind because of that storm."

Willy Kerr, of Moun-



Photos/Frank Uhle and Linda Gilmer

tain View Farms, who is always ready for the Market to open, bringing in cabbage and broccoli to sell, said, the storm wiped out 6,000 cabbage and broccoli plants, and washed out a lot of topsoil from his garden.

"That storm has me about three to four weeks behind now," he said. "I'll have to test to see the extent of the damage to my topsoil, but, even if everything is okay, I still have to order more plants and get them in the ground.

"That storm didn't do anything but create more work for me," he said.

Kerr said the storm damaged his carport, creating several hundred dollars in damage.

"If I didn't already have

enough work to do, I do now," he said.

Commissioner Paris said the county road department had plenty of work to do also.

"Our road department spent Thursday repairing roads and culverts," he said. "We had something unusual this time, normally on the upside of a culvert during a flood, that's the part that catches the most damage, then the lower side just get the wash over.

"This time, it was completely the opposite. We have some theories, but that's really all we have at this time," he said. "The headwall side of the culvert, where the water was entering it, there was hardly any damage, but on the lower side of the culvert,

starting right at the edge of the pavement, it was like someone took a razor and cut it straight down to the culvert.

"Anytime you have a flood, the water is going to go over the top of the road, but this time you had so much water, and it was so wide, it was just like a huge lake behind every culvert," he said.

"All we can figure out is, it was such a huge volume of water, once it did start going over, it just started cutting down," Paris said. "It was like a knife the way that it cut it and we have not had that in our other floods."

Good news: the new culvert at Low's Mill was able to withstand the rushing water.

"It definitely withstood a strong test," Paris said.