

- ▲ This view shows the downstream side of the bridge. A damaged barn is in the center background.
- ▲ The force of the water is very evident here. This heavy-duty concrete bridge was moved 1 foot away from the abutting roadway during the downwash, which also covered completely the valley in the background.
- ▲ A bridge abutment is at the lower left stream bed, washed there by the waters on their way to the Piney River. In the right center is the new roadbed and temporary bridge. At the far right background is the fragmented end of the original bridge.
- ▲ We proceeded northward through Lowesville, then turned East at the junction of the north and south forks of the Piney River. Beyond the car is shown a home totally destroyed. The roadways here, once paved well-marked Virginia primary highways, have been washed away.
- ▲ Along the southfork of the Piney River near Lowesville the streambed is strewn with pieces of roadbed, concrete culverts and structural debris. Notice how swift the water runs even though it has not rained for 23 days.
- ▲ This is another view of the same area showing roadway segments, destroyed culverts, temporary phone lines.
- ▲ On route 151 at Piney river, near the bridge and chemical plant, stands a house twisted on its foundation. A woman had climbed out on the porch roof as the water rose. Before she could get a hand-hold, the waters swept her across the road towards the chemical plant. ▲ She grabbed a projecting pipe structure, 2 workers in the second floor of the plant saw her plight, threw a rope out to her, and she walked across on an above-ground conduit, in water chin high, to the plants second floor window, where the workers pulled her to safety.