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GONE AGAIN after heavy rains in the county Sunday and Monday is this portion of U. S. Highway 283 south of Altus and a mile north of the Red River bridge. Fill dirt and surfacing material was used on the road last month when a 10 inch rain tore giant hunks out of the pavement for 200 yards, but the temporary repairs fail to hold in the new downpour. The major highway was once again closed today, with south-bound traffic being routed onto other roads. (Staff Photo)

County Damage Count Begins

Flooded streams in Jackson county were returning to their banks today, and farmers and state and county road officials began surveying their second round of high water damage within a month.

There was one major traffic interruption, several county roads impassable, lowland cotton and wheat losses and at least 12 head of stocker calves drowned.

Red River, fed by rampant Turkey, Sandy and Boggy creeks, tore over the lowlands south of here again and wash-

ed out the dirt fill on U. S. 283 a mile north of the Oklahoma-Texas bridge, forcing Vernon-bound traffic to detour through Frederick.

The 283 gap, about 200 feet long, was created first from the Sept. 19 deluge that left as much as 10 inches of rain in some parts of the county.

Water began going over the unsurfaced fill at mid-afternoon Monday, and blockades went up on the highway at 4 p. m. By this morning, there were two complete sections of the fill washed away and huge chunks chewed out of other portions. Some additional surfacing collapsed on the south end of the gap.

Two-lane traffic was maintained west of Altus on U. S. 62 at a dirt fill prompted by the September rains, when new dirt was rushed in Monday after high water from Bitter Creek had eaten away a portion of the fill.

County commissioners were unable to get an estimate on county road damage, but apparently most bridges had held this time despite the fact that Turkey Creek ran at one of its highest marks since the devastating flood of May 1937 along that stream.

Sandy Creek southeast of Eldorado was reported "as high as it probably has ever been," and Boggy Creek west of here and Stinking Creek east of the city joined in taking cropland tolls.

It was on Stinking Creek that the 12 head of stocker calves were lost. The animals belonged to Robert Southall. He said the calves were trapped in high water six miles east and three south of Altus and apparently

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