

# THE MOUNT VERNON ARGUS

## Highway 1-A To The Rescue 2/22/51

Once again Highway 1-A, that neglected, twisting, narrow road, sometimes called the East Pacific Highway, has given a demonstration that it is strategically located, above flood waters, and if properly developed would furnish an uninterrupted avenue for through traffic, north and south, for with the flooding of the Skagit flats the heavy traffic of Highway 99 is now winding its way up and down the snake path known as Highway 1-A.—Arlington Times.

## Flood Prevention

The severe damage caused by the flood last weekend again calls attention to the need for doing something about the Skagit river. . . the run-off of the Skagit watershed will continue to be a problem to contend with.—Puget Sound Mail.

It was an experience we have no desire to repeat. . . It is a problem that the lower valley must prepare to meet. We hope they can find a solution and be spared future disasters.—Concrete Herald.

"We're going to sell and move to higher ground" (Frank Huston of Hamilton)—Anacortes American.

"... lessons that may be learned about constructing homes well above flood water levels, building and maintaining stronger dikes, and buildings that provide better protection from endangered livestock. If these lessons are heeded the people who live in lowland areas will be better prepared for the next flood that comes along. And another flood will come, make no mistake about it."—Twin City News.

"... months from October to June always bear the possibility of floods. We'd better be prepared to meet them."—Snohomish County Tribune.

"To unite to work for the prevention of these disaster conditions speedily should become a matter for first business of city and farm organizations and the municipal and county authorities."—Lynden Tribune.

"I've lived on the bay (Oakland) over 40 years and I've never seen the bay muddy before" (John Cross, Shelton).—Shelton-Mason County Journal.

"Marysville people are thankful this week as the area remains normal while surrounding country, both north and south, suffers flood conditions."—Marysville Globe.

"Build. . . delaying dams . . . What we need is engineers who do not know the words 'it can't be done'. Nor do we think this is a matter in which we should call on the federal government for help. . . Yes, it will cost an enormous sum, but we can pay it over the years from earnings of protected farms, utilities, etc., and from the moneys saved that otherwise would be spent in repairing damaged homes, roads, etc."—Arlington Times.

"It is hoped this disaster will prompt some action on the part of those responsible for safeguarding the region from floods. . . Flood control projects should be started and started on a big scale immediately."—Monroe Monitor.

The Lions gift to the town—the bridge park site—faces no irrigation program. . . if mother nature bestows similar wraths upon the new bare plot annually."—Ferndale Record.

"... torrents of water rushing along the highways found ditches and culverts too small to carry the flow and many roads were washed out. . . It will be many months before some of the roads will be replaced if that is indeed possible in some areas."—Vashon Island News-Record.