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HEAVY RAINS AND WIND CAUSE FLOOD WATERS IN VALLEY

ROADS BLOCKED ON HIGHWAY TO SEDRO-WOOLLEY FOR FEW HOURS-MERTZ CAR STALLED-BAKER LAKE BRIDGES GO OUT

During the past week Concrete was visited with two natural disasters, one an earthquake and the other a flood. The first, the earthquake, failed to be a disaster in the true meaning of the word but shook houses and rattled windows and dishes for about ten seconds at 6:50 Saturday morning. The other trouble occurred Monday when high winds and heavy rain combined to swell all creeks and streams in the district to overflowing.

The road at Hamilton was under water in several places and traffic was detoured on the other side of the railroad tracks most of the day. Later in the evening, however, the water began to rise and soon was too high for cars to attempt to go through it. As rain ceased Tuesday the river dropped again and traffic was resumed.

Mertz's Lincoln Stranded

Mrs. E. F. Mertz, coming home from Sedro-Woolley Monday evening, hit the water at the Davis place, just the other side of Hamilton, and the car stalled. The water was rising and as she was unable to start the car again she waited until some men came to help her. They threw her a rope and she waded out through water up to her waist.

Returning to Lyman she secured a wrecker to tow the big Lincoln out but by that time the water had reached handles of the door and the car could not be reached. The car was

not taken out until the next day and by that time it was well filled with silt and mud and will need a thorough overhauling.

Baker Lake Road Suffers

Damage along the road to Baker Lake by the streams in that district was great. Besides the usual cutting of the banks and approaches to the bridges the waters of Big Sandy, Sulphur creeks and Little Sandy rose high enough to take out the new bridges that had been built over them recently. This makes it impossible to get to Baker Lake by car and it will be some time before new bridges are put in place.