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RIVER REMAINS HIGH AS WARM WEATHER HOLDS

SKAGIT FERRIES STOPPED BY HIGH WATER - NO RECORD RUN-OFF YET APPARENT

The hot days of the past week have had the Skagit River up near flood stage several times, but at latest reports, the gauge at Mount Vernon is still below the "danger point" of 21 feet. Ferries at Faber and Rockport have been operating only when a drop in the river gave show of safety, but school children are being forced to miss their last week of school.

Last season's high point was 20.8 feet. The highest yet so far has been 19.4 and the river has been dropping since this point was reached Friday morning.

So far the run off has been going perfectly as far as flood control is concerned. The rivers have been bank-full, yet not dangerous, while at the same time taking a big portion of the snow water off the high peaks.

Unless more severe hot weather or warm winds create a new situation, it is possible that the flood crest will pass over an extended period without damage.