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COUNTY HIRES ENGINEER FOR SKAGIT BRIDGE

SEATTLE ENGINEER CHOSEN TO DESIGN AND SUPERVISE ON BRIDGE OVER SKAGIT

The Skagit county commissioners, who have been keeping rather quiet on the upper Skagit bridge due to lack of any specific progress to report, this week heaved a sigh of relief and sent out word that they have hired a bridge engineer to draw plans and specifications and to act as consultant on the project.

The new engineer is Cecil Arnold of Seattle, and he is expected to report in Skagit county immediately to begin work.

It is the intention of the county commissioners to be ready to let contracts by March 1, 1950.

Road Figures Under Way

Mathematical work on the road survey from Faber to The Dalles is now under daily schedule by the engineer's office and a full report and estimate of cost is expected soon.

While no official verification has been made of rumors of bridge location, all indications seem to favor the Dalles site which will be the least expensive for the bridge itself. If road costs do not exceed normal estimates, the total of \$700,000 voted last year could do the entire job. Estimates for the Faber site bridge run almost to that amount without access roads to any other area.