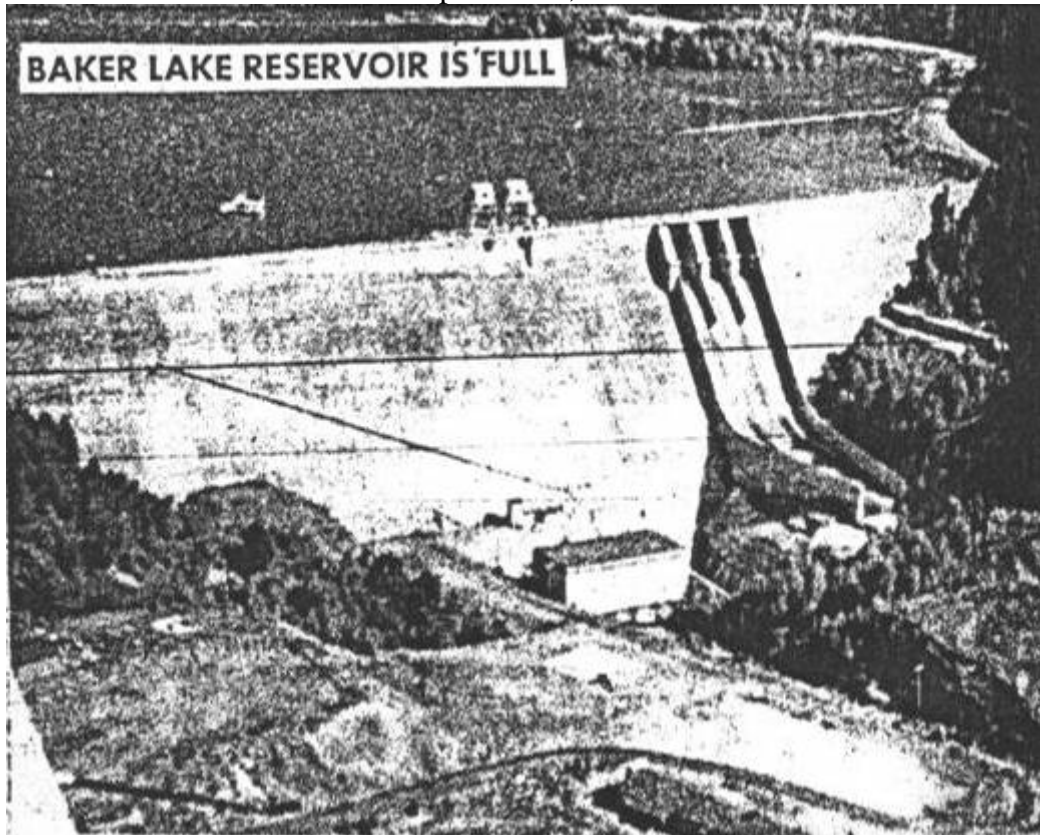


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SLOW RUNOFF PERFECT FOR BAKER RIVER DAMS

With snow in the hills about gone, river control is the practice at dams both on the Skagit and Baker. The Skagit River is at about its lowest point in several years, due to the lack of rainfall the past month. Power potentials have been maintained by holding the water behind the dams to the best advantage.

Baker Lake runoff has been about perfect with the lake held to within 6" of full height since last April. While the runoff of snow is about over the operators figure that even with a draw down now fall rain should come along to hold the lake at maximum.

Lowest water recorded on the Skagit in August was '41 when it ran 6,400 cu. ft. 1969

August average was 8,000. August average over the years is 9,660. Normal flow in July is 18,000 cu.-ft. per second.

September is considered the low month of the year so another drop is expected unless heavy rains set in.