

SKAGIT RIVER STILL RISING AT CONCRETE

WATER COMING UP AT RATE OF THREE INCHES AN HOUR AT CONCRETE; DANGER MARK DRAWS NEAR

Information received by the Daily Herald from Concrete at 2:30 this afternoon was to the effect that the Skagit river was still rising at the rate of three inches an hour at that point. The temperature had dropped to 40 at Concrete.

This afternoon the river was within three feet of the point reached at the last flood here two years ago. Many observers thought the crest had been reached, but the Skagit was still rising this afternoon.

Readings at the county gauge south of the city docks at intervals today were:

- 8 a. m.—23 feet, 2 inches.
- 10:45 a. m.—23 feet, 8 inches.
- 12:30 p. m.—23 feet, 10 inches.
- 1:30 p. m.—24 feet.
- 2:30 p. m.—24 feet, 3 inches.

Early this morning the river was said to be rising two inches an hour at Concrete. The flood gates were opened on the Baker river dam at Concrete yesterday, and huge quantities of water poured from that point and later reached the Skagit. The amount of water coming over the dam was said to have slowed down considerably this morning, indicating it had been colder in the upper stretches during the night. However, it was said there had been a chinook wind yesterday near the city of Seattle power site on the Skagit.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon it was said the weather was still warm at Hamilton, although the water had not covered the road near there.

In Mount Vernon, the Skagit had risen five feet four inches between 8 a. m. yesterday and 8 a. m. today. The rise from 8 a. m. today to 2:30 this afternoon was slightly over a foot.

A basketball game between Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley was to be played on schedule tonight, and Burlington will attempt to get to Anacortes for its game. La Conner's game at Hamilton was postponed as was Edison's game at Concrete. The Mount Vernon junior college quintet left for Centralia to play there tonight after postponing its game with Grays Harbor junior college at Aberdeen last night.

A few motorists were getting through to Bellingham by way of Wickersham. Some reported they had experienced difficulties. The Chuckanut and Samish highways were still blocked by water from the flooded Samish river in Skagit.

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A large section of the Chuckanut was also washed out and this road will be closed for some time.

It was said the water had receded on the highway at Silvana, and in the event there is no more rain, traffic may be able to get past that point within 12 hours. This afternoon, however, traffic was still being routed by way of McMurray and Arlington.

It is possible to go to Anacortes on the Mount Vernon-Anacortes highway when the tide is out. At high tide, water covers the pavement west of Summit Park.

Many acres of farm land in the northern part of the county were flooded by the Samish. It was said the Samish flood was the worst in years. Wednesday night the water rose to three inches deep over the floor in Joy's store at Allen and was level with the floor yesterday. The Pacific highway was covered with water to within a mile north of the Triangle service station in that section of the county.

At Sedro-Woolley serious flood damage to property was saved early Wednesday morning when a group of citizens in the north end of town gathered under the direction of E. C. Carr and cut a channel through the old grade road northwest of town. A four-foot culvert with which the county had recently replaced a bridge, proved inadequate for rapidly rising waters which soon flooded the homes in the surrounding districts, and but for the prompt action of the men in cutting the channel a serious flood menace would have threatened, putting the entire north end of the city under from three to six feet of water, with perhaps several feet in the business district.