

## SKAGIT RIVER HITS NEW LOW

The Skagit river hit a new low this week when the river gauge at Mount Vernon registered the lowest in years. According to the local fire department journal which was begun in 1931, Monday's river reading was the lowest yet entered. It was at the  $3\frac{7}{10}$  foot level on the gauge. Compared to that are the readings in January 1931 when the river climbed from the seven foot mark on January 20 to 16 feet January 23, and reached a peak January 26, when it topped 27 feet.

According to Carl Bloom, an old timer at Birdsvew, the Skagit river is lower at that point than it has been in the 17 years he has lived there.

The cause of the lowering of the river is the severe temperatures experienced in this region when the mercury hovered around the zero point and snow in the mountains was kept from melting.