

RIVER PROJECT MODEL SHOWN

Depicting in miniature the intricate details that make up a flood control project, a model of the re-vestment work completed at Lyman several months ago has been put on display in the county courthouse. The model was constructed with WPA funds under the direction of the U. S. engineers' office which presented it to Skagit county.

Various stages in the project are clearly shown by the model, which is drawn to a scale of one inch to eight feet. Just like the original project, the model shows a three to one slope, driving of willow stakes, laying of cable, weaving of the brush mat, and the construction of fascines. The completed brush mat is shown sunk in a striking likeness to the Skagit river for the purpose of protecting the banks underneath the water. The mats are submerged to a depth from six to twelve feet.

The Lyman project, which was completed last May, was one of six units of a total length of 4.2 miles in place, started in September 1935. The model was built at the Seattle canal locks by the engineers' office, for the purpose of demonstrating the type of flood control work being done in the northwest.

The finishing touches to the pro-

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ject are also shown to scale on the model. Rooted willow slips are planted six to a square in the compressed mat which protects the river bank against erosion. Concrete blocks, galvanized cable and machinery add to the reality of the model.

On the banks of the river, a portion of the town of Lyman is shown.