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## **Engineers Get Plans** For North Fork Span

approval its plans for the new drawbridge provides for navigafixed bridge on the north fork of tion a vertical clearance of nine the Skagit River to the U.S. Army feet in a closed position, and a Corps of Engineers in Seattle.

that his office would receive com- pass through it. ments and objections on the proposed structure until April 16.

which interested parties were inthat certain river craft such as have been dropped. large dredges would not be able it were built.

The site of the planned bridge Mount Vernon. is three-eights of a mile downstream of the existing highway to whether or not the plans will bridge across the north fork of be approved must rest primarily built, will provide a minimum upon the effect the proposed work vertical clearance of 120 feet, nor- will have on navigation and/or mal to channel.

Skagit County has submitted for | In comparison, the existing horizontal clearance of 80 feet. Col. Norman A. Matthias, dis- Of course, when the bridge is trict engineer, announced today open a vessel of any height may

The application from Skagit County to the Army for permis-However, the colonel probably sion to build the bridge, as realready is aware of possible ob- quired by the General Bridge Act jections as a result of a meeting of 1946, shows that the earlier held Feb. 14 in Mount Vernon to suggestions to lower the height of the fixed span bridge to below vited. It was brought out then 40 feet to save construction costs

The proposed height now will to clear the proposed bridge if allow the river boats using the river to continue their trips to

> Matthias said the decision as flood control.

## **Rock Strengthens** Section of Dike

A 3,000 foot long section of dike on the east side of the Skagit River between Mount Vernon and Conway is now stronger by some 14,000 cubic yards of rock, the Skagit County engineer's office reported to-

County Engineer H. O. Walberg said the rip-rapping job in Dike District Three headed by Daniel Sundquist was expected to be finished today. Weymouth and Wheeler, Seattle contractors, did the work for Dike Dis-3 trict No. 3 as part of the district and county's continuing flood control program.