

THE MOUNT VERNON ARGUS

FILL MATERIALS TO BE DREDGED FROM SKAGIT

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Highway To Use Half Million Cubic Yards

Dredging operations for fill material for the stretch of highway construction between the overpass of the Great Northern and the new bridge now in construction at Riverside probably will not get under way Monday as first planned, but will soon thereafter.

A call to Dunlap Towing Co. of LaConner yesterday brought information that the dredge, pontoons and barges had not arrived. Dunlap was to tow them here for the work.

HALF MILLION YARDS

About a half million yards of material is to be taken from the Skagit river in the vicinity of Young's bar by Osberg and Manson to be used on the P. J. Anderson contract job. The State Highway Dept. had purchased land north of Fir street in the vicinity of the cemetery for borrow materials for fill but the contractor is said to have figured costs on dredging cheaper for these materials.

APPROVALS SLOW

It is understood that dredging operations have been held up for some time because of certain permits and approvals necessary, particularly from the U. S. Engineers. One source of information had it that no dredging is to go beyond a certain depth designated as minus-five. Some concern has been expressed as to weakening the east bank of the river but one authority said yesterday that a deepened channel might ease the wear on that bank. On the other hand, it is believed that all sand and silt removed will soon be replaced by the erosive action of the river. Young's bar has extended its reaches gradually for many years gently swinging the river eastward.