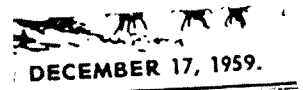


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To Start Immediately On Plans For Brand New Rockport Span



More details on the bridge to be built at Rockport next year were furnished this week by Commissioner Brown Wiseman of the third district, who has already set things in motion for an early call for bids next year.

The commissioners, after studying the comparative costs, have decided to build an entirely new bridge, rather than use old steel from dismantled spans. Cecil Arnold, bridge architect, is now at work on the plans.

Negotiations are under way to have test drillers on the job shortly after the first of the year to furnish specifications for the two piers which will be out in the stream and the two ashore, so that the details may be included in the architect's plans. Site of the bridge is now expected to be just east of the old City Light depot, and the north approach will be about at railroad grade. The approach will tie in with the present street into Rockport, and the connection with highway 17-A will be at the "Y" below Benton's store.

Mr. Wiseman said he has also requested the architect to include a 4-foot sidewalk in the bridge plans to take care of any foot traffic.

The county has \$239,482.00 set aside in the new budget for construction of the span. Estimated cost, completed, will be in the neighborhood of \$300,000. The balance of the money needed will be taken from normal county funds so that no bond issue will be required and the bridge will be paid for when complete.

On the south side of the river surveys are complete to bring the bridge approach in a direct tangent from the intersection of the Sauk river and Illabot Creek roads. The bridge will span the river at an angle to eliminate any abrupt curves.

This 1½ mile stretch will be built by the regular county construction crew. A pre-stressed concrete span will be used to bridge the small slough on the right-of-way.

Boat Landing Promised

The bridge right-of-way deal includes a trade of property with City Light, who will take over the present ferry site on the north side of the river. An agreement has been made to keep this open for a sportsman's boat landing as long as it is not needed for use by the City. In such case, or if the property is sold, the landing on the south side of the river will be converted to a landing, so that one is guaranteed for the hundreds of boat fishermen who drift the river from this point each year.

Storm Returns!

If you still have your Herald of November 26th, get it out and read about the storm. It will save writing another story for what happened Monday and Tuesday of this week—it did it again!

Water over the roads, slides on the Van Horn cut and at Rockport, flood waters in the Skagit—all much in the same pattern and from almost a similar amount of rain.

Only differences were that the Rockport wash failed to cause any more trouble and the Van Horn mill pond did not wash out. Van Horn cut was blocked on Monday morning by a slide in the same place as the previous one. Another smaller one occurred just west of the original slide.

Tuesday power had to be shut off for two hours up-river while the line crew did some pre-slide work at the Faber Ferry. A grove of trees had started slipping above the highway and were heading for the power lines. To save time the crew took the line down, cut all the trees in the section of sliding earth and then put the lines back up again.

In Concrete more slides occurred on the hill back of Main Street. The big slide in Crofoot addition failed to move any more, but sent a big stream of water into the Stadlman basement.

Rain ceased late Tuesday evening and by Wednesday morning a bit of blue sky appeared to end the serious flood threat to the low-