

Flood Conditions Are Serious!

HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY RAIN CAUSE SKAGIT RIVER TO RISE

Continued heavy rains and chinook winds during the last twenty-four hours have caused the Skagit river to rise rapidly and today the high water conditions have assumed a serious aspect. Since yesterday noon the river here has risen about six feet and observers today claim that the water is rising about three inches an hour.

At one o'clock the river was nearing the eighteen-foot mark. Old timers say that the heavy rain of last night and the wind, causing the snow to melt in the mountains, will not affect the river for several hours yet, but that when this water starts to come down, the Skagit will swell considerably.

No let up is expected today and whatever effect last night's storm and gale will have on the river should be known tonight or early tomorrow morning. Several of the old timers say the conditions are just about right for a flood. Crest of the high waters has not been reached, they declare. Notwithstanding the weather the next few hours, the river will continue to rise, is the belief.

Telephone reports received by the Daily Herald this afternoon from Lyman were that the road between that place and Hamilton was under water. The report is that the road is covered by several feet of water.

No water has reached Lyman and the river there is said to be at a standstill, having neither risen nor fallen during the last few hours.

Other reports from about the state are that the flood conditions are serious. Conditions in Snohomish county were not so bad today, it was reported, while some of the low lands in Whatcom are under water.

Late reports received by the Daily Herald were that part of Hamilton is under water. School was dismissed and the desks and other equipment are being moved from the building, it was reported.