

BRIDGE SURVEY

A county surveying crew yesterday began work on the first major step toward construction of the \$700,000 Skagit river bridge which voters have authorized for the upper Skagit valley, County Engineer H. O. Walberg said this morning.

Walberg reported that the surveying crew began work at Faber Ferry above Van Horn, and will proceed along the south bank of the river to The Dalles near Concrete examining river and bank conditions to aid in determining the best possible location for the proposed span.

Another important factor to be examined by the surveying crew will be the possibilities of highway access to various points along the river, the engineer said. While no definite time can be set as to how long the survey will take, Walberg stated that it would be pushed through as rapidly as possible, in the effort to get all work of this nature done under the most favorable weather conditions.

Prior to the beginning of the actual survey, county commissioners, engineers and up-river residents made several field trips into the area under consideration to gain preliminary information on the problems involved in construction of the up-river span.

Flood Warning Setup Disolved

Skagit county's flood-control warning system, developed by the county planning commission three years ago, is being abandoned, it was learned here today.

Two men who have been employed by the county during three months of the year to check weather gauges in the mountains on the upper Skagit river area, have received notification that their services will no longer be needed.

The action to terminate the warning system was taken by the board of county commissioners.

The flood-control warning system was coordinated by the weather bureau in Seattle who received periodic reports from the gauge readings in the upper Skagit and readings at Skagit river dams, and then relayed warnings to the county engineer's office here when floods or high water are apparent.