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CREW AT WORK ON RIVER PROTECTION; PLAN NEW BRIDGES

Under the direction of Skagit county engineer's office, a crew of men have been doing river bank protection work east of Utopia. Piles are being driven in the slough at the bend in the river and rip-rap work is being done as an added protection.

Harvey Anderson, foreman in charge of this party, was kicked in the jaw by the crank handle while he was trying to start a stubborn truck. Although his jaw was not broken, a pipe, which he had in his mouth, was responsible for an injury which might easily have been fatal. The pipe stem was driven straight back through his throat, tearing the flesh and making a nasty wound. Anderson is under the doctor's care, but expects to return to work early next week.

As soon as work at Utopia is completed, the crew will be moved to Happy Valley to repair a bridge between the Lyman ferry and Day creek road. Material for this job already has been ordered and part of it delivered.

During the past week, the survey party from Engineer Knapp's office has been on Sinclair island doing some location work. It is expected that they will return to Mount Vernon within a few days.

Estimates are being prepared for the proposed bridge across the Swinomish slough on the Mount Vernon-Anacortes road. It is proposed to build a steel bridge of modern design to replace the old bridge. Bids for the work will be called in the near future.

Possible methods of straightening the Nookachamps bridge on the Clear Lake road are being considered in the county engineer's office. Several plans have been presented, but no decision as to which one will be adopted has been made.