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Two Big River Bank Projects Are Completed

Big Crew of Men Moves to Utopia; Seven Other Jobs

The largest of the ten revetment jobs on the Skagit river, under the direction of the United States Engineers office and sponsored by Skagit county, will be completed this week. This is the second job on the project finished this year, making a total of 7,900 feet of river bank protection.

The high banks on both the Sterling and Burlington bends required a greater expenditure of material and labor than is ordinarily found on river improvement projects. The length of the Burlington bend job is 5,800 feet, built in a great semicircle, and the sight, with the river at a low stage, is very impressive. The brush mat extends a distance of approximately 80 feet from the top of the bank out into the river. A stadium effect is created by the concrete blocks spaced on regular intervals on the slope.

For those interested in river improvement, a trip to see the Sterling and Burlington job shows a very good growth of willows which were planted last spring. The Burlington job is now being planted, much of the value of the revetment depending on the growth of the willows.

Operations have been transferred to Utopia, where the construction of a 4,200 foot job is in progress. Work is being rushed at top speed to take advantage of the present favorable weather and the low river stage.

There are several places on the river that require attention and these will be taken care of as soon as conditions permit. These include the Lyman and Burns bar projects

This splendid flood and erosion control work on the Skagit river was made possible through the efforts of Congressman Mon Wallgren.