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NO DECISION ON BRIDGE

The Skagit river bridge to be built near this community is still the center of a lot of argument on site. So much so that the county has made a request for a geologist from the state department of highways to make a preliminary survey and settle the question.

The big problem between the two suitable sites, at Faber ferry and at the Dalles, is the stretch of road between them. The Dalles is a perfect site for a short span, the Faber site must have a long span with only one solid rock footing.

A bridge can be built at Faber without new access roads, yet this move would limit benefits of the bridge to that area alone on the south side of the river and would not eliminate the Concrete or Pressentin ferries as had been planned. Connection of the bridge with the Concrete ferry road on the south side of the river is almost mandatory.

If such a road can be built and maintained, then it is also possible to use the Dalles bridge site with it's low cost bridge construction.

Forestry officials, engineers and now the state geologists have been called into consultation to solve the riddle. The main problem is about 2,000 feet of clay slide and a few other portions of underlying clay strata over which a road must pass.