

Storm Results In 2 Deaths; Lower Valleys Flooded

Although sunny skies averted threats of more serious storm damage in this area today, two deaths were attributed indirectly to the storm.

Louis Betschart, 37, of route 1, Sedro-Woolley, died yesterday afternoon following a heart attack which occurred when he and a companion, Ed Selff, were attempting to rescue a skiff that had broken loose in the flood waters of the Skagit river. Betschart, while rowing a boat in the turbulent waters of the Skagit near his home at Utopia, collapsed apparently from over-exertion. Efforts to revive him with the aid of a resuscitator failed. The body was removed to the Lemley mortuary.

Lyle McNeil of Auburn also was the victim of a fatal heart attack while he and a hunting companion, B. H. Yenter, route 1, Sedro-Woolley, were rowing a boat near the Chester Leamer farm southwest of Mount Vernon. The two men saw another boat in difficulty and went to assist the occupants, Wilbur M. Snyder and R. E. Adams, both of Seattle. When McNeil attempted to reach for an oar in the other boat, he was stricken and died immediately. The body was shipped to Auburn for burial.

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sults from rising water was averted by the sunnier weather, reports of considerable damage to low-lying farmlands and flooded highways continued to come in today to the Daily Herald.

Nookachamps valley on route 4, Mount Vernon, is reported to be flooded with many houses surrounded. Telephone communications were out in that sector today. George Dynes' Riverview poultry farm was partly under water, with chickens roosting on top of the chicken houses. A number of the poultry were reported lost in the flood, and attempts were being made to bring the others to safety.

The Samish river flooded during the night, with only trucks moving over the Chuckanut highway in the Allen area. Waters were reaching Olympia marsh, this afternoon and extended to the alternate Samish highway north of Burlington, which also was reported to be under. Joy Busha's store at Allen was flooded today, and his tenants in the auto cabins have had to evacuate.

The northbound Great Northern train due in Mount Vernon from Seattle at 10:45 a. m. today, did not reach the local station until 2 p. m., having been delayed by flood conditions in Snohomish. The track over the Great Northern's Chuckanut route was cleared of slides late last night. However, the southbound G. N. train due in