

PEAK IS REACHED IN SKAGIT RIVER

The Skagit river is subsiding somewhat today after reaching a peak of 20 feet nine inches at 10:45 p. m. last night, according to an official check made by the county engineer's office. At 7:15 o'clock this morning the height registered the same but a slight drop has been noted since that time.

No immediate threat of a flood of dangerous proportions was forecast although fear was expressed that dikes will be considerably weakened if the heavy flow of water continues for the next three or four weeks as predicted by weather bureau authorities.

Farms Isolated

A few farms were isolated by waters of the river going over its banks at points where no dikes exist. East of Mount Vernon in the Nookachamps creek area, the Skagit flooded roads providing ingress and egress and farmers were using rowboats to reach higher land. Several acres were under water in that area this morning.

South of here in the Fir Island district high waters broke a dike that had been recently repaired and isolated at least one farm family and led to the closing of a farm road leading south from the Fir-Conway bridge. County road officials were in that region this morning and stated that some sandbag work may be necessary.

Rains and warm weather forecast for the next few days is expected to keep the river at a high level.

NEW COURTHOUSE HOURS

Effective June 1, all offices in the Skagit county courthouse will go on a summer schedule from 8 a. m. until 4 p. m. Saturday hours will be from eight in the morning until one in the afternoon.