Red Cross Ready to Help

Rehabilitation grants to flood victims will be given on the basis of need, not loss, according to Mrs. Martha Dobson of the American Red Cross.

Only a few inquiries for welfare aid have been made to the Mount Vernon office, Mrs. Dobson reports, but when the water recedes in Conway and residents are able to make an estimate of damages sustained, a large number of applications is expected. A full-time case worker and a $2,000 fund are expected here by Monday.

Families which do not have sufficient resources in savings, bonds, and insurance, may be given money or materials for medical and nursing aid, household furnishings, farm supplies including livestock and equipment, and occupational equipment and supplies, including repair of buildings.

During the flood last weekend, Skagit Valley chapter of the Red Cross undertook or supervised the following—feeding of 1300 workers at Burlington and Conway; coordinating communications between amateur radio operators; handling shelters in Mount Vernon and Conway in which 60 people slept; feeding 100 sailors and 140 national guardsmen; and providing cots and blankets for troops at the YMCA.

STROMBOM GIVES FLOOD REPORT, DAY-BY-DAY

Flood Coordinator Harold Strombom of the County Engineer's office yesterday made public the entire operations of engineer units during last weekend's flood. In daily reports, here is what happened:

Friday—8 a.m., Skagit at 19 feet, rose to 20 feet by 12 a.m.

Hamilton flooded by evening.

Saturday—Steady rise all day, with 32.35 feet reported at Concrete and 25.1 in Mount Vernon.

Engineer H. O. Walberg appointed coordinators at 12 a.m.: Strombom, Hugo Thiret, Al Moberg, and Lee Wright. First dike break at Fir Island west of the bridge on the North Fork, covering about 1000 acres; the Samish flooded... roads were closed at Conway, Clear Lake, and up river... volunteers were called in the evening to strengthen dikes.

Sunday—Continued dike breaks near Conway flooded Fir Island and later Conway about 6:30 a.m. Volunteers worked throughout the night evacuating families and placing sandbags on weakened dikes... 225 sailors arrived from Ault field... Elks and Legion members supplied food. Highway 99 was closed south of Mount Vernon. West Mount Vernon was flooded outside the dikes... 142 National Guards troops worked. Seattle Corps of Engineers sent 150,000 sacks, 500 shovels... flood crest was 28.2 feet.

Monday... Cool, clear weather lowered the Skagit, no schools were open in the county except at Anacortes... most volunteers stopped work early in the morning...

Tuesday—River down to 18 feet... rescue of livestock continued...

Wednesday—River at 15 feet... all school open except at Conway,
TRUCK—Near their record high, 28.2 feet, Skagit氏 for a day licked at edge of Main street in Mount Vernon and against overflow. Ripple in foreground is edge of first North Fork dike break—upset and house in two—were taken by Dr. Darrell M. West Experiment station. Other photos at right, from L. F. Slomer photo; submerged truck in background; West Side; dike against homes below bridge, West Side; Dispather W. P. (Perc) Watkins, Marine Corps. head of Whidbey Naval Air Station dikes; and Wayne Anderson at Elk's club, labor force at work on dikes, and bottom picture showing reedorumber 7, 1950 when last load of rock was dumped, with Councilman Aaron D. Light, City Engineer Denny on John Bustad and Charles Bendrickson, Public Herman Hansen (father of project), Chairman Eldon Hauge commission, and Mayor Harve Vaux, out to compare lower photo with upper!