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Water Recedes In Skagit River Flood

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.

The dike commissioners of district No. 12 want to thank the people of Burlington and all others who did work on the dikes during the recent emergency.

They do not know everyone who gave of their time and efforts but do know they did a lot of hard work from the amount that was accomplished. They also want to thank the ladies who served coffee, cake and sandwiches.

Waters of the Skagit River are slowly returning to normal following one of the most critical floods in years. Although some damage was reported in the upper reaches of the river, it was the Conway and Stanwood areas that suffered the greatest.

Early last Saturday morning it was apparent that the river would be nearing the top of the dikes by nightfall and emergency crews began functioning. Patrols were placed walking the dikes to observe their condition and possible weakness.

Locally headquarters were set up in the Burlington fire hall where all during the day and night of Saturday and Sunday volunteer workers reported for assignment to the varied duties entailed in fighting back the hungry waters of the Skagit.

In this area the only breakthrough of any consequence was near the former Doctor Cleveland home where the water spread over the Dollar road between Burlington and Sedro-Woolley for quite some distance doing considerable damage. The Sedro-Woolley-Clear Lake road was also covered with water resulting in some damage.

But lack of considerably more damage

was due to the fact that volunteer workers put in long hours and did heavy work in the sand pits, on the trucks and on the dikes. Although members of several organizations did yeoman duties in this emergency, no one group should be given all the credit.

It was the combined teamwork of every individual, no matter how much or how little he or she did that saved much property and possibly lives in the fight against the rising waters of the Skagit. But it would be remiss not to mention that a contingent of sailors from Whidbey Island performed their strenuous duties in such a manner and with such high spirits that it can be better understood now why our American boys make the best fighting men in the world.

They did their work without a grumble and in fact made it a kind of game so they accomplished as much or more than any other group of workers in the field. We are glad to have them, we needed their help and it was duly appreciated.

Many people have asked the Journal to publicly thank the management of the Darigold plant for their fine gesture in letting them store household furnishings in the plant when they were forced to move them from their homes during the high water the past weekend.