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## NEW BRIDGE IS OPENED

Traffic across the new bridge at the Dalles may be limited to just a few fortunate residents of the south Concrete area for a time being, but the bridge and road had a busy flurry of activity about 3:30 Saturday afternoon. It was just a few minutes after Cascade Queen Dolores Keller cut the taut white ribbon that represented the final barrier. As soon as the flatbed truck which served as the speaker's stand was moved to one side the cars began to roll across the bridge for the first time.

Within an hour or so afterward – the first “pay load” rolled across in the form of farm equipment and a return of farm produce from the Ovenell farm.

The dedication program was a feature of the Cascade Days program and in spite of the furnace-like heat which kept the expected crowd down, the event proved a worthwhile entertainment. Guests and speakers were introduced by Chas. Dwelley, local editor, who also spoke briefly on the campaign that ended in voting of bonds for the structure. While commending S. S. McIntyre and the North State Highway Ass'n members as the moving force he also expressed the appreciation of the upper valley for the 11,618 voters who approved Skagit county's building of the bridge in this area.

During introduction of the county commissioners, Lowell Hughes, Wallace Sharpe and Brown Wiseman. Mr. Wiseman was called up to introduce other visitors and members of the engineering crew who followed the job from blueprint to final painting.

Arthur J. Ward, Sedro-Woolley attorney then made the address of dedication in which he told of the many years of working and hoping that preceded the building of the bridge. He commented on the fine work of the men who pushed the bond issue to a successful conclusion, and to those who then took over to build a bridge that is one of the most beautiful in the county.

The speaker's platform was graced by Queen Dolores and her court, the girls viewing with the view of Mt. Baker for attention of the beauty-seeking individuals of the crowd.

The scene was perfect as Queen Dolores stepped forward to cut the ribbon and the master of ceremonies told the assembled crowd: “The bridge is yours.”

Music for the occasion was furnished by the high school band in top form for the first two numbers. However by the time for the final number the heavy uniforms proved too much in the heat and several of the musicians collapsed, forcing director Sobek to cancel the last selection.