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TWO LOSE LIVES IN WASHOUT BY FLOOD

Failure by county road workers to block off a portion of the road between Sedro-Woolley and Burlington caused the death of two persons on Tuesday night. The road had been cut in two near the Cleveland place on the old Burlington road when dikes of the Skagit broke near there Saturday afternoon.

Tuesday evening Mr. And Mrs. Harry Dimmick and their three-year old son were driving along the road but not in time to stop and the car plunged into about fifteen feet of water at the bottom of the hole.

Dimmick managed to escape through a hole in the top of the car but was unable to rescue his family. By time a wrecker had been secured and the car removed his wife and child was beyond human aid.

The road had been partially blocked off by a sawhorse at one side of the road some 400 feet from the hole, but no effort had been made to put up signs of warning or notices of necessary detour. There were no barricades at the edge of the hole.

Local people driving over the road Tuesday morning barely escaped the same fate, daylight enabling them to see the hole in time.

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