RIVER HOLDING AT FLOOD STAGE

After a week of warm weather, melting snow in the hills has brought all streams in the valley up and consequently the Skagit has been carrying the run off. The City Light dams and Upper Baker and Lower Baker dams here managed to hold the run off for the early part of the run, but all are now at capacity and spilling.

The Skagit has been measured at 27.35 at the Dalles gauge, and 26 feet is considered flood stage. However, although some flooding has occurred at Rockport and at other low points along the river, the main stream has been running bank full and carrying the load well.

Weather in the 80’s on Monday sent the gauge up higher but still not to the point where flood damage can be expected in the lower valley. With the steady stream flow no emergency is expected unless a storm and warm rains speed up the run-off of snow from the higher altitudes.