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Skagit Flood Control Work Will Continue

Project Assured For Five Months More, Nelson Says

Work on the big Skagit river flood control project will not be stopped, according to Iner C. Nelson, engineer in charge of this important work. He has received word from WPA headquarters that the project can continue at least four or five months, with the county commissioners paying their promised share of five per cent of the cost.

When the original project was set up, on an appropriation of \$216,000, largely through the efforts of Congressman Mon Wallgren, the county commissioners pledged themselves five per cent of the total cost. Up to the present time they have paid in some \$5,000 on emergency appropriations, leaving about \$5,800 of the original pledge still unpaid.

With this money available to help pay for equipment, and some \$40,000 of the \$216,000 still unspent, Nelson hopes to continue until winter, and then will make an effort to obtain additional appropriation. A crew of one hundred men is at work near Burns bar near Sedro-Woolley and is preparing to start work at Lyman in the near future. In addition to these two jobs, there are still four jobs along the river bank which have not yet been started. Under the new arrangement in effect July 1, the WPA only allows \$5 per man per month, for expenses other than payroll, and the county's contribution is counted on to meet any expenses running more than this amount.

Chairman John Mason of the county commissioners went to Olympia today to attend a conference of commissioners from counties in which flood control projects are being carried on.
