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Hanson Creek's Flood Problems To Be Discussed

The problem of Hanson creek in its flooding of farmland is being studied by state and county officials, at the request of farmers owning land along the creek. A meeting was recently held at the Northern State hospital, at which the present situation and possible remedies were discussed.

Among those present were Clyde Coffey, business manager of the Northern State hospital, and Chris Shiek, head engineer at the hospital; Tony Harms, and Maynard Parker of the Sedro-Woolley office of the U. S. Soil Conservation department; Roy Tuttle of the Seattle office of the same department; Fields Elliott, Carl Sorenson and other farmers, and J. A. Burnett, supervising engineer of the State Department of Public Institutions, from Olympia.

It was reported that at present Hanson creek has deposited so much dirt and gravel from the foot of the hill and on to its mouth at the river, that it is now too shallow to hold its water, after a heavy rain, and adjoining farmland is threatened. From the south field of the Northern State hospital, on through privately owned farms to the creek mouth, the situation is serious.

The Soil Conservation men have conducted a survey since the meeting, and recommend a dredging of the creek bed, as in some cases the gravel is higher than the adjoining fields. It is expected another meeting will be held in the near future, to discuss means of financing any dredging or other work considered necessary. The farmers felt that the state should pay a large part of the cost and perhaps county help could be obtained.