

FLOOD CLEAN-UP IS CONTINUING

Residents of Hamilton were beginning to settle down to normal living again after spending the past two days shovelling mud and muck from their stores and residents in the wake of Skagit county's near-disastrous flood of the week-end.

A chlorinator was installed Tuesday, under the auspices of the State Department of Health at the well which supplies Hamilton with its water. With the chlorinator in operation, residents of the town will no longer be forced to boil water for drinking purposes. The unit installed is only temporary but already a movement is on foot to install a permanent purifying system.

No definite estimate on the amount of damage to Skagit county as a result of the flood has been made yet and will not be available until some time next week when a comprehensive check-up is concluded. Quoted figures of two million dollars is believed to be high.

Further floods are not beyond the realm of possibility, officials stated today, but no new high water is expected immediately. High winds today may cause the river to rise somewhat, the opinion was expressed, but not enough to cause any concern.

Water is still on many acres of farmland today in the Conway area but inundated lands in the area east are rapidly becoming free of water again as the Skagit river continues to drop.

Amateur radio operators in Skagit county were given a great deal of credit today for aiding in relaying messages during the period of the flood. With regular communication lines down during the emergency, amateur operators used their facilities to make contact with isolated points and stayed at their sets day and night.