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Green River Basin before Howard Hansen Dam

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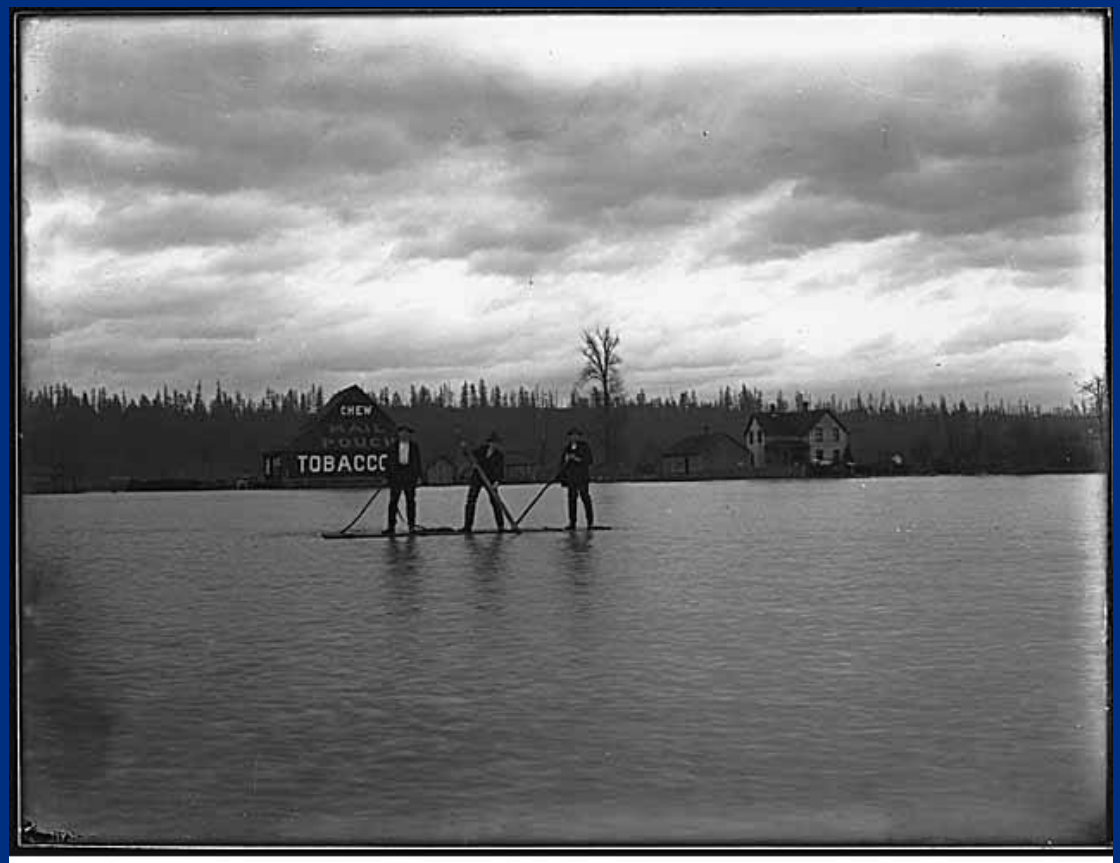

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600-FOOT WASHOUT IN ROAD:

Snoqualmie Pass Closed for at Least 30 Days

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RAILROAD BRIDGE

HIGHWAY BRIDGE

RIVER CHANNEL

Cross-State Travel Hit By Floods, Slides

Water-soaked Western Washington virtually was sealed off from the eastern part of the state today by floods and landslides.

All four lanes of the Snoqualmie Pass Highway were washed out by the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River about eight miles east of North Bend.

The canyon created by the rain-swollen river was about 600 feet across.

Highway Department officials said the highway, main east-west arterial across the state, will be closed at least 30 days.

See photo

The Stevens Pass highway was closed by s and washouts. White Pass, between Yakima Centralia-Chehalis, was open to one-way traffic. Pass, between Yakima and Goldendale, was open.

Railroad Lines Blocked

The three cross-state railroads were halted by slides or washed-out bridges.

At the request of the Board of Snohomish Cou missioners, Governor Rosellini declared Snohomis a major-disaster area.

In Washington, D. C., Brig. Gen. William F. the Corps of Army Engineers ordered the engine work full-force on flood-control and evacuatio

The general promised additional manpow

Evacuation operations were under way flooded areas in Western Washington.

All branches of the military services, law agencies and civil-defense units were mobil

Property damage will be extensive.

Woman Killed in Auto Crash

One woman was killed in a Stevens accident in which weather was a contribut

On the brighter side, the Weather Bu for the next 24 hours would be negligible

Warm weather, the bureau said, alre most of the early snows in the mounta ready was in swollen rivers and stream

Green and Snohomish Worst Hit

Flooding was most serious in the G River Valleys.

The Green River went over its this morning. Water appeared in t and Kent was expected to be flooded

The source of the Green River fl Pass, where 6.71 inches of rain fell of it in 12 hours ending at 4 o'cloc

The Weather Bureau said th inches of runoff water from melt

Five inches of rain fell on Snoqualmie Pass last night.

The Snohomish River was at Snohomish. Parts of Snohom ing it and most of the lowlan

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WATER EVERYWHERE: Water covered much of the valley just south of the Green River Bridge south of Kent yesterday when this aerial photograph was taken, looking south toward Auburn. Overflow water from the Green River surged over the East Highway at lower center. A truck moved slowly toward patrol cars at lower left.—Times photo by Vic Condiotty. (Other photos, Pages 3, 7 and 10.)

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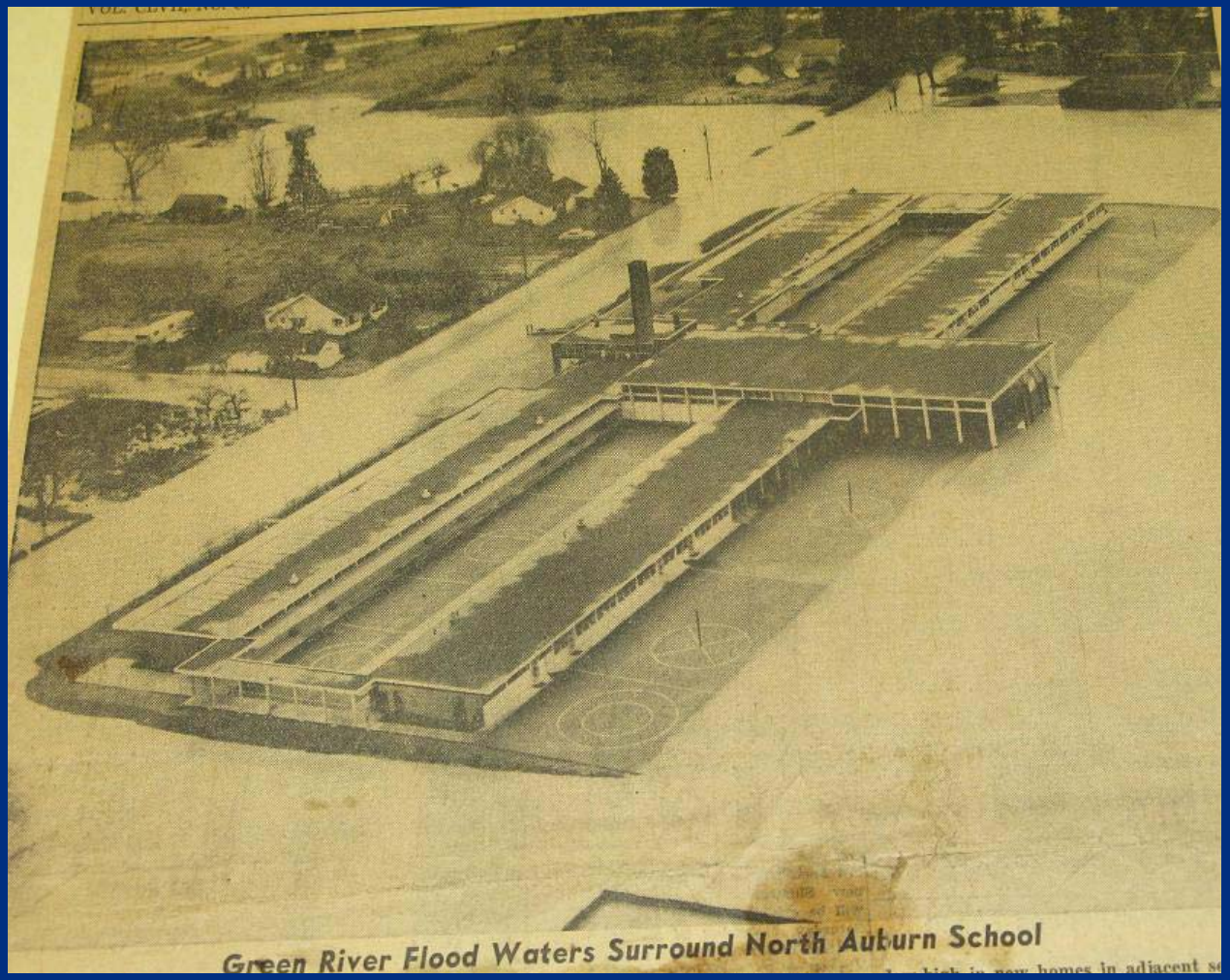

Green River Flood Waters Surround North Auburn School

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FLOOD WATERS STRAND FAMILIES AND ANIMALS

DRY AGAIN: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zerger stood with their children after the family and its dog, Smoky, were evacuated from the Zergers' home in the Fall City area yesterday, flooded by the Snoqualmie River. The children were, from left, Dennis, 3; Randy, 4, and Rose and David, both 6.

MAROONED: Dairy cows huddled in a barnyard at a farm just off the East Valley Highway south of Kent yesterday afternoon as flood waters from the Green River covered the area. Note the cars and a tractor standing in the waters beside the barn.

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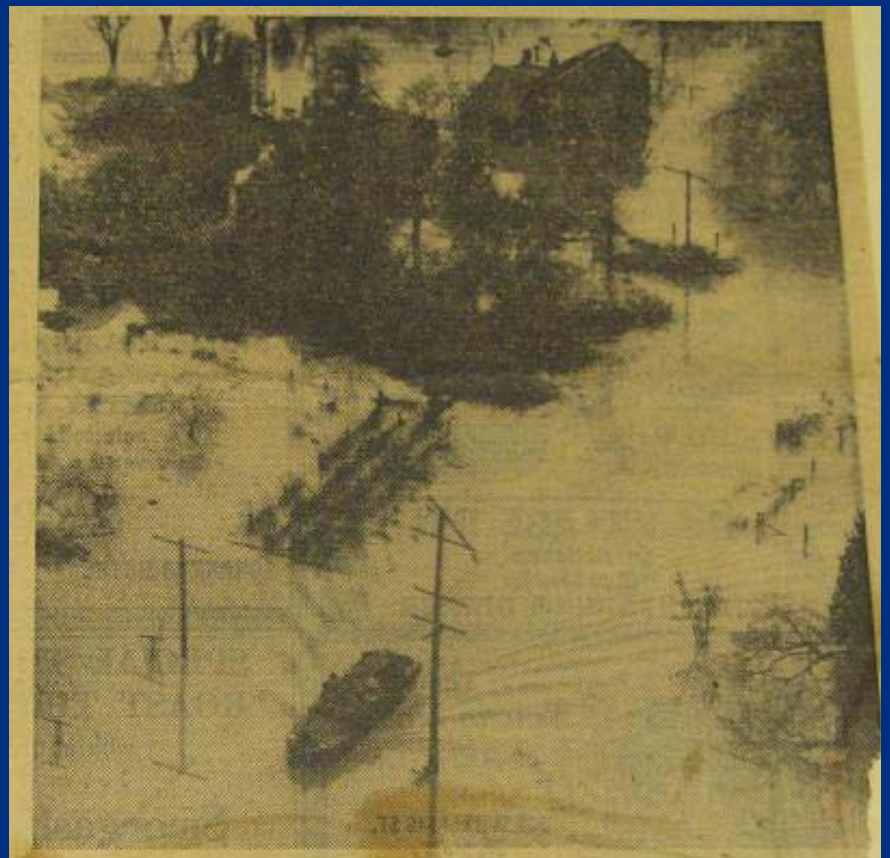

RESCUE CRAFT: A big military amphibi- Kent after rescuing families from hom

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T DELIVERY: Harold Hansen, a Vitamilk Co. driver, red some of his Earlington Flats route by rowboat. Eleanor Dahl, a neighbor, stood on the porch of the e of Mr. and Mrs. Myrton Fuller to accept a delivery Fullers in their absence.

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'TOOTHPICKS' SCATTERED: Dismantled stacks of lumber lay strewn throughout the Seattle-Snohomish Mill yard yesterday as a locomotive crane labored in the background. Water from the raging Snohomish River picked up 30-foot logs and turned them into battering rams, knocking neatly stacked lumber to the four winds. The resulting silt ruined the beauty of the freshly cut construction lumber.—Times photos by Vic Condiotty.

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Flood Losses Counted

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All That's Left Of Road, Fence

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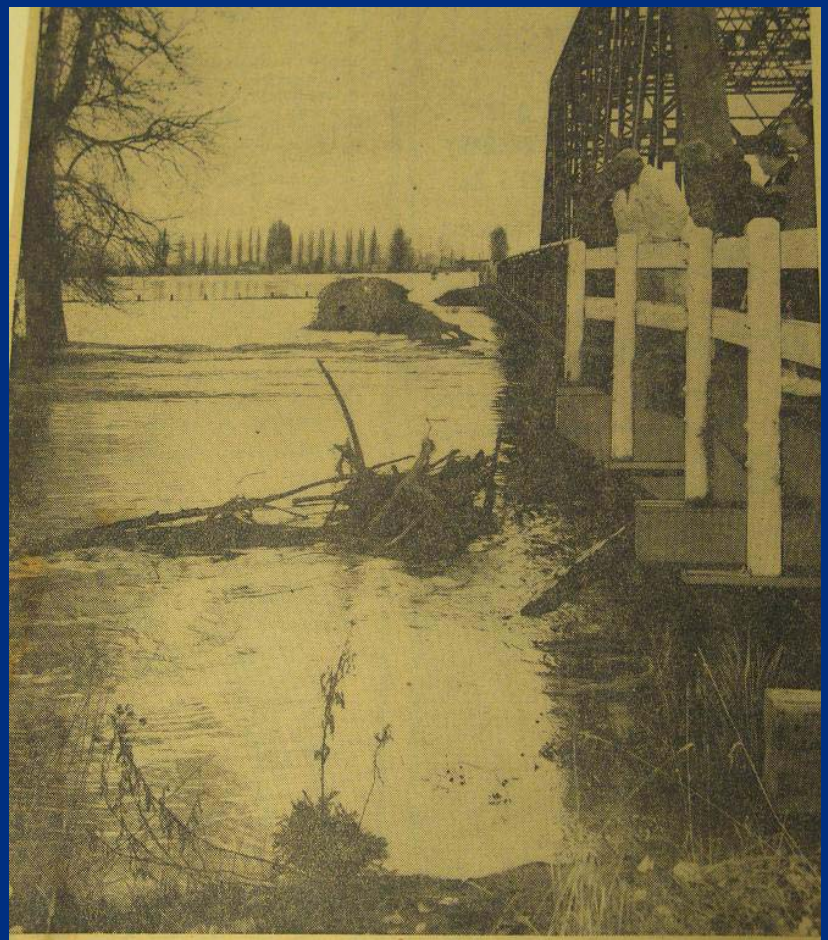

Will Bridge Hold? Spectators Wonder

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Dairy Farm Surrounded By Green River

THE SMITH BROTHERS Dairy Farm appears to be compeltely underwater, with only its buildings showing. Cars and trucks are parked on the highest ground available, to keep them up as far as possible out of the rising waters of the flooding Green River, sout in foreground is parked on West Valle bridge over creek. Cattle have been mo dairy, to get them out of harm's way.

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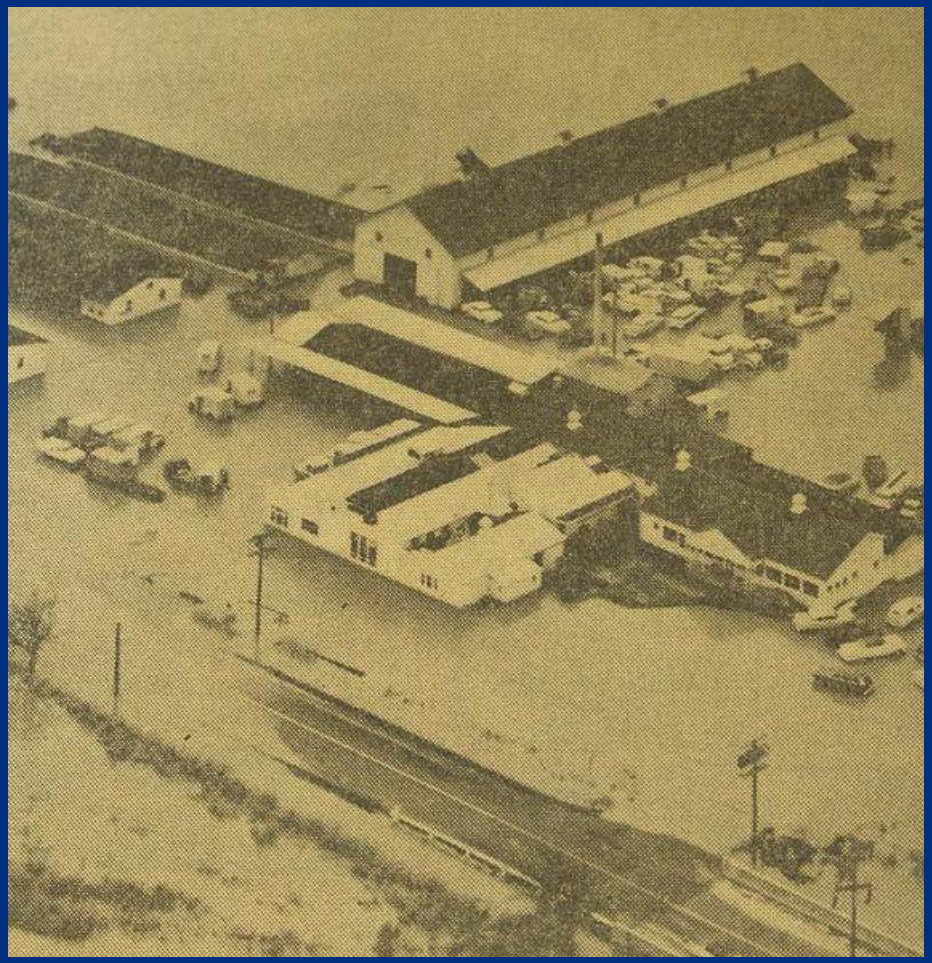

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“In most years, flooding causes more deaths and damage than any other hydro meteorological phenomena. In many years it is common for three-quarters of all Federally declared disaster declarations to be due, at least in part, to flooding.”

– National Weather Service

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