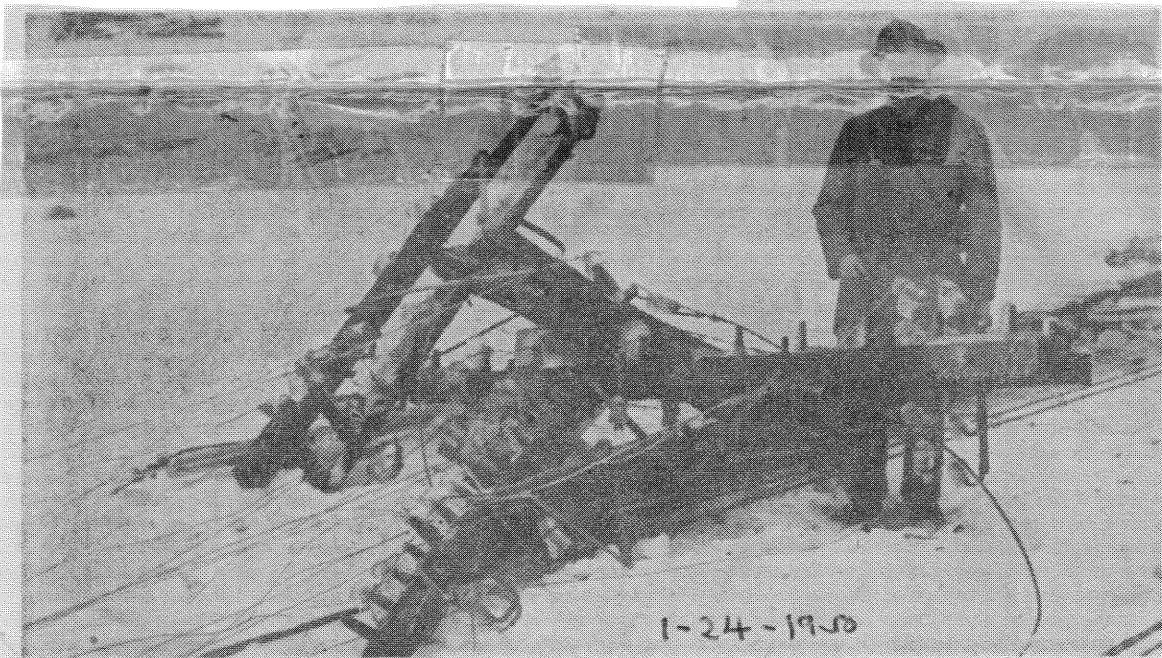




SWINGING LINES—Damage to power and telephone lines in north Whatcom county was heavy last Thursday as the silver thaw struck. Pictured are typical ice conditions on lines along the Everson-Sumas highway, two miles south of Sumas. Note the tree, drooping with ice.



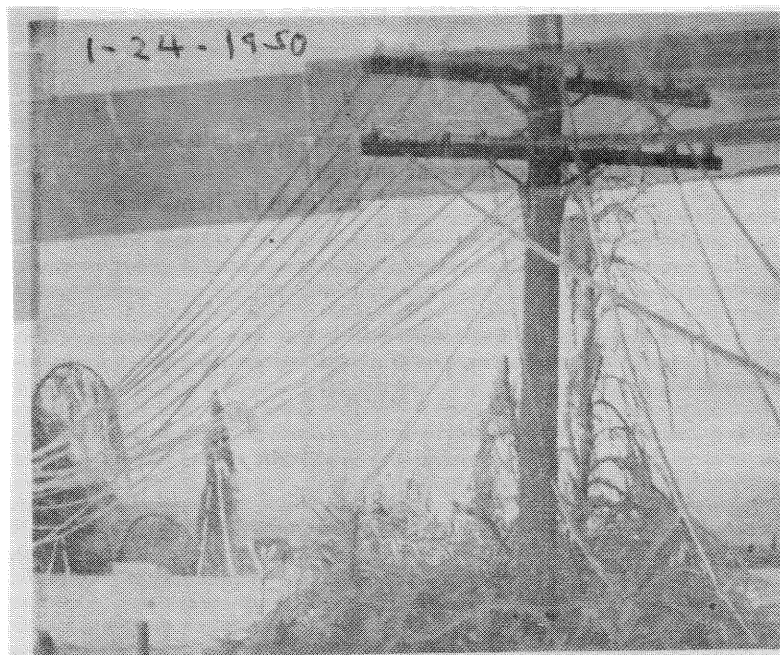
FROZEN UP—AND DOWN—This is what happened last Thursday in Lynden when an unidentified motorist left his car out in the freezing rain and thaw that occurred that day. The frozen water made the car look like a decorated car in a Blossom Time parade.



UTILITY POLE DOWN—Jerry Hohl, engineer, for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, inspects damage last week to a Farmer's Mutual Telephone Company pole in the Lynden area. Mrs. Gertrude Burgraff, secretary, estimated 1,200 phones went out in the Lynden area with an estimated cost to the company in the county of \$50,000 due to recent weather.



HARD WORK FOR CREWS—January storms with ice and snow have made working conditions in Whatcom county most trying for power and telephone crews. In picture a P. T. & T. truck, with chains on all four wheels, stops to give crewmen a chance to repair ice-covered lines along the Hannegan road.



PRETTY PICTURE—To a photographer, last week's silver thaw and freezing rain left utility poles and lines a picture of scenic beauty. To utility line repairmen, the scene was just the opposite. All five pictures taken last Thursday by Louis E. Bratz, wire chief for P. T. & T.