

Schools to Reopen Monday; Snow Predicted Today

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Weather Forecasters See Little Relief In Sight; Strong Northeast Gusts Due; Ice Cleared Away from Marietta Bridge

Saturday night, it appeared that schools would be operating more-or-less normally Monday morning. But educational authorities cautiously included that word "if."

Weather forecasters did not include anything particularly dire in their predictions, but agreed the cold temperatures would continue. Winter—in the extreme form—had managed to close schools in Bellingham and Whatcom county most of the past week.

Locally, the CAA predicted little weather change, and added

that winds would continue from the north-northeast, probably with strong gusts Sunday. Cloudy conditions would prevail Sunday weather observers said, with snow or rain falling by evening.

As for the schools, these predictions made it appear they would welcome students at the usual time on Monday. With work continuing steadily on county roads throughout Saturday, they were expected to be suitable for use after the week-end.

Bellingham school superintendent C. Paine Shangle said city schools would be functioning Monday morning—necessarily subject to any sudden whim of the elements.

All main highways were featuring two-way traffic by Saturday evening, although state road crews found their work counteracted Friday by the now-usual north-northeast winds. They re-tackled the tedious task Saturday.

County road workers faced the same disheartening task. Their work was nullified Friday night and Saturday morning before dawn by wind-pushed snow. They went back at it, clearing them again.

THE RIVER

Meanwhile, County Engineer Ralph Knutzen inspected the lower Nooksack, and reported that ice below Marietta bridge had gone. The river thus had a clear channel for the thaw—when and if. But ice filled the river bank-to-bank, Marietta to north of Lynden, and it appeared any sudden thaw could cause considerable inconvenience. Knutzen conferred with blasting men on the possibilities of loosening the lower ice floes in case of thaw.

The weather, failing to deal any direct knockout blows at utilities again, managed to contribute indirectly to interrupted service to Whidby Island and Anacortes. A car, skidding on a slippery roadway, smashed into a power pole south of Burlington. The two points lost their power for about an hour.

Other than that, the shivering continued their work to restore electricity to rural points in scattered areas. They planned to continue two-way traffic by Saturday eve.

NORTH OF THE CITY

The airport, north of Bellingham, was whipped after midnight Friday by a 30-mile wind which produced gusts up to 50 miles per hour. Snow drifted enough to mess up the airport road, but it had apparently come from airport runways, and plane service went uninterrupted.

NORTHWEST SHIVERS

(By the Associated Press)
The Pacific Northwest shivered Sunday in some of the coldest tem-

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