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The changing of the guard, bridge-wise... 1980

One of the many 35mm slides donated by Jack Kelley to the Fall City Collection shows this overlap period when the first concrete bridge, built in 1917 and shown on the right in the photo, was still in use while the newer and currently used bridge was being constructed. As is shown, the first bridge was “a straight shot” over the river from Preston-Fall City Road, while the later one, as we experience today, veers off to the right (upstream) as one enters it. The earlier bridge is “showing its age” but was in fact still completely sound structurally. However, as shown in the photo below, its width was no longer adequate as both



the size and the number of vehicles crossing it daily increased significantly. It is probably amazing that it could still be used in 1980. Another concern was that in times of flood, the old bridge did not allow much space for water to pass, and could be impacted by logs and other debris.

Truck crossing the early bridge, c1924