

FLOOD CONTROL ACTION TAKEN BY SKAGIT C. C.

Resolution Asking Federal
Aid Is Passed
Unanimously

Renewed activity in an effort to obtain federal aid for flood control of the Skagit river took the form of a resolution, which was unanimously adopted at the monthly meeting of the Skagit County Chamber of Commerce held at the Rexville grange hall last night. The resolution was presented by H. M. Eakin, Sedro-Woolley, who is recognized as a national authority on flood control.

"If rivers, other than the Mississippi, are to be considered, we feel that the Skagit is entitled to a share of the federal funds which will be used for flood control work," declared Dave Donnelly, Sedro-Woolley, chairman of the flood control committee. He revealed that the flood control program is now being considered in Washington, D. C., and called attention to the importance of the Skagit group acting at once.

A portion of the resolution follows:

"Whereas the rivers of the Puget Sound region menace and destroy property as seriously and frequently as any other stream in the United States.

"Whereas, particularly in the case of the Skagit river, business and property of extraordinary value per square mile over an area of large extent have repeatedly been subjected to disastrous overflow.

"Whereas the major floods of the Skagit, although the river is only a hundred miles long, may equal in volume an eighth or more of the total volume of a major flood on the Mississippi.

"Whereas the menace affects individual business and welfare as seriously as in any other flood plain district of the United States.

"Whereas the drainage capacity and regimen of the Skagit is deteriorating seriously from causes entirely unrelated to the activities and responsibilities of the people occupying and using the lands so menaced.

"Whereas taxation to support protection work has fallen heavily and is a serious burden upon such individuals and communities.

"Therefore, be it resolved that a memorial of these facts be presented to our congressmen and senator in Washington, D. C., to assist them in enlisting federal support of flood control works on the Skagit river."