

## C-C Names 3-Man River Group on Barge Route

Continuing their drive to open the Skagit river to more river traffic the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce selected a three-man "river committee" at its noon meeting yesterday in the President hotel.

Leo Beckley was appointed chairman of the committee by Ted Reep, chamber president. Andy Loft and Bob Ringman will also work on the project.

Beckley said he intends to contact officials of both Skagit county and Mount Vernon for advice and assistance. The Chamber initiated action last week to have the Skagit river dredged from Mount Vernon to Puget Sound. Letters were sent by the Board to Congressman Jack Westland and Sen. Henry (Scoop) Jackson urging them to support the deepening of the river.

Reep announced at the meeting that the chamber's office would now accept listing of rental property in Mount Vernon as a service to newcomers.

The board approved joining a promotional scheme with radio station KING which will advertise the history of the 15 western Washington counties on an evening program.

Sandy Stewart gave board members separate lists of chamber members who have delinquent dues. Stewart said it was the job of the board to explain



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the benefits of membership in the chamber to those who had fallen behind in their dues payments.

Phil Cornelius, manager of the Skagit county dairymen's association, was selected at the meeting to be speaker for four magazine and newspaper editors who will visit Mount Vernon July 15.