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## Must Control Skagit River Says McLean

Stressing the fact that Skagit river is this county's most valuable resource as well as most serious danger, W. A. McLean, chairman of the county planning commission, spoke before the Monday evening meeting of the Burlington Parent-Teaches' association.

Skagit county has an almost perfectly balanced economy, said Mr. McLean, with one-third of its industry in agriculture; one-third forestry; and the remaining third divided among fishing, manufacturing and miscellaneous business.

However, the Skagit river as the county's principal resource providing irrigation, electrical energy, transportation, as well as commercial and sport fishing, deserved the attention of the county planning bodies. With the gradual closing of the south fork opens the possibility of a breakup in the north which would completely flood the valley if the river is not controlled systematically, warned McLean. Now under consideration by the county commission is an emergency flood gate in the Allen-Fredonia district and a main flood control project between Concrete and Sauk.

Mr. McLean also touched briefly on the county's forest resources, bringing out the fact that the Douglas fir is now being cut in excess of growth and that the supply to outside counties can not be continued if the product is not increased.

Skagit county has the basis for a sound and balanced economy, said Mr. McLean in closing, if the spirit of cooperation always shown in the county will continue for its best interests.

Other numbers on the evening's

programs were three accordion and piano duets played by Kenneth and Duane Stowe and 3 vocal solos by June Egglestone of Blanchard.

During the business session the members voted to assume the responsibility for the annual Halloween party for Burlington children with details to be announced later.

The P.T.A. project for the year will be decided at the meeting of the executive board to be held October 29 at the high school.

Appointed by Mrs. McCune to help in the solicitation for the Community Chest drive, opening here next Monday, were Mrs. Brick Nelson, Mrs. W. H. Hulbush, Mrs. J. e. Beaton, Mrs. Dick Wilson, Mrs. G. O. Pearson, Mrs. Verne Knutzen, Mrs. Howard Cratzenberg, Mrs. Oscar De0Atley, Mrs. L. W. Rodewald, Fred Ovenell and Norman Putnam.

The committee will meet with W.E. Kearns, P.T.A. Representative to the Inter-Club council, Monday evening at the city hall at 8 o'clock for materials and instructions for the drive.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the junior class mothers.