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## Flood Expert Gives County Chamber, Talk

Col. Hanson, Speaker at Big Meeting Here; Local Boy Talks

Col. Howard A. Hanson of Seattle, head of the state flood control council, gave an interesting talk to the Skagit County Chamber of Commerce at their monthly meeting here Tuesday evening, in the crypt of the Episcopal church. Some fifty business men from all parts of the county attended the meeting.

Col. Hanson for years has been attorney for King county and Pierce county in their flood control work on the White, Green, Puyallup and other rivers, and is a recognized authority on both the engineering and legal ends of flood and erosion control work. He was introduced to the audience by A. G. Mosier of this city, Skagit county member of the state flood control council.

The speaker told of the need for a state and national program of flood control, and explained the policy of the federal government which refuses to spend any money on rivers beyond their limits of navigation, regardless of damage done by the river.

Another feature of the program was the demonstration by Phillip Crossman and Jack Doran, local high school boys, of the methods used in life saving. The two boys, with young Crossman, giving an interesting talk as they demonstrated, showed the different strangle holds and ways of breaking them and methods used to carry drowning persons through water. D. Lincoln announced these boys would be instructors in swimming and lifesaving at Big Lake this summer as part of the Red Cross campaign. All lessons will be free.

President Carl Moen of the County Chamber, presided at the meeting. It was voted to purchase a cup and ribbons to be given to winners in a display of swimming, diving and life saving by members of the classes, in August, and it was said that several hundred plan to take lessons. President Frank Evans of the local Chamber presided during the program. The Episcopal Guild furnished the dinner.