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Plan New \$200,000 Skagit Flood Work

County Board Confers With U.S. Engineer; Agrees
To Sponsor Project; John Mason Heads
New Flood Control Group

Promise of a new \$200,000 Skagit flood control program to supplement the river bank revetment work, for which funds are now exhausted, was given by the Skagit county commissioners this week after a conference with Captain Trudeau, U. S. army engineer in charge of flood control work in this district. Details of the new program will be worked out through the new Skagit Flood Control Association of which Chairman John Mason of the county commissioners is president.

According to tentative plans for the new Skagit flood control project to be sponsored by the county, all parts of the river will be included, with a couple of projects for the Day Creek district, the big project at Conway, one at Sterling, at Hamilton, Utopia and other danger spots on the river, which the crew of men under the present appropriation, were unable to complete.

Commissioner Ed Carr of this district, who is an enthusiastic supporter of the new program, stated today that about one hundred and fifty of the present crew would be transferred at once to the Samish river, for which a project of some \$110,000 is already set up; and that about fifty men would be kept on the Skagit river to handle the snag clearing work, for which a big sum has already been appropriated. The Samish river bank from the mouth to Friday creek and a long stretch of Friday creek is to be straightened to prevent future flood erosion.

Chairman John Mason plans to call a meeting of the new Flood Control Association in the near future, to present his tentative plans for flood control in the county, which, besides the promised river bank protection, includes an extensive dredging program at the lower part of the river. Congressman Mon Wallgren some time ago gave his approval to such a program. The office of the crew at work on the project will be kept in Sedro-Woolley.

The Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce, which has been working on the flood control project, has joined the new County Flood Control Association to work for dredging on the Skagit, where needed, in a complete program of flood prevention, as suggested by Clyde Shrauger and John Mason of Mt. Vernon.

At the recent organization meeting in Burlington all parts of the county were represented, and agreed to work together for a county-wide program. President John Mason urged the towns and rural districts to cooperate and asked all to list all danger spots on the river, so the plans to be adopted in asking for more government financing, will not favor any section of the county.