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## Flood Control Council Urges Warning Plan

Valley in Danger From Floods Last Winter; Cold Prevents

Flood possibilities in the Skagit valley last winter were the worst on record, it was learned by the Skagit county delegates attending the Puget Sound flood control meeting in Chehalis last Saturday, October 9.

The snows were the deepest on record, the rains had saturated the lowlands and the upstream dams were full. The only thing that saved the valley was the fact that the temperature remained very low throughout the winter and stayed low for most of the summer. Such a threat, little known by the average citizen, lead the flood control council to recommend that Skagit county immediately take steps to set up a flood warning system.

The delegates heard recommendations for the creation of a post-war group of projects on flood control which included a program for the delta area of the Snohomish river, the lower reaches of the Chehalis, the Green river, the Skagit and several others. The delegates were told to "go home and do their home work so that these projects

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## FLOOD WARNINGS PLAN OF COUNCIL

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can be ready for action when the war ends."

The state legislature by resolution was commended for its creation of a \$1,000,000 flood control fund by which counties can secure financial assistance for their river improvement work. A second resolution proposed that the flood control law be amended to allow the state to participate in flood control surveys. Another resolution recommended that the program of stream flow data compilation by the U. S. Geological Service be continued by the state if for some reason the federal government funds should be reduced under the present congress's economy program.

The delegates who attended the session from Skagit county included R. V. Welts, Mount Vernon, president for the past two years of the Flood Control Council; County Engineer H. Walberg; Assistant Engineer Lee Wright, County Commissioner Ed Carr; Soil Conservation Service Engineer Frank Mucous, and State Planning Council Research Assistant J. Nordmark.

County planning commissions' water resource committee will hear a detailed report from the committee and a suggested program for the creation of the flood warning system in the Skagit valley with the U. S. weather bureau.

Other reports in the day long session included a summary of the past years activities by R. V. Welts, president. A report of army engineer studies by Mr. Pease, highway department flood control activities by Mr. Burwell Bantz, description of Chehalis river flood control program by Mr. Lars Langlo, U. S. weather bureau flood warning service by Mr. A. S. Codd and Mr. L. C. Fisher, last years activities by U. S. Geological Survey was reported by Mr. Fred M. Veatch, Mr. Ed Davis, director, Department of Conservation and Development, was the principal luncheon speaker.