

SURVEY WORK ON RIVER TO BE CONTINUED

The Skagit River Improvement committee, H. L. Willis, chairman, called upon the board of county commissioners yesterday afternoon and urged a one-mill levy to cover the costs of a survey of the Skagit river. The purpose of this levy would be to procure data to submit in an effort to secure federal aid.

As this year's levy had already been made, the commissioners stated that they could not, under the present laws, declare another levy until September 1st, 1924. The board, at that time, could order a new levy, it was stated, but not until then.

More than \$20,000 is now available for the purpose of river improvement in this county. When last year's levy was made, this sum was thought to be sufficient, but this year's figures showed it to be inadequate for the vast amount of work necessary to successfully complete the project.

James E. Stewart, expert engineer from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has just completed a survey of the volume of water which went down the river in the flood of 1921.

The river committee is now planning to have an expert engineer make a survey and present his findings to the government, in the hope of securing federal aid. This expense will be carried by drawing on the \$20,000 fund. It is likely that it may require all of this amount to meet the expense of the survey.

A delegation from the Rotary club, headed by William McKinstry, showed their interest in the project by calling in a body while the matter was discussed by the board of commissioners and the members of the river improvement committee.