

U. S. ENGINEER LISTS PROJECTS FOR WORK HERE

MAJOR PORTION OF \$358,100
FUND TO BE EXPENDED ON
SKAGIT FROM BURLINGTON;
SAMISH RIVER GETS \$104,500

An offensive on the Skagit and Samish rivers, with scores of men taking up various implements as cudgels in the fight against future floods in the county, is soon to be under way.

This assurance was given the Daily Herald today by Col. H. J. Wild, district engineer of the U. S. war department, under whose jurisdiction the far reaching and long sought project will be undertaken.

Federal funds amounting to \$358,100, obtained through the works progress administration, will be expended in building up and strengthening the existing banks of the two streams in the hope that this method will contribute immeasurably in controlling the waters of the Skagit and Samish rivers, which in the past have caused thousands of dollars in damage in their wild rampages through rich farm lands of Skagit county.

Projects are outlined

Most of the work to be undertaken will be on the Skagit river from Burlington to the eastern part of the county, while the Samish river will receive a large share of the fund to be expended. Col. Wild outlined the flood control program here as follows:

1. Clearing and snagging and brush revetment of the Skagit river in Township 35, in the amount of \$216,600.

2. Work on the upper Skagit from Hamilton to Marblemount, with some work on the branches in the delta area below Skagit City, with the exception of the North Fork, in the amount of \$37,000.

3. Work on the Samish river from its mouth to Friday creek, and also a limited amount on Friday creek, in the amount of \$104,500.

These three figures total \$358,100, the amount revealed earlier this week in the Daily Herald as having been approved at Washington, D. C., for the Skagit projects.

"It is expected that work on the \$216,600 project will be started in the near future," Col. Wild told the Daily Herald.

He also revealed that the projects as outlined, are the original ones planned by the corps of U. S. engineers, who have previously made an exhaustive survey of the flood situation here.

Many "Bad Spots"

Township No. 35, as mentioned in

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Flood Control

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the first project listed by Col. Wild, would include that part of the Skagit river from Burlington to Marblemount. At the county engineer's office here, it was said corrective measures will undoubtedly be taken at Hamilton, Lyman, Utopia, Sterling and immediately northeast of Burlington, where the river condition was described as "serious."

Other bad spots were listed at the Great Northern bend on the south side of the river at Riverside, the Riverside bend, west of the river on each side of Avon, south side of river one mile west of the Pacific highway bridge at Riverside, and points near Conway. These are not in township No. 35, and whether they will be included in the work to be undertaken could not be learned.

Clearing and snagging of the river, as mentioned by Col. Wild, was declared here of much importance. What method will be employed in this work was not revealed.

Brush revetment means that a retaining wall, to sustain the embankment, will be built at strategic points.

The information received by the

Daily Herald from Col. Wild concerning the flood control work to be undertaken was the first to reach here.

Had Requested Millions

The Skagit county planning council had previously asked \$2,000,000 for dredging in North Fork and South Fork and main channel of the Skagit river, and had requested \$1,000,000 for sloping and riprapping banks to prevent soil erosion. The council had also petitioned for \$275,000 for dredging and building adequate dikes on the Samish river.

Flood control has been designated as the main objective of the planning council.