

DISTRICT WINS BY MARGIN OF 1,134 VOTES

**RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT VOTE
1,901 TO 767 IN FAVOR OF
UNITED FLOOD CONTROL
PROGRAM**

By a vote of nearly three to one, Skagit county residents residing east of Swinomish channel yesterday decided to carry out an organized effort to control flood waters in this section, which in recent years have caused damages running into the thousands of dollars.

The unofficial vote of all the 60 precincts participating in yesterday's election was:

For flood control district, 1,901.

Against flood control district, 767.

The margin of victory was 1,134 votes.

Only 2,668 voters out of the 12,754 citizens registered in the district, marked ballots in yesterday's election. Points west of Swinomish channel, including Anacortes, the county's largest city, are not included in the district, and as a result did not vote.

Populous centers of the county, Mount Vernon, Burlington and Sedro-Woolley, were strong for the flood control district, which was proposed so that the county can unite with the state and federal governments in making a concerted effort to bring the waters of the Skagit and Samish rivers under control.

Of the three cities, Burlington made the best showing, 300 residents of that city voting favorably, and only 42 against. In Mount Vernon, 290 voted for the district and 91 against, while at Sedro-Woolley, 170 favored the issue and 84 opposed it.

The three cities together gave the district a favorable vote of 750, to 217 against the plan.

The communities of Conway and Fir went right down the line for the flood control district. These two districts are among others in the county which have suffered greatly from floods in the past. Fir residents voted 124 to 2 in favor of the district, while Conway's vote was 153 to 5. The combined vote of the two precincts showed that only 7 opposed the district, while 277 favored it.

La Conner, Hamilton, and Concrete backed the district by substantial margins.

Two precincts were unanimous for flood control. At East Hamilton the vote was 27 to 0, while the residents of the third ward, second precinct, in Sedro-Woolley were for the plan 14 to 0.

The opposite was shown in Montborne, which is situated on a hill, and at Cavanaugh. Twenty-seven voted against the district at Montborne, and 10 against it at Cavanaugh.

Bow was evenly divided on the issue, 13 to 13, while South Avon gave the district a margin of only one vote, the figures being 34 to 33.

Other precincts which opposed the district were Bay View, by only a single vote, Point Williams, Blanchard, North Allen, Lookout, Belfast, second ward, second precinct of Sedro-Woolley West Clear Lake, Tingley, Birdsvew.

Only one voter opposed the district at West Hamilton, while 38 favored it, and only three voted against the district at Big Lake.

Precincts voting favorably were Edison, Whitney, South Allen, South and North La Conner, Bessner, by a one vote margin, all of Mount Vernon's precincts, all of Burlington's precincts, Fir, Milltown, North Avon, South Avon, Big Lake, Conway, Harmony, McMurray, all of Sedro-Woolley's precincts except one, Cascade, Rockport, Sauk, Mansford, Sterling, E. Clear Lake, Prairie, Skiyou, West and East Lyman, East and West Hamilton, East and West Concrete.

The official vote will not be known until a court action, started today, is disposed of. Full details of the court action will be found in another article in this issue.

SEATTLE, Dec. 4.—(P)—Hunters reported taking 3,285 deer, 84 bear and 83 elk during the hunting season, the state game commission said today. Reports are still being received.