

FLOOD CONTROL POLICIES WILL BE DETERMINED

PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE HERE NEXT THURSDAY IS GIVEN; MANY LEADERS WILL ATTEND

Flood control needs and policies, affecting much of the state, will be discussed next Thursday in Mount Vernon, at a meeting of the Puget Sound Flood Control council. Members will be in attendance from Pierce, King, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties, it was announced by Col. Howard A. Hanson of Seattle, president of the council.

At the present time, nineteen streams have been designated for preliminary surveys, but no funds have been made available for this work. A total of \$50,000,000 in the flood control work is outlined for Washington but under the flood control act of 1936, much additional preliminary study must be given the work.

It is expected that approval will be given by the council to flood control construction projects already authorized, and action sought on these. The question of coordinating policy of the state with the national policy, and determining to what extent it should be recommended that the state participate in flood control costs, also will be on the program. A bill introduced at the last session of the Washington state legislature to clarify the state policy was not enacted.

Morning and afternoon sessions of the council will be held in the Mount Vernon city hall, and a luncheon meeting in the President hotel.

President Hanson, also chairman of the rivers and harbors committee of the state development committee of the Seattle chamber of commerce, said a number of Seattle chamber members are expected to attend the meeting in Mount Vernon.

Delegates will be welcomed by R. V. Welts of Mount Vernon, vice president of the Flood Control council, response will be made by W. S. Gainer, and Colonel Hanson will deliver a president's address. Other speakers on the morning

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program will be Glen H. Smith, outside construction engineer of the Seattle City Light department, who will discuss "The Skagit Power Project as a Flood Control Factor"; J. B. Fink, acting director of the state department of conservation and development, who will discuss "State Flood Control Plans"; Col. H. J. Wild, U. S. A. district engineer, who will discuss "Federal Flood Control Projects"; and H. J. Andrews, United States department of agriculture, who will discuss "The Department of Agriculture's Relation to Flood Control." County caucuses also will be held during the morning.

At luncheon the principal speaker will be Prof. R. G. Tyler of the University of Washington, who will speak on the subject "Water Resources Survey."

At the afternoon session, also in the Mount Vernon city hall, C. L. Wernecke will speak on "Flood Control Literature"; a representative of the WPA will discuss "WPA and Flood Control"; and Col. Robert P. Howell, U. S. A., retired, will discuss "Some Aspects of Flood Problems in the Lower Mississippi Valley."

This will be followed by reports of counties and discussion, reports of the resolutions committee, report of the nominating committee and election of officers.

After presentation of new officers the meeting will adjourn, to be followed by an annual session of officers and the executive committee of the Flood Control council.