

## THREE FLOOD <sup>1/23/39</sup> CONTROL BILLS ARE PROPOSED

Three bills designing legislation for flood control in the eight western counties will be sponsored by the Puget Sound flood control council as the result of a meeting in Everett Friday.

Robin Welts of Mount Vernon was a speaker at the meeting and was elected a county vice president from Skagit. Mr. Welts discussed the progress that has been made in flood control work in the counties, and laid out a program for the future development of flood control.

Two of the bills to be sponsored deal with setting up machinery for state administration of flood control projects through the department of conservation and development. The bills call for a division of flood control in which the state participates with the counties or municipalities in assisting them in completing and maintaining flood control work.

The other bill repeals a 35-year-old river control act that has never been used.

Officers elected included President Howard Hanson, Seattle, re-elected; secretary, Dean Ballard, Seattle, and county vice presidents, R. V. Welts, Skagit; A. B. Culmer, Whatcom; Charles Denney, Snohomish; R. E. Wooden, King; Albert Tjossem, Kittitas; A. E. Bartell, Pierce; Rex Kelley, Lewis, and C. B. Shain, Thurston. Executive committee members for the counties in the same order were A. E. Moser, John J. Hubbell, Frank McGuire, C. Beadon Hall, Morris Sorenson, J. F. Walsh, Burwell N. Bantz and Lars Langloe.