

FLOOD COUNCIL HAS TALKS ON SKAGIT BASIN

H. O. Walberg, president, and L. J. Wright, vice-president, represented Skagit county when the 13th annual meeting of the Puget Sound Flood Control Council was held December 1 at the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Walberg presided at the meeting.

The morning discussion was largely a discussion of flood matters in the Skagit and Puyallup river basins, together with brief reports from the various counties surrounding Puget Sound. Mr. Wright reported at length on the progress being made in actual construction and investigations of the past year and of the probable activities for next year.

He discussed the flood warning system, now being organized, which system was the subject of one of the council recommendations of the 1944 meeting. A brief was filed by Mr.

(Continued on Page Three)

Flood Council

12/6/45

(Continued from Page One)

Wright, detailing the existing trouble along the Samish river in itself and by reason of overflow from the Skagit river.

The speaker at the noon luncheon, G. P. Templeman of Centralia, talked of the proposed plan of control of the Chehalis river. This plan embraces dams for impounding flood waters for later multiple use, as for power, domestic and irrigation uses. After luncheon, the featured speaker was Col. C. P. Hardy, U. S. army engineer, in charge of the Seattle district.

Col. Hardy disclosed that his office is now making a review of the Skagit river report which recommended the construction of the Avon bypass, and indicated that a conclusion more favorable to the county may be reached during 1946. Other speakers were Arthur Piper, hydraulic engineer, U. S. geological survey, and George Thompson, president of the Washington State Reclamation Association.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Lars Langloe, former supervisor of hydraulics, president, succeeding Mr. Walberg; Arthur Ward of Sedro-Woolley, vice president for Skagit county, succeeding Mr. Wright; Robin Welts of Mount Vernon, executive board member; and James T. Ovenell county commissioner, as member of resolutions committee. A. L. Ganson of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, will continue as secretary.