

## Flood control unit discusses project

The proposed Avon By-pass should be under construction by 1968, Skagit County Flood Control Council members learned Wednesday night.

George Dynes, of Mount Vernon, member of a specially-appointed Avon Bypass Committee of the Council, made a report to the organization as a highlight of the Wednesday session in the Skagit County Courthouse Annex conference room. Other Bypass Committee members are Tom Shane, Jim Hulbert, Noble Lee, and Jess Knutzen.

Dynes also told of comments on the proposed flood control Bypass by two political candidates. Incumbent Congressman Jack Westland said the proposal should be kept out of party politics, Dynes reported. Gov. Albert D. Rosellini said he intends to form a committee to work on the Bypass plan at the state level, Dynes told Council members.

Also included in Dynes' report was previously-issued information that the Inland Empire Waterways Association recently endorsed the Bypass proposal and that \$2,225,000 in federal funds was authorized at the start of 1964 for a study of the proposal. Dynes urged Flood Control Council members to join the Inland Empire Association.

Diking districts represented in the council have worked on 12 major projects totalling \$295,251.93 in expenditures during 1964, Council chairman Earl Hanson told members Wednesday night. Financing came from local, state, county and federal levels.

Hanson was re-elected council chairman for another year by unanimous ballot Wednesday night as was the organization's secretary, Clayton Cheek.

In other business conducted at the meeting, members reviewed plans to modernize diking radio communications but took no action because funds for major changes are not available.

Members also agreed to have a special committee investigate maintenance costs for a Skagit River gauging station.

Another special committee was named to prepare for a gathering in late November or Early December of the Washington State Flood Control Council. The Skagit County unit will be host for the event.