

Burlington will aid on flood trouble

Burlington officially gave assurance Tuesday night of its cooperation in trying to relieve property owners southwest of the community whose lands have been flooded by backed-up water of Gage's Slough.

Councilmen approved participation by the city financially in helping relieve the flood situation. In its action, the council agreed to work with both property owners and Skagit County.

Mayor Adrian Strong appointed a committee of three councilmen to work with Supervisor Frank Screws on the Gage's Slough problem. They are William Dynes, Marvin Cannon, and Charles Kramer.

Screws told councilmen the city's drainage does flow into the slough. Such flow into the slough is legal, Screws said, since it is a public water course. The Burlington Supervisor earlier told the Skagit Valley Herald he believes the slough's problem begins in an area near the flooded properties where the slough must drain into 18-inch culverts.

One of the affected property owners, Larry Brendle, of Route 2, Mount Vernon, told councilmen of the extent of flooding on his farm property, and he showed them photographs of the flooding.

Skagit River flood control rates top priority with Army Engineers

A number-one priority in the Pacific Northwest is flood control of the Skagit River, according to top area Army Engineers.

Brig. Gen. Peter C. Hyzer, new North Pacific Division Engineer, and Col. C. C. Holbrook, Seattle District Engineer, expressed this opinion at a meeting in Everett Tuesday afternoon.

Attending the meeting were County Commissioners Claude Wilson and Mel Halgren, County engineer Lloyd Johnson, Ana-

cortes Port manager Robert Keller, Skagit County Port Commission chairman George Dynes and Skagit County Port Commissioner Chris Knutzen.

Purpose of the meeting, which included representatives from Snohomish County, was to discuss Army Engineer projects in the area.

Hyzer later flew over the Skagit River and proposed Avon-By-Pass.

The By-Pass is part of the comprehensive plan for flood control on the Skagit River.