

## \$850,000 Required For Skagit Work Projects

**Flood Control Proposals Will Use \$578,000—  
Highway, Bridge Construction Will Re-  
quire Remainder—Will Employ Many**

Expenditures of more than \$850,000 in Skagit County were requested this week by the board of county commissioners when approximately 35 federal emergency relief project applications were announced.

Flood control measures on the Skagit River took up the bulk of the expenditures, there being more than \$578,000 requested for 25 different river projects. Secondary highway improvements and new bridges in various parts of the county assumed the remainder of the total requests, or about \$272,000.

### \$120,000 at Avon

Ripraping with rock and brush constituted the improvements for the entire expenditure of \$578,000. The largest project is that of a 12,000 foot west bank on the river at the Avon bend. The commissioners estimated that \$120,000 would be necessary for a complete job.

A complete flood survey reveals that the following expenditures could be made: Mount Vernon waterfront, 2000 feet, \$20,000; river banks at Riverside bridge, 2000 feet, \$20,000; 3400 feet southeast of Clear Lake, \$34,000; 1500 feet south side of Burlington bend, \$15,000; 2600 feet opposite side of Burlington bend, \$26,000; 4000 feet east of Burlington, \$36,000; 3800 feet northeast of Clear Lake, \$38,000; 3000 feet northeast of Clear Lake, \$30,000; and three projects at Lyman totaling 92,000.

Four projects for the Hamilton river bank total \$88,650; 2500 feet of the south bank at Milltown, \$20,000; two projects at Skagit City, \$2,500 each; four in Conway-Fir vicinity totaling \$20,100; and three projects west of Skagit City totaling \$14,500.

### Apply for Bridge

Leading among the road and bridge building requests is a new bridge for the Swinomish channel on the Anacortes-Mount Vernon highway. Approximate expenditures of \$90,000 are listed to construct a 120 foot vertical lift steel span. The project is necessary since the present bridge is old and inadequate for heavy traffic and the road is part of the county's principal highway system. The project, if granted, would give 40 men work for at least six months.

A \$60,000 project for the rebuilding of the George Washington hill roadway on the Cascade pass highway east of Rockport would give work to 30 men for an 80 day period. The hill, east of Rockport, is an integral part of the county's road system. It was washed out by heavy rains last winter and traffic is now being routed over a planked railroad right-of-way with 24 hour guard service being maintained.

### Pave Strip

Paving of the Anacortes-Mount Vernon highway between Whitney station and the Swinomish channel bridge is listed by the county commissioners as another necessary project. The strip of highway, which is heavily trafficked,

is 2.24 miles long and would necessitate an expenditure of about \$60,000. Twenty men would be given work for 60 days if such a project is granted. The building of a multiple bituminous pavement from the Anacortes-Mount Vernon highway