

SKAGIT DREDGE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Army Head Approves Bill
For Special Survey Of
North, South Forks

SHRAUGER REPORTS

Bone, Schwellenbach, Wallgren
Give Utmost to Secure Results
For Flood Control

Indications that Skagit county's proposed river dredge for Puget Sound rivers will receive favorable consideration from the federal government were apparent this week, following special conferences held in Washington, D. C., by Postmaster C. F. Shrauger with local congressmen, senators, and war department officials.

Shrauger, who returned from the national capital Tuesday, appeared optimistic concerning the dredge project. "We know we have the full cooperation of Congressman Wallgren and Senator Schwellenbach," he told an Argus reporter this morning. "The final approval of the project depends on the results of a survey by the war department."

Senate bills authorizing the war department to make a survey of the Skagit have been introduced by Senator Schwellenbach, it was reported.

In reporting the accomplishments of Shrauger's trip to Washington, D. C., John T. Mason, president of the Skagit River Dredging Association, told the Argus:

"Mr. Shrauger left Seattle by plane at 9:15 p. m. April 22, arriving in Washington, D. C., April 23, at 6:40 p. m., immediately contacting Congressman Wallgren. After presenting the project he obtained his approval and pledge of cooperation. Mr. Shrauger's arrival in Washington was after all projects had been indorsed by the National Rivers and Harbors congress, making it necessary for him to contact separately the different members of this congress whose approval was one of the major objectives of this trip East. This

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was accomplished after considerable work.

"Through the efforts of Congressman Wallgren, a meeting was arranged with General Pillsbury of the United States engineers under the War Department to secure the approval of this department, who has charge of rivers and harbors as they pertain to flood control and navigation.

"General Pillsbury, who is familiar with the Skagit problem, expressed the opinion that this project as outlined was feasible. The result of this conference with the War Department was the introduction of a bill for an immediate survey of the North and South fork of the Skagit river for the purpose of determining the cost in order to present a bill to dredge.

"Congressman Wallgren, who is a third ranking member of the flood control committee in congress, appeared before his committee and secured their approval.

"A conference was held with Senators Bone and Schwellenbach, who had been quite concerned with flood control conditions in the Puget Sound country. They approved this project as a solution to flood control and navigation on the Skagit river. Senator Bone stated he would introduce a companion bill in the senate if this became necessary."

Mason has been assured of the full support of both our senators and the congressmen and is very much pleased with the result of Shrauger's trip and the accomplishments of the Dredging association.