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Dike Situation Needs Attention

Norm Wallace, chairman of the flood control committee, told the Journal this week that plans for repairing the dike in the vicinity of Burlington and north and east has come to a serious impasse.

He stated that the dike commissioners of district number 12 informed him that they cannot legally spend any money on dike repairs upriver from Rio Vista in Burlington. They have discovered that as far as records go few if any persons in this area have ever or at least in the last few years paid any taxes into the dike district. Therefore this section of the county is not considered in any dike district.

With the huge amounts of snow in the hills and remembrance still clear in many people's minds of the flood threats of former years the present situation has taken on a serious aspect. Only very quick action can save the situation, according to Mr. Wallace.

A specified number of signatures on petitions can get the matter before the voters as to the possible entry into district No. 12 in time to any good during the flood season this year. Mr. Wallace stated that the flood control committee desired a number of solicitors to circulate these petitions which can be obtained at his office by April 25 so that some action on the problem may be decided.