

25 Year Flood Plan Said Favorable

A 25-year flood protection program for the Skagit valley appears practical, through diking improvements, the Skagit County Flood Control council was told in Mount Vernon Wednesday.

Ray Scrinde, Stanwood Army Engineer reserve colonel reporting on progress of the engineers' restudy of the Skagit, said a longer flood protection program, such as 50 to 100 years, would involve major works such as a bypass channel or a storage dam upstream.

The state may be expected next year to contribute about the same amount as in 1961, \$57,000, in match money for Skagit valley flood control works, Greg Hastings, state flood control ex-

pert, told the council. He said his new assistant, Walter Bergstrom, would be project engineer.

The county and its diking districts are completing \$144,010 in various bank improvements this year, County Engineer Frank Gilkey reported. Of this amount the districts contributed \$51,880, the county \$34,536, and the state \$57,604.

The council elected Earl Hanson, a former president, as new president to succeed the late Don Bordner, who was serving his second term in the position. Lloyd Johnson, county flood control engineer, was reelected secretary.