

State Pledges Aid For Flood Repairs

The board of county commissioners yesterday reached an agreement with Lars Langloe of the state department of conservation and development for state aid in flood reparations, Chairman A. B. Wiseman reported this morning.

Meeting with the board and the army engineers, Langloe said the state could be counted on to help meet costs of like repair and other work which is already under way in the lower valley. The work is to be supervised by County Engineer H. O. Walberg, as suggested by Langloe, Wiseman stated.

The army engineers, unable to provide assistance for at least three weeks, were in the process today of surveying the situation to make a report to Washington, D. C.

Although work right now is concentrating on dike repair to take care of the emergency, river dredging work was mentioned in the discussion and may be an eventuality, Wiseman stated.

Langloe promised the state's help in every possible way to take care of the emergency.

Planning Needed To Avert Floods

Fixed planning for future control of the Skagit river is a "must" in order to save the resources of the valley, Herman Hansen, Mount Vernon superintendent of public works, told the Kiwanis club at their weekly luncheon meeting yesterday noon at the President hotel Togi room.

Future floods, he pointed out, could create serious sanitation problems for Mount Vernon in addition to the vast damage done to agricultural areas. A cutoff of the water or electric system at a critical time could completely halt the operation of the sewage disposal system.

Mr. Hansen was introduced by Mayor Harve Vaux and in turn introduced Denny Le Gro, city engineer, who said that the city should definitely keep dike improvement as a regular part of its program.

Both men credited police and fire department radio cars with great assistance at the time of the flood.