

MILLION FOR SKAGIT DIKES TO BE ASKED

CONGRESSMEN TO GO DIRECT TO PRESIDENT TO PRESENT HIS VIEWS ON FLOOD RELIEF IN THIS STATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Plans to carry the program of Washington state for adequate flood control of its rivers to President Roosevelt were disclosed today by Representative Wallgren (D-Wash).

Wallgren said there were projects in the state which had been described as meritorious by the board of army engineers which would materially lessen flood dangers in the state and at the same time provide employment for hundreds of men through the expenditure of approximately \$1,534,000.

The representative said pictures of flood conditions in the state, taken during the past few weeks as well as during previous years, and data on the needs and costs of eliminating causes of the floods would be presented to President Roosevelt in an effort to gain his support for the work.

The projects listed as meritorious were: removal of shoals in Puget Sound tributary waters, \$125,000; reconstruction of damaged bank protections on the Cowlitz river between Kelso and Toledo for immediate flood relief in the Castle Rock section, \$120,000; channel improvements on the Cowlitz in the big bottom area, \$39,000; four miles of bank protection and channel clearing on the north fork of the Lewis river above Woodland for flood control and erosion, \$240,000; raising existing levees on the Puyallup and White rivers for immediate flood relief, \$180,000.

Other projects listed were: bank protection and drainage of the Snohomish river and major tributaries, \$2,000,000; channel improvement on the Stillaguamish river, \$500,000; channel improvement on the Nooksack river, \$1,000,000; repair footings of present revetment on the Puyallup river, \$20,000.

In addition to the projects which Wallgren said had been classed as meritorious, he said other projects totaling \$10,520,000 should be started. Of this amount \$5,000,000 was listed for flood control work on the Green river in King county; \$1,000,000 for Skagit river flood protection for delta by raising levees to 11 feet. This latter project, Wallgren said, was listed by the engineers as being justified as an unemployment relief project. The same classification was given for bank protection on the stream at an estimated cost of another \$100,000.

COUNTY FACES DAMAGE SUIT OVER DEATHS

GILBERT RETAINED BY DIMMICK AND SAYS SUIT WILL BE FILED FOR \$25,000; COUNTY IS BLAMED

Skagit county will probably face a \$25,000 damage action as a result of the accident nearly a week ago which snuffed out the lives of Mrs. Myrna Dimmick, 22, and her three-year-old son Perry. The Daily Herald obtained this information today from Attorney Warren Gilbert, who admitted he is preparing to file a claim against the county in behalf of Harry Dimmick, husband and father, who narrowly escaped the same fate as the two others.

The two were killed when the auto which Dimmick was driving plunged into the water-filled gap left by flood waters on the Burlington - Sedro-Woolley combination dike and road.

The exact amount to be asked by Dimmick has not been definitely decided because the full extent of Dimmick's injuries have not yet been ascertained, according to Attorney Gilbert. He said the man is still suffering from a cut on the head and from internal injuries. Gilbert thought, however, that the amount sought would be about \$25,000.

"We believe someone is responsible for the failure to provide a proper barricade and light to give the motorist notice of the danger ahead," explained Gilbert. "The family realizes that money cannot compensate it for loss of the mother, son and grandchild, but they feel that the county should pay a reasonable compensation for the loss they sustained," the attorney added.

Reports at the time of the accident were to the effect that a

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sawhorse with a couple of boards on it served as the only warning of the 100-foot gap in the highway ahead. Dimmick said he drove around the sawhorse and his wife exclaimed: "There's been a little washout." A few hours later, county officials erected a permanent barricade, making it impossible to drive within several hundred feet of the water-filled hole.