

SKAGIT C. OF C. TO FIGHT FOR RIVER PROJECT

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A campaign for a larger share of WPA funds allotted to this state was launched by the Skagit county chamber of commerce at a meeting in the banquet room of the President hotel here last night, after two speakers had maintained that this county is not receiving its "just share." It was pointed out that the county's flood control project will end in almost a total failure unless more workers are assigned to it.

H. B. Averill, publisher of the Daily Herald, stated that Skagit was either fortunate, or unfortunate, because of its very low relief load during the period which the WPA is using as a basis for work relief now. He pointed out, however, that "when the showdown comes, every county will pay its share of the WPA program and Skagit county will lose in the long run if it does not get its proper allotment." Mr. Averill added that "we must fight for the funds justly due us."

He declared that the Seattle chamber of commerce has for years had J. J. Underwood as its representative at Washington, D. C., and suggested that the county group appeal to the Seattle chamber for assistance, through Mr. Underwood. He thought Underwood might go to the proper officials in Washington and see if more men could not be assigned to flood control projects in this county.

A. H. Bingham, Sedro-Woolley, moved that this procedure be followed and the county group adopted the motion unanimously. Ed Schwartz, Anacortes, president of the Skagit chamber stated he would go to Seattle or would send a representative.

A. G. Mosier, Sedro-Woolley engineer, pointed out that the flood control project can get only one-third the amount of labor necessary. At the present rate, the project will be only 25 per cent finished on the Skagit while nothing will be done on the Samish and Sauk rivers.