

PETITIONS ARE CIRCULATED FOR RIVER DISTRICT

SEDRO-WOOLLEY, Feb. 17.—Petitions for the formation of a Skagit river bank revetment maintenance district were circulated this week and sent to state authorities at Olympia for final approval before calling for an election to vote on the matter. The petition, prepared by Attorney A. H. Ward, after conference with farmers' committee, asks for formation of the district as provided in the 1935 state law which limits the amount of money which can be assessed at 2 mills, except for a special vote of the district, and even then it cannot exceed 5 mills.

It is estimated that the average farm will be taxed less than 10 cents per acre. As petitioned for, the proposed district has as its east boundary the east city limits of Hamilton, and extends west through Burlington to the Pacific highway. The Skagit river is the south boundary and the north line extends along the foot of the hills on the north side of the Skagit river. Burlington, Sedro-Woolley, Lyman and Hamilton are included in the proposed district. The committee hopes that the levy will result in a fund of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 annually to cover cost of maintaining the revetments.

Approval of Lars Langloe, state flood control engineer, is necessary for forming of the district, but there is little doubt that he will not concur, leaders of the plan say. As soon as the petition is approved, details of the election and final plans will be announced.

Meanwhile, Skagit county commissioners will be asked on Monday to keep their word in regard to the purchase of the new dragline as required by U. S. engineers in charge of the revetment project. If this is done, work will proceed to protect remaining danger spots along the entire river.