

Plan Conference On Flood Control

Congressman Henry M. Jackson will confer next week with Col. L. B. Hewitt, district head of the U. S. Army Engineers, in an effort to work out a flood control problem along the Swinomish slough near the Dorsey farm west of here, it was announced today.

Jackson said today he plans to ask for emergency appropriations to get the flood control work started in the area mentioned where dikes have been worn thin and a break-through of tide waters threaten hundreds of acres of valuable farm land from LaConner as far north as the Swinomish slough bridge.

Extensive dredging of the slough has resulted in wearing away of the dikes, making break-throughs possible. One such break-through occurred in that area last year, flooding several acres of farm land under two to three feet of salt water.

Bridge Is Vital, Chamber Is Told

The importance of a bridge over the Skagit river at Concrete to all of the county, was pointed out by S. S. McIntyre, of Sedro-Woolley, president of the East-West, North South Highway association, in a talk given before directors of the local Chamber of Commerce today noon.

McIntyre pointed out that between 3½ and 4 billion feet of virgin timber is contained in the Sauk and Suiattle watersheds which would naturally be diverted through Skagit county if a bridge were constructed across the river. He also pointed to the eventual savings to the county through the elimination of ferries and also the elimination of danger to school children who now must depend upon the ferries to get them to their classrooms.

"Approximately a 2½ or 3 mill levy is all that would be necessary," the speaker asserted, "to raise the \$700,000 required to construct the span." The project would pay itself off in a period of 10 years, he added.

McIntyre urged county-wide cooperation on support of the project at the polls November 2 and said, "This will be a test to see if the county can unite on a given project vital to its welfare."

Following his talk, the Chamber of Commerce adopted a motion giving unqualified support to the project.