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## COUNTY CHAMBER HEARS MORE ON CASCADE HIGHWAY

## MCINTYRE REPORTS UNFAVORABLE ATTITUDE IN STATE DEPARTMENT - COUNTY MAY GET FLOOD CONTROL MONEY

The regular March session of the Skagit County Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday night in Anacortes with only a small group of members in attendance. For lack of other outstanding topics the Cascade highway again took up most of the chamber's time.

Dave McIntyre of Sedro-Woolley reported his view on the results of the recent committee sent to Olympia to contact highway officials and others in regard to the road. The committee failed to carry out their plan of holding a banquet at which the entire group could be reached at one time, but never the less visited nearly all of the official they wanted to see personally.

Mr. McIntyre stated that Director of State Highways Lacey Murrow was opposed to the completion of the Cascade highway and had said that it was not practicable or necessary. He also told Mr. McIntyre that many other roads in other parts of the state were to be completed before any more work would be done on the Cascade pass.

In bringing up the possibility of the road opening up the mining districts, Mr. Murrow said that if the mines could employ a thousand men there would be no hesitation in the building of the road.

Other members of the committee who spoke were not so pessimistic as Mr. McIntyre and felt that their trip has accomplished much good.

## **Funds for flood control**

A. G. Mosier of Sedro-Woolley reported for the committee on flood control and stated that many bills in the legislature and in Washington were being considered which would further the work in this county. He estimated the Skagit County's share of the funds to be made available would be around two and a half million dollars. This would be expended under the direction of the county commissioners. He also stated that he believed much of the legislation was due to the activities of the flood control commission.

The next meeting of the chamber will be in Sedro-Woolley in April.

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