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PLAN FLOOD RELIEF

Apparently the forgotten Skagit farmer, whose valuable land has been washing down stream for years, is to be remembered. The Puget Sound Flood Control Council was instrumental in having legislation passed to permit counties to form districts to raise funds for stopping erosion and floods, and the big federal appropriation for public works, including a huge amount for flood relief work.

The Skagit County Chamber of Commerce this week sponsored a petition for forming a flood control district, after Senator Knutzen and A. G. Mosier informed them of its importance. Had the various commercial organizations realized some years ago the futility of working for millions of dollars of good roads, while millions of dollars of farmlands reached by these roads, washed away down the river, the situation would not have been as acute as it is at present.

Congressman Wallgren has taken the lead in flood and erosion control work at Washington, D. C. and through his efforts it is expected that \$1,500,000 will be appropriated for the Skagit. This will be the first time that much has been done to stop erosion, which goes on at low water even more than during floods. The forgotten Skagit farmer, who has sat on his front porch, watching his land wash away, then moved his house to keep it from falling in, and in many cases finally moving off entirely when his property was a total loss, will think that the millenium has arrived.