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Wallgren Praises Skagit River Work

**Congressman, Honored Guest at Dinner of Lions
Rotarians and Chamber of Commerce; Favors
Flood Control; Fine Meeting**

Congressman Monrad Wallgren of this district was guest of honor at a dinner Tuesday evening sponsored by the Lions club, the Rotary club and the Chamber of Commerce and prepared and served by the women's auxiliary of the American Legion. About eighty men were present at what is said to be the finest meeting of the kind held here in years.

Wallgren told the meeting that he was much pleased with the flood control and river bank erosion work being carried on along the upper Skagit river under the \$216,000 WPA project, and favored enlarging the project to complete needed bank protection, before any money is spent in dredging the mouth of the river.

He said he could see no sense in spending a huge sum dredging the lower part of the river so long as land and silt is washed down in huge quantities to fill the lower river as rapidly as it is dredged. When the river banks are all protected, is the time to talk about a big appropriation for dredging the mouth of the river, he said. The river bank protection, clearing the river of snags, diking and dredging should all be part of the task of making the Skagit river safe from flood and land destruction.

Max Ford, president of the local Lions club, presided at the meeting and Guy Rowland of the Lions club and G. W. Green of the Rotary club, led those present in songs, with Mrs. G. A. Jones at the piano. Frank Evans explained the purpose of the meeting, which, he said was strictly non-political, and sponsored by the three civic organizations. He praised the work of Wallgren in getting the WPA appropriation for river bank work, and for the new post offices, and other achievements, and complimented him upon his appointment of Paul Rhodius as postmaster. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Arthur Stevenson, president of the Rotary club.