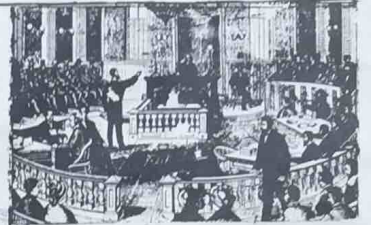




# The PUBLIC REPORT



## Do you live in fear of flooding?

Wayne Dean says he and his family do. He is the owner of Dean Motors, located on Highway 101 just north of Tillamook. 'I am one of those men who has lived in fear since 1964. In January of 1964 (that was the lesser of the two floods in 1964), I had a business that was completely paid for. At the end of 1964, I was head over heels in debt... In January 1972 there was 51 inches of water in my showroom... I can't pick up my business and move it... I live in fear of this water, and my family does. That was part of the testimony Mr. Dean gave at a Corps of Engineers public meeting held in Tillamook in March, 1972.

We know that Mr. Dean is not alone in his fear. During January 1972, Tillamook County reeled under the onslaught of two near-record floods. Millions of dollars in damages were suffered by farms, homes and businesses. As the floodwaters raged, families were forced to leave their homes, cows went un milked and oysterbeds became smothered in a blanket of silt. The urgent need for preventing similar damages in the future is clear, but:

### WHAT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN?

Last summer, emergency dredging was done to enlarge the channels of the Wilson and Trask Rivers near their mouths on Tillamook Bay. That dredging will temporarily reduce the depth of future flooding in some areas upstream. But more permanent solutions to the flood problems are being sought in a Corps of Engineers study now underway.

As your elected county officials, we have worked with the Corps of Engineers on their study of the flood problems on Nehalem, Miami, Kilchis, Wilson, Trask and Tillamook Rivers. During their studies, the Corps has examined many flood damage prevention alternatives for those streams, including flood plain land-use regulations, flood proofing, diking, dredging, bypassing floodflows, and upstream reservoir storage.

The Corps' investigations have shown that upstream storage would not be feasible because of the high cost. They found that flood bypassing and additional dredging would prevent only a small portion of the flood damages, and that additional diking would not be justified on the Nehalem, Miami, Kilchis and Tillamook Rivers. On those rivers, therefore, the Corps found that regulation of land use in the flood plain and flood proofing measures by individual property owners would be the only practicable means of damage prevention.

### IS DIKING THE ANSWER FOR TRASK AND WILSON RIVERS?

For the Wilson and Trask Rivers, it might be possible to develop a plan for flood control levees of dikes along the lower reaches of those streams. One possible plan would be to place dikes in the approximate locations shown on the sketch. Those dikes would prevent inundation of the areas shown from Wilson and Trask River floods as severe as those in January 1972. In order to provide that much protection, the dikes would have to be about 9 feet high, and 70 feet wide at the base. Where existing roads or buildings are located in the path of the potential dikes and need to be preserved, a concrete floodwall requiring only a few feet of width could be constructed.

### WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS?

Before more detailed studies are made, the Corps of Engineers and your local officials must know your opinion of the diking plans being considered. Please take a minute to fill out and return this questionnaire to us.

### WHERE YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION?

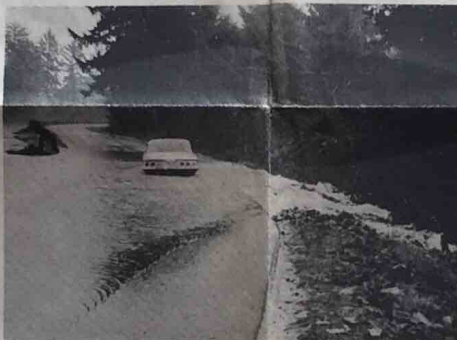
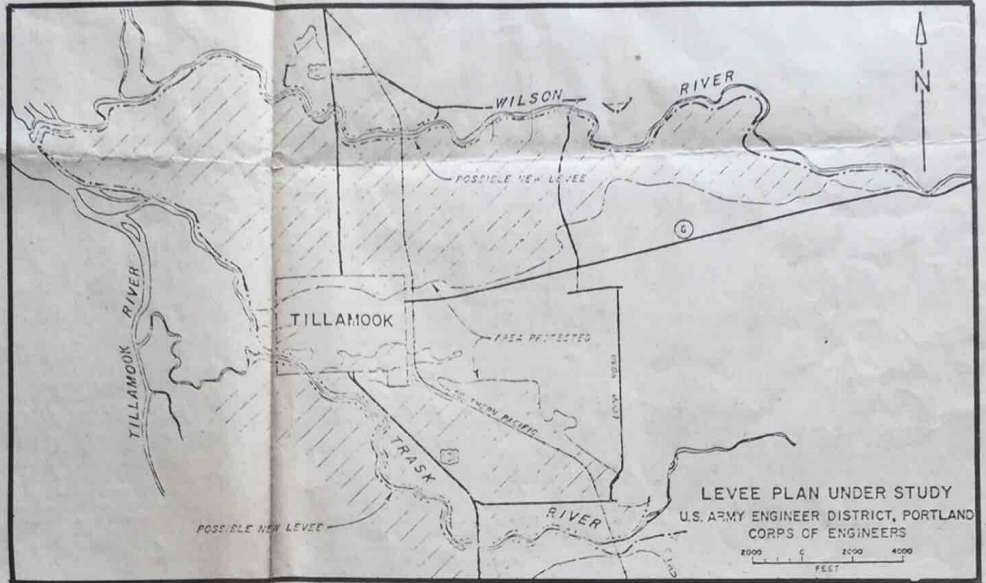
If you check the appropriate box on the questionnaire, and return it to us, additional information will be sent to you from time to time as the study continues.

Prints of an aerial photograph showing the areas flooded by the Wilson and Trask Rivers in December 1964 may be obtained, free of charge, from the Emergency Operations Center in the Tillamook County Court House.

### IS THE CHOICE YOURS?

We want the solution that the Corps of Engineers will recommend for alleviating Tillamook's flood problems to be acceptable to YOU. Why not take this opportunity to participate in planning for the future of your area.

Charles D. Bailey  
R.F. Brennan  
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Tillamook County Board of Commissioners



The flood problems of Tillamook County have always been great. For years the area has been plagued by flood waters which cause million of dollars in damage. Up until now there has been little or no opportunity for the people in the flood ravaged areas, and elsewhere, to express their opinions on how the flood waters should be controlled.

That opportunity has now arrived. With this questionnaire comes the chance to tell the officials of Tillamook County how you feel about the yearly disaster that plagues our

homes, in one form or another, and how it should be stopped.

The diking plan described in the above map is an expensive one - \$8,000,000 and may be one of the most extensive ever attempted in the United States. The Corps of Engineers (the same people who are bringing you the south jetty in Tillamook Bay) have done extensive studies in the area and in their opinion dikes are the only answer to the flood problems. Not all people agree. Maybe you are one of them.

If you live in the path of the proposed system and like the possibility of hav-

ing as much as 150 feet of your land covered by a dike, say so. And if you don't, then say so. But at least say something, because if the people of Tillamook County don't want a dike to hold back the flood waters, and enough say so, then there won't be a dike.

It doesn't matter if your property is going to be affected by the dikes, because all of Tillamook County will benefit in one form or another if they are built.

As the County Commissioners suggested take a few minutes and fill out the questionnaire, the long range benefits will be great.

Despite your own personal feelings, this is an opportunity to express your views and make suggestions about the yearly blanket of water that covers land, barns and homes. Take advantage of it.

### QUESTIONNAIRE

FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION STUDY FOR WILSON AND TRASK RIVERS

FROM: (We need your name and address so we can mail you information about the study in the future.)

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

(Street Address, City, State, ZIP Code) \_\_\_\_\_

(Representing organization, if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK THE ONE RESPONSE THAT BEST EXPRESSES YOUR VIEWS:

- ( ) I am generally in favor of high dikes along the Trask and Wilson Rivers.
- ( ) I am opposed to any new dikes along the Trask and Wilson Rivers.
- ( ) I am opposed to the diking plans described in this article but I would favor a different diking plan. (Please describe in Comments, below, or attach map and statements to reply.)
- ( ) Other comments, see below.

I am interested in participating in citizen workshops in Tillamook to discuss the potential dikes and to help plan for the future of the Wilson and Trask River flood plains. Please Check: ( ) YES ( ) NO

I wish to receive more information on the study when it is available: (Please Check) ( ) YES ( ) NO

COMMENTS:

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