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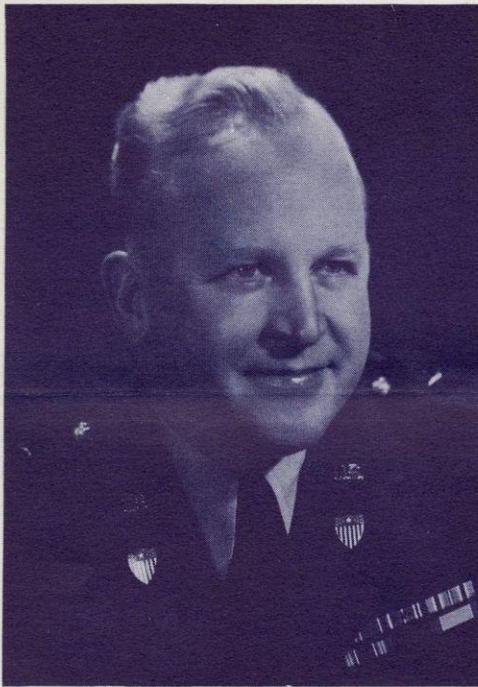
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CHIPMAN NEW STATE CD DIRECTOR

- A JOB WELL DONE -

- BIG TASK AHEAD -



MAJ. GEN. RALPH J. OLSON



WILLIAM K. CHIPMAN

General Olson has served under four governors since 1950 in the dual capacity of Adjutant General and State Director of Civil Defense. The increasingly heavy burden of National Guard duties caused him to suggest to the governor that a full time civil defense director be appointed.

During his ten years as State CD Director, he has built a realistic civil defense program in Wisconsin based on the use of existing facilities and agencies in government. Under his direction, civil defense has grown to a full fledged agency in state government ready to serve Wisconsin citizens in a major emergency.

He served on many Federal committees, is past president of the National Association of State and Territorial Civil Defense Directors and presently is Chairman of the Plans, Tests and Exercises Committee of that association.

Major accomplishments include the building and implementation of a state operational survival plan, and the strengthening of the civil defense law. He also fought vigorously for Federal personnel and administrative funds under PL 85-606 which has now become a reality.

William K. Chipman, a Madison attorney, has been appointed by Governor Nelson to succeed Major General Ralph J. Olson as State Director of Civil Defense. Chipman will assume his new position on March 1, 1961.

He attended the University of Wisconsin where he received his BS degree in Mechanical Engineering in June 1950 and his LLB in law in January 1955, both with honors. From June 1954 to September 1957 he engaged in private law practice as associate with the firm of McAndrews and Melli at Madison in 1957.

In the fall of 1957, Mr. Chipman was a Law fellow at the U. W. for a short time. He interrupted his studies for a trip to England where he studied British civil defense organizations and methods at Cambridge, Nottingham and Birmingham. While in Britain, he met with General Sir Sydney Kirkman, Director of Civil Defense for Great Britain and Mr. D. E. H. Wynter, Director of Intelligence, CD Department.

He presently is finishing a thousand page doctoral thesis in law on Federal Civil Defense and Defense Mobilization which includes Federal-State relations in non-military defense.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD FOR PL-85-606 PARTICIPANTS

Civil defense directors and government officials from political subdivisions which will receive personnel and administrative matching funds under Public Law 85-606 attended a special meeting on the program at State CD Headquarters in Madison on February 8.

The group was welcomed by Maj. Gen. Ralph J. Olson, State CD Director. Olson, who is leaving the post of State Director effective March 1 in order to devote full time to his duties as Adjutant General, expressed his appreciation to the CD workers for their fine cooperation and assistance during his 10-year tenure as State Director.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain administrative procedures to be followed by qualified political subdivisions in obtaining PL 85-606 funds and the proper method in preparing local operational survival plans. Eligibility requirements for the program, among other things, require an approved plan be on file at the State Bureau. The deadline date for such submission is June 30, 1961.

In addition to the above, new Federal eligibility requirements to obtain civil defense surplus property were explained to the group.

State Bureau personnel conducting the briefing were M. C. Gourlie, Contributions Officer, who spoke on Public Law 85-606, W. J. Ewald, Training Officer, and R. W. Curley, Public Affairs, who talked on survival plan preparation and surplus property respectively.

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CIVIL DEFENSE HAS DUAL ROLE

Unfortunately, many persons have the erroneous impression that the civil defense program is only for preparation against nuclear attack and entirely divorced from disasters caused by tornadoes, floods, fires, and other such emergencies.

Wisconsin CD Statutes not only provide for emergencies resulting from enemy action but also for state-wide emergencies caused by other than enemy attack. While preparing a state-wide plan for nuclear attack, which would be the ultimate disaster, civil defense is at the same time preparing local governments, schools, hospitals, industries, and other institutions for any disaster, whether man made or otherwise.

Thousands of Wisconsin citizens have availed themselves of such training as first aid, home preparedness, auxiliary police, and fire and rescue, among others, through the facilities of their local civil defense organizations. The important point to remember is that these are *trained* volunteers who can be called upon in emergency.

A recent editorial in a prominent state newspaper suggested that civil defense pattern its planning after that of Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse and pointed out how such a plan was instrumental in

saving the patients from a flaming death. Such plans have always been part and parcel of the total civil defense effort. Civil defense directors in every community have the responsibility of working with school officials, business leaders, hospital directors, and government officials in preparing disaster plans. As an example, the Johnson Wax Company in Racine has a complete CD plan and has issued a brochure on the subject.

The State Bureau of Civil Defense has materially assisted many hospitals in their disaster preparations by providing emergency generators through the Federal Matching Funds Program for use in case of failure of or normal power facilities.

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LA CROSSE FIRE PROVES WORTH OF DISASTER PLANNING

State CD Director, Maj. Gen. Ralph J. Olson, called the saving of 100 patients in the February 2 fire at Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse a "direct result of emergency planning."

He said that State Civil Defense Health Services under the direction of Dr. Carl N. Neupert, State Health Officer, has long assisted and encouraged hospitals, and other institutions in the state in setting up disaster plans.

"Many hospitals in the state now have such plans," Olson said. "It is unfortunate that disasters such as this must occur before some people realize that civil defense is a vital part of our everyday lives."

He commended the hospital officials for their swift and efficient action in putting the disaster plan into operation.

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CD WELFARE SERVICES MEET

A two-day conference of Emergency Welfare Services for Civil Defense was held February 23-24 at the State Office Building in Madison.

George M. Keith, Deputy Director, State Department of Public Welfare, in the keynote address discussed the "Purpose and Objectives of the Conference."

The first day of the meeting featured talks by James Nordstrom, OCDM-Region 4, on "The National Civil Defense Plan and OCDM Planning Assumptions" and by Thomas J. Lucas, Jr., Coordinator for CD Welfare Services, who discussed "The State Civil Defense Plan and Organization."

Other State Welfare personnel appearing on the program were: John Barrett, Division of Public Assistance; John Faville, Jr., Division of Corrections; and David Schirle, Purchasing Division of Business Management. Topics covered included radiological responsibilities, the scope of emergency welfare services in Wisconsin, institutional planning problems, and surplus property.

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INDUSTRY DEFENSE COURSES SCHEDULED

Due to increased interest and demand, four more Staff College Courses in Industry Defense have been scheduled for 1961 at the OCDM National Operational Headquarters in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Courses are to be held on the following dates:

- March 20-24, 1961
- June 12-16, 1961
- September 25-29, 1961
- November 13-17, 1961

Enrollment forms and additional information on the courses may be obtained by writing to the State Bureau of Civil Defense.

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MILWAUKEE HAS 3,004 HOME FALLOUT SHELTERS

The results from a recent survey show that the City of Milwaukee has 3,004 home fallout shelters according to a January 20 news release by the Milwaukee Civil Defense Administration.

The data was obtained from questionnaires sent to 103,678 families through public and parochial school children last November. Out of this number, 66,048 or 63.7% were returned to the Milwaukee CD office by the homeowners.

Other information contained in the questionnaires indicated that 85% of the families who returned the survey forms would evacuate if assurance was given that there would be enough time. The percentage was over 80% in every ward with only 12.7% saying they would not evacuate.

In addition to the above, 13,767 families expressed an interest in financing a home shelter. 57% of these said they would construct a shelter if no loan was involved; 28.5% would build one if the cost could be added to their present mortgage; and 14.5% said they would prefer an additional 10 year mortgage.

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EMERGENCY RATIONS AVAILABLE

OCDM has notified the State Bureau that emergency CD rations can be procured through the Office of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army.

These rations could be used to feed persons during Operation Alert 1961 to test their effectiveness in an emergency. Project Applications must be submitted by CD Directors to the State Bureau by March 20, 1961 if these rations are desired.

The cost for a 2 meal ration is \$1.62 per ration plus 3½% for transportation charges.

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FEBRUARY 28 DEADLINE FOR HOSPITAL GENERATOR APPLICATIONS

The State Bureau has been notified by OCDM that no new applications for hospital generators will be accepted after February 28, 1961.

OCDM will proceed with the processing of all hospital generator applications submitted prior to that date in accordance with Chapter 10 of Administrative Manual 25-1. Guidance for the processing of these applications is contained in Annex 10A of AM 25-1 and, in particular, on pages 10-3 to 10-6.

OCDM is presently conducting a review of this program and will revise and reissue Annex 10A, if necessary, as soon as possible.

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RURAL CD YOUTH PROGRAM LAUNCHED

A new nation-wide rural civil defense program for the youth of America was announced by OCDM on January 24.

The program will give organizations and individuals the opportunity to earn OCDM Youth Achievement Certificates. It was developed by OCDM's Rural Activities Office with the assistance of National and State leaders and staff officials of 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, and other groups.

"The purpose of the program is to help boys and girls do their share in America's Civil Defense mission of saving lives and property in event of nuclear war or natural disaster," explained W. L. Shaffer, OCDM Rural Activities Director.

In order to carry out the program, OCDM has developed a new Rural Civil Defense Kit (K-12). The kit contains Rural CD texts and visuals, outlines for three discussion meetings, basic reference materials, and a Leaders' Guide which explains how to instruct and lead boys and girls in civil defense. All materials relate to civil defense education and awareness, farm and family protection measures, or support of the community and National efforts.

The Kit is being distributed in Wisconsin as follows:

State Bureau of Civil Defense	50
County CD Directors	142
County Extension Agents (3 each).....	213
(extras for use by county rural organizations)	
Vocational Agriculture Teachers (1 per school)	276
State Board of Vocational Education	10
State Department of Agriculture.....	20

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CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE

- - - - what your neighbors are doing - - - -

JUNEAU - Two classes on Aircraft Disaster were held at the Dodge County Court House in Juneau on February 6 and 9. The sessions, which were attended by Dodge county police and volunteer fire departments, dealt with the security of aircraft fire fighting and rescue. Personnel from the Provost Marshall's office and Air Force Police from Truax Field at Madison conducted the classes.

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WESTBY - Seven members of the Richland County Civil Defense and Emergency Planning committees met recently with officials from 20 other counties in the REA building in Westby. The agenda included a discussion of State Civil Defense, and economic controls in both planning and operational stages. Also discussed was the assigned responsibilities of each USDA agency and the application to local CD organization. Donald V. Jensen, Asst. Deputy Director for CD Supply Services and Leo Ley directed the discussion.

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OCONTO - Dr. George Mohler of this city attended a course in mass casualty treatment at Brooke Army Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, January 29 - February 4. The course is one in a series being conducted at this installation to instruct in techniques of handling large numbers of multiple injury cases such as would occur in the event of nuclear attack or a similar catastrophic explosion. Dr. Mohler is Director of Medical Services for Oconto County Civil Defense and in charge of the 200-bed emergency CD hospital which is stored in this city.

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COCHRANE - A class of 32 Buffalo County citizens completed civil defense courses February 1, it was announced by Howard Mohnk, county CD director. The sessions were held in the Bluff Siding School and consisted of radiological monitoring, first aid and basic civil defense.

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SLINGER - An eight hour course in Emergency Welfare Services and Home Civil Defense was started February 13 at the Goldendale Public School, it was announced by Ray Storck, Washington county civil defense director. The class will attend 2-hour sessions for four consecutive Monday evenings. The course will cover a discussion of basic CD problems and measures that residents can take to protect themselves in an emergency.

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CROSS PLAINS - A Civil Defense Meeting sponsored by the local Health Council, the American Legion, and the Cross Plains Civil Defense Committee was held at American Legion Hall on February 6. Curtiss D. Brauhn, Dane county civil defense director, and members of the Dane county CD committee conducted the meeting. The major topic discussed was the fallout menace and precautions that could be taken necessary to survival.

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CLINTONVILLE - 119 persons from this community and Embarrass attended lectures and demonstrations on techniques of evacuating patients at the Clintonville Community Hospital on February 6. Those in attendance included hospital personnel, rest home personnel, and firemen and policemen from the surrounding area. Instruction was given by Captain Harvey J. Younk of Green Bay. R. J. Platte, hospital administrator, also announced at the meeting that there will be an actual demonstration of extinguishing a fire in the building and evacuating some patients on June 12.

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EAU CLAIRE - A meeting of the Eau Claire-Chippewa Falls Medical Assistants Society was held February 1 at the office of Dr. George E. Miller in Eau Claire to discuss information obtained by four of the members who recently attended a state-wide symposium at Marquette University. The organization is presently taking part in the Civil Defense Course being conducted each Monday night at the Eau Claire County Court House under the direction of the Sheriff's department.

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