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YOUTH CORPS WORKS ON DISASTER CLEAN-UP LOG OVER 49,000 MAN-HOURS



Youth Corps workers clean-up flood damaged home at Prairie du Chien in Crawford county. Scene is typical of work being done by over 1,000 young people in 14 disaster counties.

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The mighty Mississippi made a shambles of hundreds of homes and scores of public buildings and facilities in Western Wisconsin counties during its April rush to the sea, but you'd never know it in some areas today. The reason... hundreds of hard working young people employed under the Neighborhood Youth Corps major disaster program initiated by Gov. Warren P. Knowles on April 26.

Financed by a federal grant of \$1,991,000, actual clean-up operations got underway at Prairie du Chien on May 6. By May 15, over 12,400 man-hours of work had been completed. By May 29, this figure had been upped to 49,287 man-hours with 1,220 youths employed under the program in 14 counties. To date, Youth Corps members have been paid a total of \$70,647 (payroll period ending May 29) for their work in restoring flood damaged and destroyed property.

A breakdown in round figures of total earnings received by Youth Corps workers in each county is as follows: Ashland (\$658); Barron (\$1,221); Buffalo (\$4,547); Crawford (\$16,615); Dunn (\$3,440); Grant (\$11,629); Green (\$3,523); La Crosse (\$6,731); Pepin (\$1,111); Pierce (\$9,428); Polk (\$1,723); St. Croix (\$8,388); Trempealeau (\$1,016); Vernon (\$610).

The Project Director for the program is Thomas J. Lucas, Jr., Civil Defense Welfare Services, who is coordinating overall activities under the direction of the State Director of Civil Defense. Lucas has reported "excellent community acceptance and support" of the program.

Personnel working in the field under Lucas's direction include Paul K. Villar, Project Associate; James Banks, N.W. Area Director; and Robert Risley, S.E. Area Director: County and city project directors presently appointed are Eugene Fry, City of La Crosse; John M. Thomas, La Crosse county; Charles Zepp, Buffalo and Trempealeau counties; David Rodney, Barron, Dunn, Polk and Washburn counties; Howard Kruse, Pepin and Pierce counties; Lawrence Hope, St. Croix county; Paul Mockrud, Vernon county; David Meyer, Crawford county; and Paul Pinard, City of Prairie du Chien.

Recruitment is being handled by the Wisconsin State Employment Service with young men and women from the ages of 16 through 21 eligible for employment.

Recent heavy rains have added to the clean-up problem, causing a slower recession of the Mississippi. Standing water has prevented workers from getting into approximately 60 per cent of those areas needing restoration. A major problem was also encountered at River Falls where the June 2 flash flood nullified previous efforts. Youth Corps members had about 40 per cent of the work completed there when it was again inundated.



ENGINEERS MAKING DAMAGE ESTIMATES

State and federal engineering inspection teams are continuing their work of making damage estimates in Wisconsin's flood disaster counties to determine federal aid needed under Public Law 875. By May 28, damage to public property and facilities had reached a total of \$376,558 with inspections only one-third completed. When the inspections are completed this figure is expected to reach \$1 million or more. Most of the inspections, thus far, have been in the fields of debris clearance and health-sanitation with the City of La Crosse suffering the major damage in these categories at \$22,650 and \$177,400, respectively. Cassville also received heavy damage to health and sanitation facilities which were estimated at \$34,000.

Many other inspections are still scheduled, particularly streets, roads, bridges and public utilities which received extensive flood damage. The damage assessment program is being administered from the Office of Emergency Planning (OEP) Disaster Field Office in the Post Office Building at La Crosse by Leo C. McNamee, Region 4 OEP and Stan Grimstad, State CD Bureau staff member. The state has been allocated \$1 million in federal funds for the recovery program, \$10,000 of which has been set aside for use by federal agencies.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

A month has passed since Governor Knowles named me Director of the State Bureau. While the transition from the police field to that of Civil Defense continues to be a difficult and sometimes a bewildering one, the burden has been lightened considerably through the assistance, guidance, and moral support lent to me by so many.

I have always had an avid interest in Civil Defense and while my scope primarily was limited somewhat to the Police and Military Support phases. The broad picture which now unfolds presents a definite challenge and an opportunity to work with a group of people who have an obvious dedication. It's a pleasure and an honor to be one of you.

As the "After Action" reports arrive from the communities which sustained damage from floods and tornadoes, we are pleased to learn of the splendid manner in which Civil Defense Units at all levels performed. The many hours of training, equipping and planning that oftentimes seems so fruitless and without purpose were put to the test in over one quarter of the State. The test results say loud and clear that the people now more than ever are aware of CD and in the future will rely more heavily upon this agency than before.

Though we have suffered terrible losses and the bitter scars will linger long on the landscapes and longer in the minds, there are lessons to be learned from these experiences. One major lesson is in the area of planning to handle natural disasters. The burden of responsibility which we assumed in the tornadoes and floods was only a fraction of that which we could expect to shoulder in a nuclear attack recovery mission. But a great number of the procedures and functions required during such a mission also are found in the attacks by nature. It follows then that preparing to meet the demands of natural disasters, and meeting them when the time comes, is merely the prelude to the big test of our abilities which we all hope will never come.

If we can efficiently and expeditiously cope with natural disasters, it logically follows that by merely expanding this type operation we can successfully handle the larger and more complex problem of post nuclear attack situations.

The training emphasis of this office during the years to come will be on natural disaster preparedness and recovery procedures, building to ultimate readiness for any situation, be it man made or an act of God.

Now is a good time while memories are fresh, to review and if need be re-align existing plans to assure that they fit or are readily adaptable to both our missions of coping with emergencies resulting from enemy action or from natural or man made disasters.

Remember. . . the initial impact of any disaster—whether flood, tornado or man-made—will be at the local level. It is necessary, therefore, that every county and community have an effective plan of operations and adequate trained personnel to cope with the emergency until state and federal assistance arrives.

We, of the State Bureau, lend you our entire support in helping to build an efficient civil defense program in your community.

NEW USDA FILMS

Don Jensen, CD Specialist with the U.W. Agriculture Extension Division, has notified the State CD Bureau that 14 prints of a new USDA film titled "Radiation in Perspective" are now available to local CD directors from the Bureau of Audio-Visual Instruction, 1312 W. Johnson St., Madison. This is a 45-minute color film which deals with the uses of radiation and the safety and hazards involved.

USDA has also released a two-minute television film spot of a speech by Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman on rural civil defense. Local CD directors may obtain prints of this film spot through the state USDA extension service field office.

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SP WAREHOUSES TO CLOSE FOR INVENTORY

The State Agency for Surplus Property has announced that the Surplus Property Distribution Centers at both Camp Douglas and Madison will be closed for annual inventory from June 28 through July 9.

The Centers will reopen on Monday, July 12 with new visiting schedules of 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Saturday morning schedules will be suspended during June, July and August, but will be resumed on September 10.

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CD EXHIBIT AT PTA CONVENTION

Visitor to the State PTA Convention, held at the Loraine Hotel in Madison, May 4-5, examines school fallout shelter model at the State Civil Defense exhibit located on the mezzanine floor of the hotel. The exhibit also included Medical Self-Help and CDAE training course displays and was sponsored by the State CD Bureau in cooperation with the State Board of Health and Dept. of Vocational and Adult Education. Free handout material was distributed to visitors.

AREA CD MEETINGS HELD

A series of seven area civil defense meetings was conducted at various locations in the state to brief county and local CD directors on the new format to be used for fiscal year 1966 program papers and progress reports.

Meetings were held for the Eastern Administrative Area Fond du Lac and Green Bay on May 25 and at Rhineland on May 26; for the Southern Administrative Area on June 2 at Milwaukee; and for the Western Administrative Area at Hayward on June 1, Chippewa Falls on June 2, and Baraboo on June 8. Rudy Menchel, Region 4 Wisconsin liaison officer, explained the new format and answered questions.

The new program paper is a matrix type which will lend itself easily to data processing systems, and is a much simpler form for local directors to prepare than the former long narrative type. It also reduces the number of reporting pages from ten to four and has the dual function of serving as the last-half progress report for FY 1965.

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HOLD DISASTER DAY INSTITUTE

The seventh annual Disaster Day Institute was held at the Wisconsin Center in Madison on May 22. The event was sponsored by the State Board of Health, Dane County Office of Civil Defense, Wisconsin Hospital Association, and Dane County Medical Society.

Featured speakers on the program were Sister Mary Raymunda, Chairman, Disaster Planning Committee, St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn.; Thomas G. Nelson, Lt. Col., M.C., Assistant Chief, Surgical Consultant, Office of Surgeon General, DOA, Washington, D.C.; Cedric Adams, Midwestern Hospital Sales Manager, Motorola Inc., Chicago, Ill.; Jean L. McKay, Director, Medical Record Library, American Hospital, Chicago; and Wendell A. Butcher, M.D., Ohio State Medical Society, Columbus, Ohio.

Topics discussed included "Principles of Hospital Disaster Planning" by Sister Raymunda, "Sorting-The Key to Management of Mass Casualties" by Col. Nelson, and "Hospital Communications in Disaster" by Mr. Adams. Miss McKay talked on "Medical Records in Disaster" and Dr. Butcher gave the dinner address. Following the luncheon, workshops were held for group discussion of topics presented by the speakers. Louis E. Remily, Director of the CD Division, State Board of Health, was Institute Coordinator for the program.

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NEWSPAPER MATS AVAILABLE

The CD Bureau has a supply of newspaper mats for Volume X, No. 1 of the OCD "News Pictures" page. This issue contains pictures and designs of new fallout shelter construction in churches and schools. Local CD directors may wish to use the mats for distribution to local publications. The "News Pictures" page is distributed by OCD to all weekly newspapers which have indicated a desire for this service.

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DISASTER EVALUATION REPORT DISTRIBUTED

State CD Bureau has mailed an 11-page Disaster Evaluation Report to county and local CD directors for their completion and return to Bureau headquarters. One completed copy of the report should be returned as soon as possible.

The purpose of the report is to enable the CD Bureau to evaluate the civil defense actions and responses to the recent flood and tornado disasters in Wisconsin and also

to be used as a basis for refining a prototype natural disaster plan which is now in the "first draft" stage.

Activities covered by the report include alerting and staffing actions, command and control, emergency communications, equipment procured and source of operators, utilization of fire-rescue and police services, National Guard assistance, volunteer labor, and Red Cross operations.

Even though it was unnecessary for many counties and municipalities to provide either direct assistance to the stricken areas or take standby alert support actions, they should still return one copy of the report with their signature. All CD directors are urged to cooperate in preparing and returning their copies of the report, if they have not already done so.

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NEW PI AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

OCD has made distribution of Volume 2, "Meetings That Move" (H-11-2) to county and local CD directors. The booklet is the third in the series and like the previous H-11 and H-11-1 amplifies and supports Part B, Chapter 2, Appendix 2 of the Federal CD Guide. Part 1 of the new booklet suggests community information techniques and Part 2 contains program outlines for two CD seminar-workshops titled "Why Civil Defense" and "Fallout Shelters in School Buildings." A set of eleven 2x2 slides has also been furnished to each director for use with the workshops. Additional copies of the booklet may be obtained by use of the order blank on page 23 of the publication.

OCD has also furnished radio and TV stations with a second spot announcement kit on the following CD subjects: Emergency Broadcast System; Fallout Shelters in Schools; The Importance of the Shelter Sign; Warning Signals; The World's Fair and the CD Exhibit; Natural Disaster and CD. Local CD directors should contact their stations and urge maximum use of this material.

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CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE

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GLENDALE— Chief Oscar Tietz and the Glendale police department were hosts on May 11 and 12 to a civil defense instructors seminar for Zone "A" police personnel, according to a report received from Robert Cavey, Zone "A" CD Director. The event was sponsored in cooperation with State Civil Defense Police Services and was limited to qualified auxiliary police instructors and police chiefs. The seminar was designed to acquaint police personnel with a new instructor's manual prepared by State CD Police Services. Zone "A" consists of the seven north shore municipalities of Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood and Whitefish Bay, and has a complete CD control center in the new fire house addition in Shorewood.

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MADISON— A recent release issued by Curt Brauhn, Dane county CD director, once again points out the extreme value of the CD Medical Self-Help and First Aid courses to the individual citizen. In October and November 1964, James Joyce, County CD training officer, presented the courses to college freshmen and sophomores at St. Joseph's College near Edgerton. On March 21, this year, Joyce received a letter from Paul Coury, Freshman class president, stating that fast action by students who had taken the course was instrumental in saving the life of fellow student Dave Pritchard. Pritchard fell down steps in the auditorium and drove an awl he was carrying into his side. Leaving the awl in his side, other students quickly obtained a stretcher and rushed Dave to the hospital where several X-rays were taken before removal of the awl. Lack of first aid knowledge at the time could have been fatal to Pritchard, had the awl been removed by one of the students. He has since recovered. Coury ended his letter by saying: *"We wish to thank you for all your time and effort in teaching us, and we hope you can see from this letter that all your hard work and effort was not in vain."*

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OSHKOSH— Winnebago county supervisors have authorized the construction of a Civil Defense Emergency Operating Center in the county courthouse releasing budgeted funds

set aside for the \$18,650 project to its civil defense committee. Approximately half of the cost of the installation will be paid for by federal matching funds. Necessary remodeling to meet fallout protection standards and other criteria will include the blocking of 14 windows and a door on the basement level of the courthouse. The project will also include ventilating and electrical work, and the installation of an auxiliary gas generator. Eventually, the control center will also be provided with direct radio communications to the Watertown Area Emergency Operating Center.

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MILWAUKEE— At a May 7 meeting of the Planning and Operating Committee of the Milwaukee Metropolitan CD Organization, a lengthy discussion was held on the advisability of using the CD "Alert" signal in the event of a tornado forecast or other natural disaster. The current system used by the City of Milwaukee would sound the **Alert** to all municipalities in the county connected to this system. Some Zone directors indicated that their communities would prefer to sound their own alerts. The Committee then approved a motion to hold the matter over until Robert Atkins, Milwaukee Ass't. CD Director, could obtain a firm decision from OCD on the official requirements for using the signal.

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ALGOMA— A tornado spotting system is being established in Kewaunee county by Marvin J. Sibilsky, county CD director. The spotting network will be manned by volunteers from each city, village and township in the county. In event of a tornado forecast, the volunteers will be alerted by the U.S. Weather Bureau at Austin-Straubel field through the county sheriff's office. Funnel clouds spotted by the volunteers will then be reported to the Area CD Headquarters at Green Bay and the information will be immediately disseminated over all television and radio stations in that city. Many other communities and counties in the state have established, or are presently implementing, similar tornado spotting systems.

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