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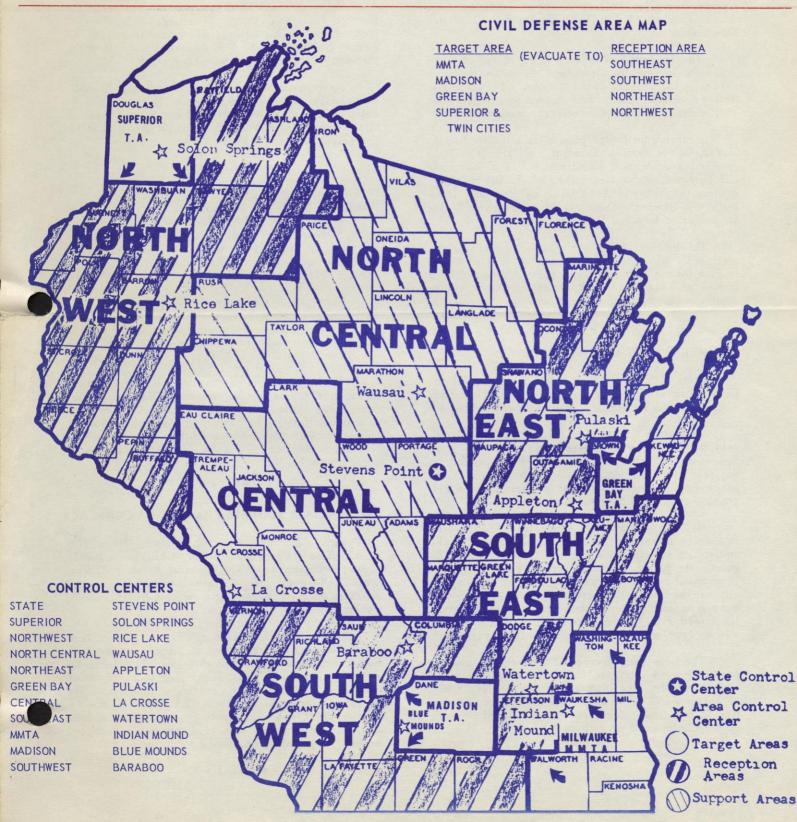
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# LEGISLATORS ATTEND SPECIAL SEMINAR

State Senator Frank E. Panzer (R), Brownsville, and Assemblyman David D. O'Malley (D), Waunakee, attended a special civil defense seminar for state legislators conducted by the OCDM Staff College at Battle Creek, Michigan, December 6-8.

Panzer is Chairman of the Dodge County Civil Defense Committee and has been Chairman of the County Board for the last 20 years. O'Malley is a former member of the Dane County Civil Defense Commission.

The seminar was held for the purpose of briefing state legislators throughout the nation on such important CD aspects as the National CD Plan, basic defense measures, State and Federal relationships on civil defense and weapons effects, among others.

Featured on the program were talks by Leo A. Hoegh, OCDM National Director, on "The State Role in Civil and Defense Mobilization," and Wisconsin CD Director, Major General Ralph J. Olson, representing the National Association of State and Territorial Civil Defense Directors, who discussed "State Organization for Civil Defense."

On the final day of the seminar, the lawmakers were split into discussion groups on special topics to give them a chance to learn more in areas of their choice and also give Federal officials a chance to sample their attitudes and opinions.

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#### ENGINEERS MEET ON CIVIL DEFENSE

State CD officials attended a meeting of the Civil Defense Committee of the Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers at Madison on December 10.

Committee Chairman, F. H. Jenkins, Appleton, said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways and means of utilizing members of the society to assist in the implementation of the program for Emergency Engineering Services as set forth in the Wisconsin Operational Survival Plan.

Major General Ralph J. Olson, State CD Director, in a short address to the committee, commended the society on its efforts in the vital civil defense program. He pointed out that civil defense is normal government operating in an emegency and that specialists in the various CD services are not only needed, but are necessary for a sound civil defense program. He agreed with Jenkins that the engineering society was an excellent source of such qualified personnel.

The Committee decided at the meeting that one person and an alternate from each of the counties comprising the nine chapters of the society would be appointed to serve as a civil defense representative in his area. The appointments would be made by the Chairman of each chapter.



Other members of the committee present at the meeting were: R. G. Coaps, Rice Lake; C. N. Barnum, Milwaukee; A. R. Striegl, Wauwautosa; and M. G. Pettis, Madison. J. L. Von Gunten, President of the Madison Chapter acted as an observer.

State personnel attending the meeting, in addition to General Olson, were Deputy Director John W. Fitzpatrick and R. W. Curley of the State Bureau of Civil Defense and W. F. Steuber, Madison, who represented the State Highway Commission.

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### FARM AND HOME WEEK TO FEATURE FALLOUT SHELTER DISPLAY

A model family fallout shelter will be on display as part of the Farm and Home Week Exhibit at the University of Wisconsin Stock Pavilion January 23-27, 1961.

Facts about the shelter will be explained by a five-minute continuous tape recording, and publications showing how to construct and equip the shelter will be distributed. Citizens are urged to visit the exhibit and obtain this important survival information.

The display is in conjunction with a continuous information and education program on Rural Civil Defense being carried out by the state which is designed to acquaint farmers and other rural citizens with the dangers of fallout and measures they can take to protect their families, livestock and crops in case of nuclear attack.

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## CD OFFICIALS ADDRESS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Virgil L. Couch, Director, Industry Office, National Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, Battle Creek, Michigan and Major General Ralph J. Olson, State CD Director, briefed State Chamber of Commerce members on civil defense at a meeting in Madison on December 15.

The two civil defense officials explained how local chambers of commerce can provide support and assistance to local governments in civil defense by assisting in promoting and developing local industrial mutual aid associations, providing information on industry defense through local Chamber of Commerce publications, and participating in the development of civil defense in industrial plants, government buildings and facilities, among other things.



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#### PROPER DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FOR MATCHING FUND REIMBURSEMENTS

Political subdivisions participating in the Federal Contributions Program are again reminded that in order for them to be reimbursed by OCDM for civil defense expenditures, the following documentation must accompany each of the OCDM Billing Forms 380 and 381:

- One copy of the purchase order.
  One copy of the receipted invoice.
- 3. Date, amount, and number of check.
- 4. On all training projects an actual list of all expenditures for each training class.

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### STATE CD ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PURCHASED OVER \$11/2 MILLION IN FEDERAL SURPLUS

During the four year period Wisconsin has been eligible for CD Surplus Property, November 1, 1956 to date, the State Bureau of Civil Defense has arranged for the purchase by Wisconsin CD Units of over \$1,686,000 worth of Federal surplus property (government acquisition cost) at a total cost to themselves of around \$71,500. This amounts to a little more than 4% of the original cost of the property to the government.

State Bureau records show that in the first eleven months of 1960, more than one-half million dollars in surplus property was purchased by political subdivisions at a cost of about \$25,000.

The bulk of the property obtained has been for civil defense training and operational readiness purposes with the remainder for reserve stock. Thus far in 1960, the State Bureau has received 187 applications for surplus property requesting over 6,000 individual items of property.

All applications for civil defense surplus property must be submitted to the State Bureau of Civil Defense for processing and certification before being forwarded to the State Agency for Surplus Property for allocation and actual distribution as the property becomes available. No civil defense surplus property may be removed from the warehouses at Madison or Camp Douglas unless an approved application is on file at the State Bureau and the requesting organization has received a notice from the State Agency for Surplus Property authorizing its removal.

Political subdivisions desiring to become eligible for CD surplus property must pass an ordinance establishing a civil defense program consistent with the State Operational Survival Plan and submit a certified copy of the ordinance to the State Bureau of Civil Defense.

Civil defense directors and other custodians of Federal surplus property obtained for CD use are again reminded that such property shall only be used for civil defense purposes. Other use is prohibited by State and Federal regulationsl Periodic checks on the use and maintenance of surplus property will be made, from time to time, by State and Federal officials.

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#### RURAL CD COURSES SCHEDULED

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OCDM has announced four new Rural Civil Defense Instructor courses for the first six months of 1961.

The courses are designed for leaders of farm organizations, Extension Service personnel, teachers of Vocational Agriculture and Homemaking, and other rural community leaders. Subjects to be covered will include the international situation, radiological defense, rural community survival planning, and farm protection.

The courses will be held at OCDM's Eastern Instructor Training Center, Brooklyn 35, N. Y., January 16-20, and April 24-28, 1961, and are scheduled March 6-10, and May 22-26, 1961, at OCDM's Western Instructor Training Center, Alameda, Calif.

Local directors are requested to urge leading farm representatives in their areas to attend one of the courses, if at all possible. The courses will be beneficial in developing leadership at county and local levels and give them a capability to instruct the rural population on how to save lives and protect property in event of nuclear attack, and to cooperate effectively with their community defense.

Enrollment forms should be submitted to the State Bureau of Civil Defense as soon as possible. Eligible persons may receive reimbursement for portions of their travel and expenses while attending the course, under the OCDM Student Expense Program.

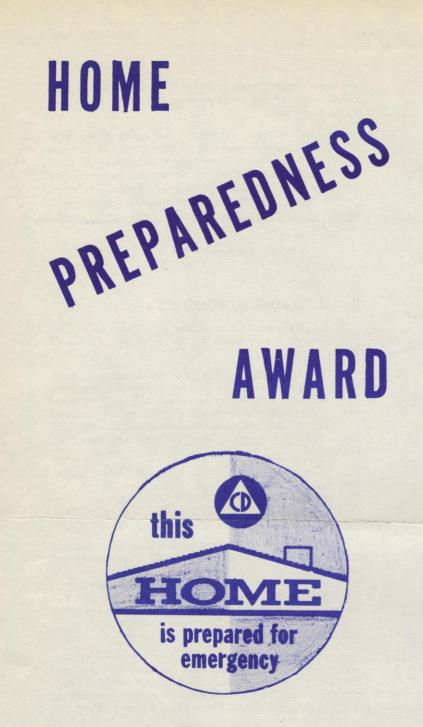
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#### FIRE AND RESCUE MEETING HELD

Dean Van Gordon, Deputy Co-director of State CD Safety Services, met with members of the MMTA Technical Advisory Committee on Fire and Rescue Services in Milwaukee November 29 to discuss plans for the revision of the Safety Services Annex (Annex K) to the Wisconsin Operational Survival Plan.

A future meeting is planned on this matter with representatives of safety services from all state CD areas to discuss recommendations to be made to the State CD Director in this regard.

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# get your home preparedness seal-now

Home preparedness is the nucleus of civil defense.

In order for State and local survival plans to work effectively in an emergency, it is essential that every family be prepared to act instantly should the warning signals sound.

The Home Preparedness Award Program has been designed specifically for this purpose. It can best be presented through the facilities of homemakers groups and other women's clubs and organizations.

Participating members can receive an Award Sticker (shown at the left) from their group chairman when they have met 20 home preparedness requirements listed in the Home Preparedness Award Kit (K-2-6).

Local directors are urged to acquaint chairmen of women's organizations in their areas with this important incentive program.

Supplies of the Chairman's Kit (K-2-8) and the K-2-6 member's kit can be obtained from the State Bureau of Civil Defense on request. Over 10,000 of the kits have already been distributed to state organizations.

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