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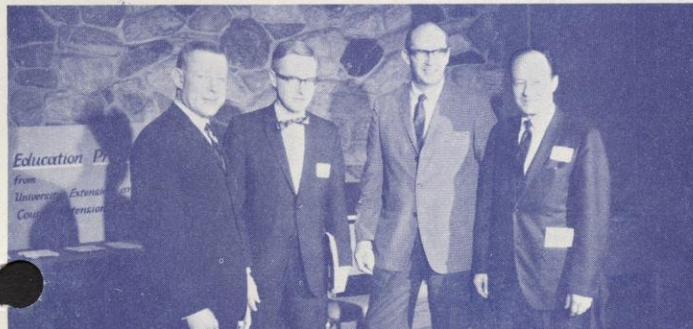
DISASTER CONFERENCE DRAWS OVER 300

An overflow attendance of 317 representatives of county and local civil defense offices, law enforcement agencies, fire departments and other governmental units jammed the conference room in the Park Motor Inn at Madison on March 6 to hear prominent state and federal speakers at the third annual Governor's Conference on Disaster Preparedness.

The combined conference and workshop program was highlighted by addresses by Gov. Warren P. Knowles and Endicott Peabody, former Massachusetts governor and now the assistant director of the National Office of Emergency



Gov. Warren P. Knowles studies information on tornado safety measures at a meeting in his office with State CD Administrator Bruce Bishop, left, and Joe Rigney, head meteorologist of the ESSA U.S. Weather Bureau office in Madison. The governor later spoke to officials at the Governor's Conference on Disaster Preparedness.



State and federal representatives at the conference included, left to right, Bruce Bishop, Wisconsin CD Division administrator; Howard Hosick and Joe Rigney of the Kansas City and Madison U. W. Weather Bureau, respectively; and Edward J. Ouellette, supervisory field officer for Region IV OCD.

Planning (OEP), and by the presentation of state and federal awards to the Wisconsin Telephone Company and Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point for outstanding accomplishments in civil defense preparedness.

In a noon luncheon address, Gov. Knowles told the group that he was concerned over the small appropriations by congress for the nation's civil defense programs as compared with that for military defense. "The nation spends \$80 billion annually for military defense but only \$77 million for civil defense. Thus, less than one-tenth of 1% of the total defense budget reflects a concern for the survival of the civilian population. This is an expenditure of about 35 cents per person per year," the governor said.

Knowles commended both state and local officials for their fine progress in developing a better disaster capability and said government was now taking the initiative in meeting this challenge. He especially referred to the development of new state emergency operating centers and a statewide tornado watch and warning system.

The agenda also featured briefings by flood and weather experts on Wisconsin's spring flood potential. According to Stephen "Joe" Rigney, head meteorologist at the U.S. Weather Bureau in Madison, the State should escape any major flooding this spring. He said that with the exceptionally light snow cover in the Wisconsin and Mississippi river basins, there would have to be over 3 inches of precipitation concentrated in a period of from one to three days during the normal spring snow-melt from March 20 to April 20 to create any flood problems.

Other items on the agenda included a briefing by Rigney on the history of tornadoes, CD workshops for local officials, and a demonstration by state and local officials on the mechanics of the state's tornado watch and warning system.

The conference was conducted by the Civil Defense University Education Program (CDUEP), Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point in cooperation with the State CD Division. Federal representatives on the program included Frank Bourgin and Leo McNamee, Region IV, Office of Emergency Planning; Robert Juntenen and Fran Merdes of the Corps of Engineers, and Edward Ouellette and Seaman Knapp, OCD Region IV.

Conference Chairman was James Gruentzel, State CD Deputy Administrator, with Bruce Bishop, State CD Administrator, presiding at the noon luncheon, and the Rev. Robert Midgley, Lake Edge United Church of Christ, at the evening banquet. (See more photos on page 2.)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

As this issue of the bulletin goes to press, I will have been absent from my regular duties of State Administrator of Emergency Government for almost one month.

Jim Gruentzel has told you a little of the temporary assignment which I've consented to take in the Department of Local Affairs and Development. Let me tell you more.

The legislative reorganization of state government, as you know, changed the organizational status of Civil Defense from a separate bureau to a Division in the Department of Local Affairs and Development. Other agencies in this department include the Division of Economic Development, a Division of State-Local Affairs, the Wisconsin Exposition Division, the Olympic Ice Rink and a Local and Regional Planning unit.

Needless to say, the diversity of functions encompassed by this new agency and the many administrative, budget, organization and personnel problems generated require the combined efforts of the administrators of all of the divisions.

I feel complimented that Doug Weiford, the Departmental Secretary, has asked me to play an active role in helping him to coordinate and mold all of the agencies together into a departmental team. On the other hand, I regret the fact that I will be temporarily divorced from Civil Defense and the many contacts with persons who I've come to know, respect and appreciate over the past three years.

The exact length of this assignment is now uncertain but regardless of the months involved, I have a comfortable feeling knowing the state's responsibilities for all disaster preparedness are in the competent hands of Jim Gruentzel, who will be acting administrator in my absence, Gordon Reese and all the others of our staff.

I know, too, that you will continue to provide the same cooperation and support to the State Division and its programs, as you have in the past, and that you will strive to build individually and collectively strong, professional, well organized, adequately equipped and inspired Civil Defense and Disaster Control units at all levels of government.

No one knows better than I of the heartbreak, frustration and anger that periodically wells up inside each of us when we are rebuffed by the legislature, our municipal leaders, the news media or the people themselves when our only motives are to do the best job we can to save the most lives we can. It takes a special kind of dedicated person to serve under the conditions which we too frequently are exposed to. But all of you are those special people and some day we hope that the citizenry will see us as we see ourselves. Don't relax or doubt the wisdom of what you are doing for one minute, and rest assured that while temporarily transplanted I remain with you in spirit. I'm truly proud to be a civil defense associate of each and every one of you.



SNAPS FROM THE CONFERENCE



Governor Knowles addresses large conference turnout.



State, federal and local officials prepare for demonstration of tornado watch and warning system.



Endicott Peabody, assistant director of the Office of Emergency Planning, speaks at evening banquet.

CD FILM LOAN CHARGES INCREASED

The Wisconsin Bureau of Audio-Visual Instruction (BAVI) has advised this Division that charges for the loan of civil defense films have been increased from \$1.00 per week per film to \$2.00. BAVI maintains and books the films for this office. Films are shipped prepaid by the film library but return postage must be paid by the renter. When returning films mark them "Library Rate." This makes them eligible for the special postage rate of 5¢ for the first pound and 2¢ for each additional pound.

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NEW AREA OFFICES OCCUPIED

Area CD directors Gil Czarnecki (Southwest), Tony Testolin (Northwest-West Central), and Bob Williams (Southeast) have moved their offices to the new EOC facilities located in the basements of the recently constructed State Patrol District Headquarters buildings at Madison, Eau Claire and Waukesha, respectively. Area director Bob Hensen will continue to maintain his office at the state's alternate EOC at Stevens Point.

Progress is continuing on the construction of the new State Primary EOC in Room 99-A of the Hill Farms State Office Building and the State CD Division staff is expected to occupy the new site sometime in early June.

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WHERE TO PURCHASE TORNADO FILM

Many inquiries have been received at the state office as to where the new ESSA U.W. Weather Bureau tornado film may be obtained for local showing. This excellent film was shown at the recent disaster preparedness conference and invoked many comments. The film was obtained on loan from the Office of Emergency Planning (OEP) for conference use and has been returned to that agency. No prints are presently available at this office.

Local CD organizations, wishing to do so, may purchase a print by writing to **Astra Films, Inc., 530 8th Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20003**. Prints are \$48.40 each and purchase orders should be sent direct to Astra Films, with a copy to: ESSA (Attention: Mr. Baker, Radio-TV) 6010 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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NEW OCD BOOKLET ISSUED

A new booklet entitled "In Time of Emergency, a citizen's handbook on Nuclear Attack and Natural Disasters" has been published by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD). The publication combines material previously contained in OCD issuances H-6 and H-3, which will no longer be published, and also contains a section on natural disaster preparedness.

FIFTH ARMY FILM EXCHANGE TO MOVE

Headquarters 5th U.S. Army has advised the State CD Division that the 5th Army Central Audio-Visual Support Center at Fort Sheridan, Ill. will be relocated to **Camp McCoy, Wis. on 1 June 1968**.

No films may be ordered from the Ft. Sheridan facility after **April 13, 1968**. The film exchange will be closed during the period May 3 to June 1, 1968. Films to be returned **after May 3** will be sent to the **5th U.S. Army Central Audio-Visual Support Center, Bldg. 2113, Camp McCoy, Wis. 54656**.

The new Wisconsin location of the exchange should enable local CD directors and other users to obtain faster service in the procurement of CD films needed in their programs.

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WE'RE THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT!

Clarification as to the official title of the state civil defense agency has now been established. The agency's name, according to research conducted by the Attorney General's Office, is the **State Division of Emergency Government**.

The research had been requested by Division Administrator Bruce Bishop due to conflicting title designations in the Kellett Governmental Reorganization Bill and Chapter 211 of the state statutes which actually created the parent Department of Local Affairs and Development. The former changed the agency's name from the Bureau of Civil Defense and Disaster Control to the **Division of Emergency Government** and the latter specified its title as the Division of Civil Defense and Disaster Control. The terms "civil defense" and "disaster control," however, will still be used in describing the agency's functions and responsibilities.

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SPENCER APPOINTED TO CD POLICE POST

Mike Spencer, 45, of Baraboo was named on March 11 as the state's new deputy director of Civil Defense Emergency Police Services. Motor Vehicle Division administrator James L. Karns made the appointment to fill the vacancy created in that position by his appointment of Lewis Versnik as the new Chief of the State Patrol.

Spencer, who has either been sheriff or undersheriff of Sauk county during the past 12 years, has an outstanding law enforcement record and also considerable civil defense experience. He has received specialized training at the University of Wisconsin and in numerous FBI-Police-Sheriff conducted short courses. He and his wife, Dorothy, who is presently Sauk county sheriff, have a daughter and five sons.



CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE

☆☆☆ what your neighbors are doing ☆☆☆



WEST ALLIS – Mayor Arnold H. Klentz, at podium, hands a service award pin to one of 50 members of the West Allis auxiliary police unit honored at a special "Recognition Night" ceremony at the Chalet restaurant on January 25. Seven of the group received 25-year pins, five received 20-year pins, five more 15-year pins and 33 received 10-year pins. Standing behind the mayor is Police Chief Louis Reinsch who announced the awards. West Allis has 125 active auxiliary police ready for emergency. Talks were given to the volunteers by city Civil Defense Director Chester Newman and James Gruentzel, State Division of Emergency Government Deputy Administrator.

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GRANTSBURG – Marvin L. Anderson, Burnett county CD director, reports that coordination has now been completed for a county-wide tornado warning system. The plan calls for residents to tune their radios to WCMP, Pine City, Minnesota when severe weather is indicated. The station has agreed to broadcast all severe weather warnings. Any person sighting a tornado should call the sheriff's department in Grantsburg, 463-5441, immediately. The information, in turn, will be relayed to the radio station.



ANTIGO – Five members of the Langlade county Community Shelter Planning Committee are, left to right, Russel Ross, a member of the county CD committee; Roland Combs, county sheriff; Walter Klimoski, county board chairman; Peter Krosnicki, county CD director; and Ruben Krause, mayor of Antigo. The men typify the kind of local government officials necessary to good CSP planning in a community. Langlade county was the first non-contract county to become involved in such planning. The county is now at the mid-point of its CSP program and should complete it by the middle of this year.

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WHITEFISH BAY – The Whitefish Bay village board at its March 18 meeting authorized the preparation of plans for the construction of a civil defense emergency operating center in the basement of a proposed new village hall to be constructed on the Mariborough mall. The estimated cost of the building is \$580,000 with the federal government expected to contribute \$80,500 toward inclusion of the CD facilities. The village has already taken preliminary steps to obtain approval of the federal aid. The difference in cost between a building with a partial basement and that with a full basement with emergency operating facilities is \$161,000, half of which would be borne by the federal government.

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