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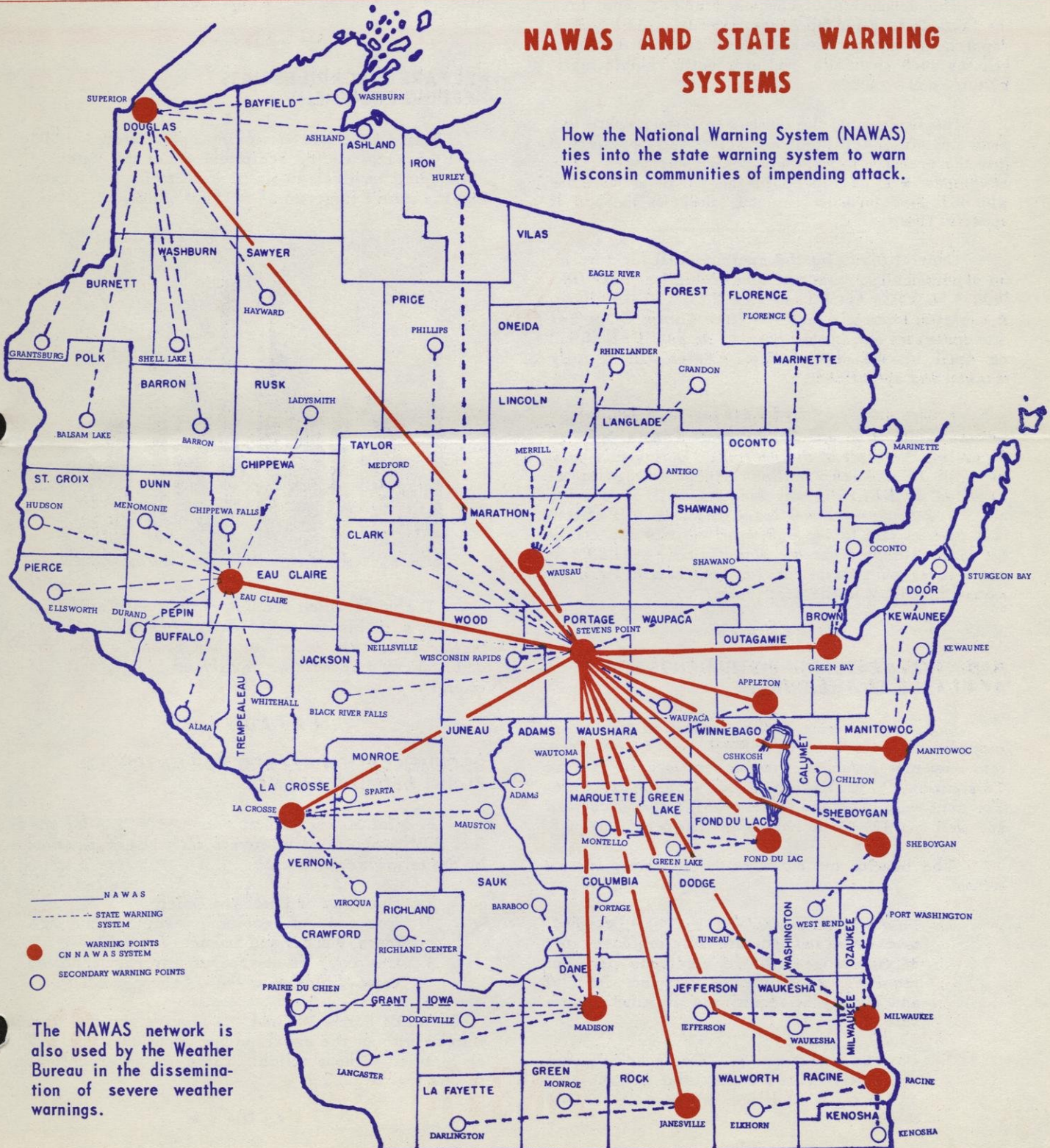
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## NAWAS AND STATE WARNING SYSTEMS

How the National Warning System (NAWAS) ties into the state warning system to warn Wisconsin communities of impending attack.



The NAWAS network is also used by the Weather Bureau in the dissemination of severe weather warnings.

## OPAL 1961 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS

Members of the State Bureau of Civil Defense Exercise and Planning Committee for Operation Alert 1961 met on March 15 and March 29 to formulate plans for participation by Wisconsin CD organizations in the National Civil Defense Exercise to be held April 26-30.

The committee is composed of personnel from the State Bureau and representatives from other state departments having assigned civil defense responsibilities such as health, welfare, motor vehicle, agriculture, and so forth.

The function of the committee is to prepare the post and pre-attack problems which will be injected into the exercise by means of sealed envelopes. The envelopes will be placed in the hands of monitors who will give them to local CD directors to open at specific times.

General plans for the exercise call for a build-up of personnel at state and local control centers from 9:00 A.M. (CST) April 26 to 1:00 P.M. (CST) April 28. A skeleton force will man the State Control Center at Stevens Point during this period. At 1:00 P.M. (CST) on April 28, the State Control Center will be fully manned and operational.

A nation-wide CONELRAD test will take place between 3:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. (CST) on April 28 signalling the start of the exercise. During this half-hour, all TV and radio stations except those with designated CONELRAD assignments will be off the air. Federal, state, and local officials will utilize this time to talk to the public on various aspects of the civil defense program. Specific time available to each level of government for programming will be issued by OCDM in the near future.

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## RADIATION MEASURING INSTRUMENTS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

Citizens desiring fallout radiation measuring instruments as equipment for their home fallout shelters may now purchase such a set from the Bendix Corporation, 3130 Wasson Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. The sets were designed to meet OCDM specifications and sell for \$19.95 including an instruction manual.

The Bendix set includes the following instruments:

1. *Dosimeter-ratemeter (CD V-736)* – Designed to measure and indicate radiation dose rates in two ranges, 0-120 roentgens per hour requiring a one-minute exposure interval and 0-12 r/hr requiring a 10-minute exposure.
2. *Dosimeter (CD V-746)* – Designed to measure and indicate the total accumulated radiation exposure in the range 0-600 roentgens.

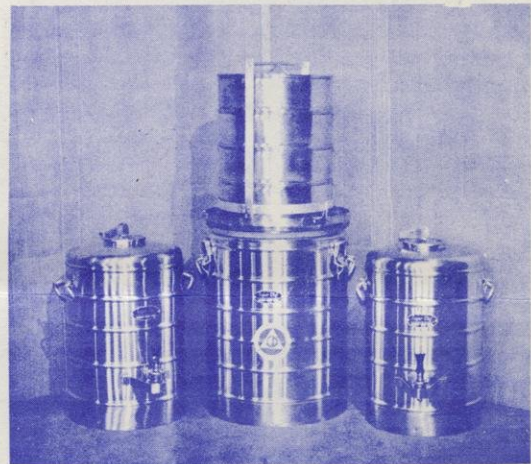
3. *Charger (CD V-756)* – Designed to pre-set the dosimeter-ratemeter and the dosimeter to zero before use. Uses one standard flashlight battery for power source.

OCDM is supporting research to make available to the public other instruments suitable for measuring fallout radiation. As other manufacturers develop instruments acceptable for this purpose, their instruments will be added to the approved list.

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## WELFARE STOCKPILES MASS FEEDING EQUIPMENT

State CD Welfare Services has purchased \$10,000 worth of mass feeding equipment under the Matching Funds program which would be used to feed evacuees from the state's target areas in event of nuclear attack.



The units which consist of fully insulated food carriers with inserts and 5-gallon beverage carriers (see picture) are stored at institutions around the state where they will be readily available for an emergency.

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## DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FOR MATCHING FUNDS REIMBURSEMENTS

Federal billing (OCDM Forms 380-381) for project application reimbursements must be accompanied by the following documents:

1. One copy of Purchase Order.
2. One copy of receipted invoice including— (date, number and amount of check).
3. One copy of newspaper advertisement and copy of bids received — (where needed).

OCDM Forms 380 and 381 received by the State Bureau without the above proper documentation, will be returned without action. There are no exceptions to this regulation.

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## CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT ON APRIL 4 BALLOT

Wisconsin citizens on April 4 will vote on an amendment to the State Constitution which would provide powers to the Legislature to enact laws which would assure continuity of civil government in case of enemy attack.

Endorsed by the Governor, the Senate voted unanimously for the amendment on January 31, 1961 and the House passed the measure by an 89-7 vote on February 22.

Since a nuclear attack would seriously affect all government operations by destroying existing resources, it is imperative that all governments provide for their continuity and increase their capability of operating under attack conditions.

Thirty-three national organizations have given their support to the amendment. Similar amendments have been passed by large majorities by sixteen states since 1958 and all or part of such continuity of government legislation has been enacted by 38 states since 1958.

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## STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL COMPLETE RADEF COURSE

Twenty-two persons from various state agencies having CD responsibilities were awarded certificates for completion of the 32-hour Radiological Monitors Instructor's Course given by the State Bureau of Civil Defense at the State Laboratory of Hygiene February 20-24.

Personnel who completed the course were: F. G. Kuether, La Crosse; Cap Barber, Menomonee Falls; Harvey Shebesta, Brookfield; Bill Carow, Mercer; Gordon Landphier, Spooner; F. M. Burke, Black River Falls; Everell Reed, Richland Center; F. W. Keene, Milwaukee; David J. O'Connor, Sun Prairie; and Leigh V. Heiliker, H. E. Wirth, Ceaser Stravinski, M. C. Schwartz, C. H. Wartinkee, R. G. Shipman, C. F. Riederer, A. H. Hintz, L. W. Remily, F. V. Featherstone, Theodore Wisnewski, F. W. Collins, and Gordon Boardman, all of Madison.

Dr. William L. Lea, State Radiological Officer, his assistant, Edward J. Otterson, and Harold Gaut, OCDM Region 4 Radiological Officer, conducted the course.

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## HIGH SCHOOL SHELTER QUOTA ALMOST FILLED

Ten high schools and vocational schools have been approved by OCDM for participation in the prototype family fallout shelter program with three others pending approval.

Under the program, students from the schools will construct shelters through the facilities of the

school shops during the current semester. Each school participating has been allocated \$250 by OCDM to be used in buying the construction materials.

Schools thus far approved of Wisconsin's quota of 13 are: Vocational and Adult School, La Crosse; Regis High School, Eau Claire; Washington Junior High School, Green Bay; Rhinelander Vocational School; Sheboygan Vocational School; Wisconsin Dells High School; Chippewa Falls Senior High School; Middleton High School; Wayland Academy, Beaver Dam; and Baldwin High School.

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## KNOW YOUR TORNADO RULES

The time of man's perennial enemy is again at hand. Knowing what to do when a deadly twister approaches or tornado alerts have been sounded in your area may make the difference between life or death. Everyone should learn the following five basic rules of protection:

1. **If you are near a tornado cellar or underground fallout shelter** — This is the only universal protection against tornadoes and you should go to one, if time permits. An underground fallout shelter has the added advantage of proper ventilation, supplies and equipment.
2. **If you are in open country** — Move at right angles to the tornado's path. If there is no time to escape, lie flat in the nearest depression such as a ditch or ravine.
3. **If in a city or town** — Seek inside shelter, preferably in a strongly reinforced building. *Stay away from windows!* If you are at home, the corner of the basement toward the approaching tornado offers the greatest safety. If you have a basement fallout shelter, this is even better. If you have no basement, take cover under heavy furniture next to inside walls.
4. **If in schools** — If school building is of strongly reinforced construction, stay inside away from windows near an inside wall and on lower floors, if possible. In rural schools of less durable construction, children and teachers should be removed and take shelter in ditches or ravines, if a storm shelter is not available.
5. **If in factories or industrial plants** — A lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for moving workers to the safest sections of the plant.

If tornado warnings have been disseminated in your area, keep tuned to your local TV or radio station for the latest information. Do not call the Weather Bureau, except to report a tornado, as you may tie up telephone lines urgently needed for special reports.

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# CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE

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

**VIROQUA** - 79 individuals in Vernon County have recently completed instruction in Radiological Instrument Operations according to a report received from Paul R. Mockrud, county CD director. Classes were held in Westby, Hillsboro and Viroqua. Mockrud also reported that eleven other CD courses have been completed in the county and ten others are in progress or scheduled in the near future.

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**JANESVILLE** - A prototype family fallout shelter will be constructed in the basement of the Kenneth Stephenson home, 1606 Greenwich Lane in Janesville. The shelter is being built with Federal funds as part of the nation-wide prototype shelter program. Other prototype shelters have been constructed in Wisconsin under this program in Milwaukee, Madison, Racine, Appleton, and in a model home on Highway 53 in Barron County. When completed, the shelter will be kept open a minimum of 10 hours each week for inspection by the public.

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**WAUSAU** - Members of the Adult Farmer Class from the Towns of Berlin, Maine, and Stettin heard a discussion on "Radioactive Fallout on the Farm" at the season's final meeting held at the Wausau Technical Institute on March 2. The discussion was led by Elgis Berkman, chairman of rural civil defense in the area. Subjects covered included protection of farm families, livestock and crops from fallout in the event of nuclear attack on the U. S.

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**MILWAUKEE** - The part outdoor advertising can play in civil defense emergency information was explained to members of the Wisconsin Outdoor Advertising Association by Robert Williams, MMTA Area Director, at a March 7 meeting at the Milwaukee Inn. Williams told the group that emergency information posters would be stored at advertising plants in 18 cities in Wisconsin. In the event of an emergency, they would be posted on pre-designated billboards by plant personnel. The posters would specify survival actions to be taken by the public in event of attack.

**MANITOWOC** - A second class in Auxiliary Police beginning March 7 was announced by city CD director, Gailord Omer. Classes are being held each Tuesday between 7 and 9 p.m. at the Manitowoc Safety Building. Capt. Edward McConnell, county CD director is in charge of the training which will include first aid and police services and functions.

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**MADISON** - James L. Karns, motor vehicle commissioner and co-director of state civil defense safety services, announced the appointment on March 10 of R. J. Exner, Wisconsin Rapids police chief, as deputy co-director of state CD police services. Karns also named William Bonna, La Crosse county sheriff, as area director of police services for the Central Support Area and Mike Spencer, Sauk county sheriff, to a similar capacity for the Southwest Reception Area.

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**PHILLIPS** - Civil defense was the topic as officers and leaders of 4-H clubs held their annual officers training meeting at the Normal school building on March 11. Price county 4-H clubs and others in Wisconsin have selected civil defense for their club work this year. The program will be part of the nation-wide Rural CD Youth Program which has just been launched nationally by OCDM. Subjects covered will be protection against fallout for humans, livestock and crops, and home preparedness measures that can be taken in the event of nuclear attack.

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**SPOONER** - A mounted police patrol for civil defense is planned for Washburn county, according to Gus A. Sandstrom, county CD director. The idea originated with Jack Nichols and was developed by George Andrea, civil defense police director for District No. 3. The unit will be composed of 15 adult male members of the Spooner Saddle club who will take a 30 hour course in police training. The mounted police would be used in an emergency for traffic control and handling large crowds.

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