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#### BASEMENT CONCRETE BLOCK SHELTER

A feature of the Farm and Home Week Show at the U. W. Stock Pavilion January 23-27 was this model family fallout shelter exhibit. Hundreds of interested persons viewed the display and obtained information on how to build and stock a shelter in their own homes. A shelter of this type can be built by the average homeowner as a do-ityourself project at a cost of around \$200.

The exhibit was presented by the Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the State Bureau of Civil Defense and the Dane County CD Office.



#### WBCD AND 35 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED FOR PL 85-606 FUNDS

OCDM has approved over \$173,000 in Federal matching funds for State and local civil defense operations during the period January 1 - June 30, 1961.

The money will be used to provide personnel and administrative assistance to the State Bureau of Civil Defense, four other state departments and 35 eligible cities and counties.

Part of the \$70,833 approved for the State will be used by the WBCD to set up five of the ten civil defense areas called for by the State Operational Survival Plan.

\$6 million in such funds was appropriated by Congress under Public Law 85-606 for the last half of FY 1961 to assist the various states in strengthening their CD operational capability down to and including the community level.

A breakdown of monies obtained by the State Bureau of Civil Defense for qualified political subdivisions is as follows:

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COUNTIES	AMOUNT
Brown	\$1275.00
Buffalo	833.00
Dane	3293.00
Douglas	1815.00
Eau Claire	204.00
Fond du Lac	1375.00
Green Lake	660.00
Iron	265.00
Kewaunee	667.50
Milwaukee	20,642.00
Oconto	1300.00
Outagamie	2245.00
Price	90.00
Shawano	775.00
Sheboygan	1175.00
Vernon Vilas	500.00
	550.00
Washington	642.50
CITIES	THUOMA
Algoma	\$ 200.00
Fond du Lac	167.50
Glendale	360.37
Janesville	750.00
Kewaunee	227.50
Madison	7639.00
Manitowoc	502.11
Menomonee Falls	600.00
Milwaukee	47,454.50
Mondovi	170.00
Monroe	499.00
Nekoosa	321.25
St. Francis	220.00
Waukesha	368.75
Waupun	162.50
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	1825.00

#### STATE TO HOLD RADEF COURSE

A special Radiological Monitors Instructor's Course for personnel from state agencies having CD responsibilities will be given by the State Bureau of Civil Defense, at the State Laboratory of Hygiene, February 20-24 under direction of Dr. William L. Lea, State Radiological Officer.

Instructors for the 32-hour course will be Dr. Lea, his assistant, Edward J. Otterson, and Harold Gaut, OCDM Region 4 Radiological Officer.

Thus far, 58 persons have enrolled in the class with more expected. Personnel completing the course will in turn give instrument instruction to employees within their own departments, thus greatly increasing the radiological monitoring capability at the state level.

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#### RETURN THOSE SURVEY FORMS PLEASE!

All schools which received a Radiological Instrument Kit under the Federal program MUST return their survey forms reporting the condition and use of the instruments to the State Bureau as soon as possible.

Many schools did not return their forms in time to meet the original deadline date of Dec. 15, 1960. Local CD directors should contact the high schools in their areas having the kits to expedite return of the forms, if not already accomplished.

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#### OCDM TO RELEASE DOCUMENTARY TV SERIES

Thirteen 15-minute television shows will be released by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization in January it was announced in the December 23 issue of the OCDM Weekly News Digest.

The series, which is titled "Retrospect", will be made available to TV stations without cost. Narrated by Douglas Edwards, the series will feature such subjects as "Cuba in Turmoil", "Berlin Airlift", "Pearl Harbor" and film studies of Ghandhi, Mussolini and Churchill.

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#### CD VOLUNTEERS PRAISED

Faults in the civil defense program are quick to be pointed out by those wishful thinkers who somehow feel that disasters are only for other people.

The vital service rendered by civil defense in peacetime as well as wartime has again been amply demonstrated as it has so many times in the past. During the recent bridge emergency at Sturgeon Bay, 18 Door County Auxiliary Police put in a combined total of 1400 hours of duty in assisting in traffic control at the scene of the disaster.

In a letter to General Olson, Leon Schram, Door county civil defense director, praised the work of the volunteers and their immediate response to his call after he had received a request for help from the city police department when it was unable to cope alone with the situation. Schram said in his letter: "Cooperation and response such as this makes the effort put in civil defense worth while."

General Olson referred to the action as "another example of the importance of having a sound civil defense program at the community level."

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#### MICHIGAN TO BE TESTING GROUNDS FOR NEAR

In a recent letter to John W. McConnell, OCDM Director, Region 4, Maj. Gen. Ralph J. Olson, State CD Director, requested information on plans for the implementation of NEAR (National Emergency Alarm Repeater System) on a nation-wide basis.

He told McConnell that when the system becomes operational, everything possible would be done to encourage its implementation throughout Wisconsin so that citizens will have the "most efficient means of warning" available in their own homes.

McConnell reported that while the recent test of the system in Charlotte, Mich. substantiated their belief that NEAR is technically very close to being

ready for operational implementation, there were other policy and programming plans which must be resolved. He said present plans call forrequesting funds in FY 1962 to complete installation of the system in the entire state of Mich. to gain the experience and information necessary prior to installation on a rational basis.



NEAR is the little black box shown in the picture which can be plugged into any socket in the home. In the event of an emergency, a special signal carried by commercial powerlines would activate the receiver which would emit a loud buzzing sound for 50 seconds. This would alert those in the home to an impending emergency. They would then tune their radios to 640 or 1240, the CONELRAD frequency on the dial.

The Near receiver has built-in safeguards to eliminate the chance of a false alarm. Full implementation of the system will mean that the nation could be alerted to an attack or the approach of a natural disaster within ONE MINUTE!

It is expected that the NEAR receiver, when available to the public, would cost between \$5 and \$10 and would only cost about 50 cents a year for operation.

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#### NEW SHELTER FILM AVAILABLE

A new 14-minute color motion picture "The Dual Purpose Room" has been released by OCDM.

The film shows the construction of a basement fallout shelter by a masonry contractor and points out how such a shelter can serve an everyday purpose in addition to its emergency function. In this instance, the shelter has dual use as a handsomely decorated den or family room.

Leo A. Hoegh, Director OCDM, appears in the film to point out the main protective features of the shelter, its equipment and supplies.

The film was sponsored by the Portland Cement Association and plans for it approved by OCDM and the American Institute of Decorators.

CD organizations may purchase prints directly from the producer at the following address:

John D. A'Herns Productions, Inc. 2203 Maryland Avenue Baltimore 18, Md.

Prints are available in color only and cost \$99, including reel, can, case and prepaid shipping. The film has been approved for purchase under the Matching Funds program.

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## HOME PREPAREDNESS AWARD PARTICIPANTS CAN EARN GOLD SEAL CITATION

Persons who have earned their Home Preparedness Award Sticker by completing the 20 requirements contained in the K-2-6 Award Kit are further eligible for a "Gold Seal Citation" if they have also constructed a fallout shelter and stocked it with emergency supplies.

The Citation bears the name of the recipient lettered in gold and is signed by the Director of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

Local directors are urged to forward the names and addresses of those eligible for the Citation to the State Bureau of Civil Defense so that arrangements can be made to obtain the citations from the Federal office.

In addition to the names of the eligible persons, CD Directors requesting the citations should certify in the request that the persons concerned have met the 20 requirements contained in the K-2-6 Kit and have a fallout shelter complete with necessary survival items.

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### 22 COUNTIES HAVE APPROVED RACES PLANS

Ken Keene, State CD Communications Traffic Controller, reports that 22 Wisconsin counties have approved RACES plans with seven others pending approval.

Countries having approved plans are: Brown, Dane, Dodge, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Forest, Green, Kenosha, La Crosse, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marathon, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Portage, Rock, Walworth, Waukesha, and Winnebago.

Those having plans under consideration consist of Buffalo, Oconto, Rusk, Shawano, Sheboygan, Washburn, and Washington counties.

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#### NEW CD DIRECTORY BEING COMPILED

The 1961 Directory of Key Civil Defense Personnel has been complied from information that has been received up to Dec. 31, 1960. There is still time for minor changes if they are forwarded promptly. Any changes in personnel, addresses, and telephone numbers should be sent immediately to the State Bureau of Civil Defense by local CD directors. The directory goes to press in February.

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#### **OPERATION ALERT 1961 SCHEDULED FOR APRIL**

OPAL 1961, the National Civil Defense Test exercise, will be held April 26 - 30, the State Bureau has been informed by OCDM. The exercise previously had been tentatively scheduled for early May but was changed for CONELRAD participation purposes.

Plans for the exercise are already under way at the State Bureau. When final Federal and State standards are completed, copies will be mailed to all participating agencies and municipalities and briefings will be scheduled to discuss all aspects of the exercise.

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#### **NEW ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SURPLUS**

OCDM has notified the State Bureau of changes in eligibility requirements for political subdivisions desiring to participate in the civil defense surplus property program. A directive explaining the additional requirements necessary before property may be obtained will be issued shortly to all counties and municipalities holding a current eligibility card.

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#### LOCAL SURVIVAL PLANS REQUIRED

Local civil defense directors are reminded that under the provisions of the Wisconsin Operational Survival Plan, all political subdivisions are required to develop an operational survival plan for their communities and submit copies to the State Bureau of Civil Defense for approval. Municipal and County prototype plans previously distributed by the State Bureau are to be used as a guide in this preparation.

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## CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE

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

MUSKEGO — The Wisconsin Disabled American Veterans has donated three new radio-phone units to Muskego's CD organization. They were presented by Elmer Loomis, State Commander of the D.A.V. and Mitchell Rosinski, Commander of the W. Allis D.A.V. The units are portable single channel 5—watt transmitter and a sensitive receiver designed to hold ignition interference to a minimum.

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ALGOMA — A fine turnout of 89 persons was recorded at the January 9 civil defense meeting held in St. Mary's Catholic School. Former Sheriff Art Skenendore spoke on the organization of Brown County civil defense and the fine work of the volunteers at the time of the tornado in Green Bay. James Shields, Algoma, Leland Paul, Casco, George Deprey, Luxemburg, and Donald Pavlot, Casco, were appointed to study the procedure of handling phone calls in case of emergency.

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**WAUPUN** — Civil defense auxiliary police at a recent meeting in the city hall received new training manuals and were shown the film "Dew Line" which explains this country's early warning system.

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MADISON — Members of the MMTA Fire and Rescue Technical Advisory Committee met with representatives of State CD Safety Services at State CD Headquarters on January 19 to finalize plans for revision of the Safety Services Annex (Annex K) to the Wisconsin Operational Survival Plan. Suggested revisions will shortly be presented to Major General Ralph J. Olson, State CD Director, for his approval.

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STEVENS POINT — Frank L. Guth, Portage County CD Director, has announced a 10-hour course on radiological monitoring will begin January 23 at Pacelli High School. Classes will be held Monday and Wednesday of each week for five weeks. Starting time for all sessions will be 7:30 p.m. Guth said most of the persons taking the course will be auxiliary police but that others would be welcomed. The course is also open to any women wishing to take the training.

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OSHKOSH — This city will soon install a siren warning system to warn its citizens in case of a major disaster. Plans are being made to install sirens at five locations in the city selected by engineers for maximum efficiency. Bids are now being let on the project with the apparent low bid of \$12,093.12 being submitted by the Federal Sign and Signal Co. of Appleton. Half of the cost of the system will be borne by the Federal government under the Matching Funds program.

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MONROE — A total of 30 persons attended the first class of a new auxiliary police course which began on January 12 in the county jail building. The students were welcomed by Walter E. Drews, CD director. Drews told the class how they would work with regular law enforcement officers in case of emergency in their communities. Persons attending the course included six from LaFayette county, one from Winslow, Illinois, three from Juda and one from Browntown.

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SUPERIOR — Richard McGrath, Douglas county CD director, announced that four standard first aid training courses are being conducted in the county this month. The courses are being held at the Washington school, South Range, Oakland school, and Gordon school.

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