

Office's Job Is Preparedness

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If a disaster struck your community, would you know what to do, where to go, how to react or where to go for the help?

The Office of Emergency Management, formerly Civil Defense, is the department with the answers. It draws contingency plans of action for nuclear, man-made, and natural disasters and these plans are designed to save as many lives as possible.

The name Civil Defense was changed to Civil Preparedness in the early 70s. No longer did the office deal solely with nuclear disasters, but placed equal attention to other disaster situations.

Dorothy Fentress, director of the Forsyth County Office of Emergency Management, said that its main responsibility is to make plans within a feasibility of effectiveness.

"We write the plans and indicate the opening of shelters (while) the Red Cross is designated to man them for operation," said Fentress.

In order to test the plans, the Emergency Manage-

ment staged a surprise drill, pitting local government and public safety agencies against simultaneous emergencies.

A hypothetical explosion at Miller Park Recreation Center injured 100 school children while a terrorist attack trapped 25 hostages on the 17th floor of the Integon Building.

"The drill was as much to test the rescue agencies as to inform the public on how to react in these situations," said Willie Gray, administrative officer for the agency. "Life and events in our day, simply move too rapidly for us to reflect. After an emergency occurs, and after normal procedures have been disrupted, we cannot afford the time to wonder what health, police, supply, communication, and other resources we have left."

According to Fentress, the first priority of the office is to educate the public on the disasters that are most likely to affect their communities.

"In this area, we concentrate on protection against natural disasters - here, that would be ice storms in the winter and man-made disasters, like chemical

spills that contain radioactive substances," said Fentress.

In this capacity, Gray reaches out to the school system, bringing programs to all grades. "In this performance, we hope to get through to the families by starting with the children," said Gray.

Nuclear disasters are treated a bit differently, but with the same objective in mind. "There are only two ways to plan for a nuclear disaster, and when you're talking about nuclear disaster, you're talking about war," Fentress said.

Crisis Relocation plans in the event of a warning, would move entire communities to a more desirable location. If no warning occurred, community shelters would be used.

Shelters are located at virtually every end corner of the city, including such unassuming places as F.W. Woolworth's, McCrories and Thalhimers, downtown. For the East Winston Community, the shelters are Patterson Ave. YMCA, East Winston Branch Library, Reynolds Health Center, Kennedy and Carver Junior High, Brown Elementary School,

Atkins High School and Winston-Salem State University.

All cities throughout the United States have risk classification based on the concentration of military and industrial activity in the area. Winston-Salem is classified as "Risk area three," mainly due to its concentration of industry. A "Risk area one" is an area with a military installation with retaliatory power and "Risk area two," an area with a military installation, without retaliatory powers.



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Pam Johnson was named publisher of Gannett Company Incorporated's Ithaca Journal, becoming the first black woman in the country to head a general circulation daily newspaper, it was announced Nov. 17.

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"We have adult continuing education courses also," Steele said.

November is a special month for the library since its 27th anniversary was celebrated last week. The celebration was sponsored by the Friends of the East Winston Branch Library, and consisted of exhibits, presentations, and fellowship.

Officers of the "Friends" group are Mr. J. C. Simpson, Chairman; Ms. Rhonda Covington, vice chairman; Mrs. Joanne Carter, secretary; Mrs. Lynne Harper Epps, corresponding secretary; and Duane P. Jackson, treasurer. Special guests at the festivity were Mel White, Mechanics and Farmers' Bank executive, and Aldermen Vivian Burke and Larry Womble.

The anniversary included

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seniors, the total facility will be for community use as well."

Elijah expressed hopes for the center to be a multi purpose unit for the arts and cultural affairs that would bring older adults in contact with young people.

"Our offices will be located in this building and we hope that many of the cultural organizations will use our facilities for their meetings and encourage seniors to participate in their programs," Elijah said.

The senior center renovations were completed last Friday. Elijah said that plans are being made to raise \$300,000 to begin work on the remaining half of the facility, which is a total of 16,800 square feet.

Although the renovations are complete, the center will not be opened for use until a later date, when a grand opening celebration will be held. Elijah said that the center is the best thing for both the senior citizens of the Winston community and the downtown revitalization effort.

"It keeps with the total intent of the revitalization concept," Elijah said, "it is designed to bring people downtown for their recreational, health and other services."

a program which paid tribute to Mrs. E. Benson, Lucius Monroe, Mrs. Louise Wilson, Mrs. Khalida Griggs and Mrs. Mozart Nelson for refreshments and dedicated service rendered

to the library tutorial program. A history of the library was also presented by Duane Jackson. The evening ended with refreshments and fellowship.

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that he would talk with Tisdale to learn further what specifically would satisfy Tisdale's request.

The trial began Monday, Nov. 16, after it had been postponed from the original Oct. 31 date. Jury selection lasted through Tuesday morning. Immediately following special agent Ann Toms took the stand and testified for the prosecution.

Toms told of how she and McGee first came into contact and how the conversation first led to the subject of drugs. In her testimony, Toms, implicated Carl F. Parrish and Robert Tally, both attorneys for McGee, on one occasion McGee assured her that if anything went wrong, he had lawyers who were in the operation and prepared to handle the situation. Toms named Parrish and Tally as the lawyers to which McGee referred.

Later in the week, Parrish and Tally motioned the court so that they would be able to take the stand to answer the allegations. The motion was denied by Judge Walker.

In cross-examination, Nancy Mundorf, a court-appointed attorney representing Smith, directed her questions at the list Toms said was given to her when she arrived in town, but Judge Walker wouldn't allow Toms to reveal the names of the people in court.

The next day of testimony came from John L. Bowden, a special agent of the State Bureau of Investigation, who testified that the money Ann Toms had given to McGee at he Secrets restaurants was found on McGee and Smith at the time of their arrest on Sept. 1.

Bowden corroborated Toms' testimony that McGee was paid \$3,000 at the Convention Center on Aug. 31 and Smith received \$5,700 at Toms' apartment. Bowden was brought into the police investigation three days before the arrests were made passing as Toms' nephew.

Jerry Spillman, a narcotic officer for the police department who coordinated the entire investigation, testified on Thursday, again backing up the testimony of Bowden and Toms. Spillman produced tapes of phone conversations and pictures that the prosecution submitted as evidence.

The tape recordings, some very poor and inaudible, were played Thursday afternoon. Walker ordered that no one leave or enter the courtroom the tapes were being played.

The actual plans were heard, showing Smith was to fly to Atlanta and then to California where he was to meet with his contact who would be flying in from Vancouver, British Columbia.

The prosecution rested its case Thursday evening after recessing for dinner and hearing more tapes and testimony well into the night.

Friday, the defense attempted to prove that its clients were innocent by way of entrapment, calling McGee to testify in his own defense.

Buckling under the pressure of the questions of his own attorney, McGee broke down and cried during his testimony and said that he was sorry but he yielded to the temptation of fast money because of his adverse financial situation. The jury went out to deliberate late Friday night and, after returning for further instruction on the meaning of "entrapment, returned a guilty verdict early Saturday morning.

Attorneys for both McGee and Smith said that their clients would appeal the verdicts and Judge Walker set bond at \$300,000 for McGee and \$250,000 for Smith pending the appeal of the case.



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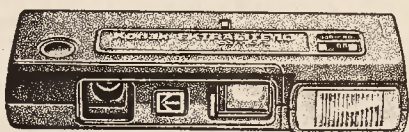
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