

CALENDAR

Director's Meet Slated

Due to observance of the Independence Day holiday, a meeting of the Twin County Rural Health Center's Board of Directors, scheduled for this week, will be held instead on Monday, July 9, at 7:30 p. m. in the center's conference room.

Stew Sale Is Planned

The Athletic Association of Warren Academy will sponsor a brunswick stew sale on Wednesday, July 4 at Lake Gaston Estates. The stew will be ready for pick-up at 11 a. m. and will sell for \$3.50 per quart. Advance orders may be placed with Anne Harris at 257-4530.

Paschall Reunion Set

The annual Paschall reunion will be held on Wednesday, July 4, at the Drewry Community Center. Relatives and friends are asked to bring a picnic lunch, to be served at noon. A program and entertainment will follow.

Saturday Hours Set

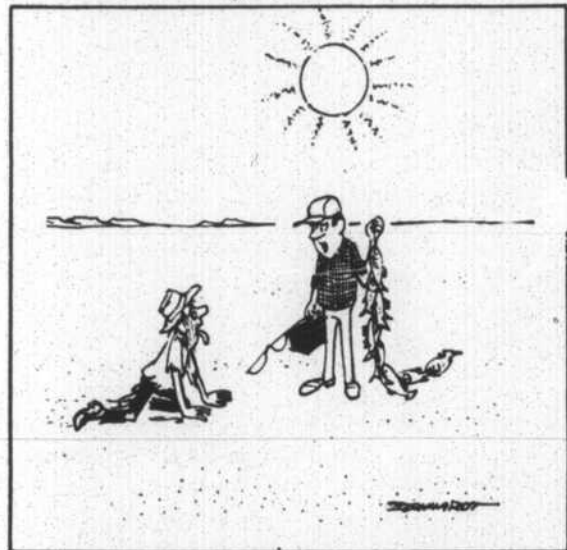
Beginning Saturday, July 7 and continuing until September 1, the Warren County Memorial Library will be closed all day on Saturday.

Car Wash Plans Listed

The Warrenton Rural Fire Department Blazettes will sponsor a car wash at the Conner Mobile Home lot in Warrenton on Saturday, July 7, from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m. Prices are: cars—\$3.00; trucks—\$4.00; and vans—\$5.00.

Library To Be Closed

The Warren County Memorial Library will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.



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Macon Church Plans Service

The Second Baptist Church of Macon has planned a Rally of Fifty Men Marching to the Glory of God for Sunday, July 8, at 3 p. m. The Rev. Roy Green will be the speaker. Oscar Williams will serve as master of ceremonies. Several all-male choruses will be featured during the program. They will be representing Burchett Chapel, Cook's Chapel, Oak Level, and Warrenton. The public is cordially invited.

POTENTIAL HIGH-RISK AREAS



U. S. Civil Defense Plans Vary From Place To Place

By BARBARA S. MOFFET
National Geographic News Service
WASHINGTON — If a nuclear attack struck Independence, Mo., thousands of citizens who followed directions would head for three large limestone caves beneath the city. There they would find stale crackers, 20-year-old lemon drops, frozen hamburger patties but no cooking facilities, and outdated medical kits with no drugs.

If a bomb fell on Georgia, residents would be told to follow a detailed evacuation plan based on postal ZIP codes, with provisions for food, medical treatment, and continuation of key industries. Car owners would leave home the first day, and bus riders the second day. Last to go would be people who had to be picked up at home.

If nuclear war came to some big cities — Los Angeles, New York, or Washington, D. C., for what might happen is anyone's guess. "It's impractical to try to evacuate the city of Columbia," says its head of emergency preparedness, Joseph P. Yeldell.

Patchwork Policy
U. S. Civil defense policy, subject to frequent shifts over the years, today takes almost as many forms as there are governmental jurisdictions. State, county, and city officials are caught between an obligation to protect citizens and a growing belief that the nuclear threat simply makes civil defense futile.

Even the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), charged by Congress with upgrading the nation's civil defense, is a bit frustrated.

"If, at this moment, there were a signal that an attack was imminent, we'd be in a sorry state of preparedness," says Joseph A. Moreland, FEMA's assistant associate director for emergency management.

A seven-year, \$4.2-billion plan proposed two years ago by President Reagan was rejected by Congress. Some members maintained that civil defense preparations only perpetuate the idea that a nuclear war could be survived.

Instead of the Reagan proposal, Congress amended the 1950 Civil Defense Act, directing FEMA to help local officials combine attack preparedness with plans for other emergencies such as floods and earthquakes.

75 Cents Per Person
So FEMA, the nation's official advocate of strong civil defense, has a budget for the current fiscal year of \$169 million—about 75 cents per American. Shelters—built with abandon by the government in the early 1960s—now are considered too expensive to construct or even stock. Shelter supplies were last replenished on a large scale in 1964.

FEMA encourages "shelter surveys," listings of buildings such as schools and libraries that could be used as protection from radioactive fallout. And officials say they mail out thousands of how-to-build-a-shelter pamphlets every year in response to citizens' queries.

But official shelter location lists usually remain stashed away on local planners' shelves. Few of the buildings are marked. "We found that those black-and-yellow signs were becoming unsightly," says

Pete Fredricksen of Philadelphia, a FEMA regional official.

The federal government's emphasis instead is on evacuation planning, not shelters, Moreland says. "We have no reason to doubt that the D. C. area is a major target for a blast," he says. "... My personal plans for my family have to do with getting them out of here so the worst they'll have to deal with is fall-out."

Evacuation planners follow the premise that an impending crisis would allow at least 72 hours for a plan to be carried out. A FEMA map designates about 400 areas as "high risk." On the basis of that map, local officials are to devise schemes to move citizens out of target areas to "host" communities. High-risk areas are military installations or cities with populations of more than 50,000.

In Georgia, which has put together one of the nation's most meticulous nuclear preparedness plans, a scheme is complete for each of the 159 counties except greater Atlanta. The evacuation plans are preprinted, ready to be published by local newspapers in a crisis.

Using all available structures, including private businesses such as the Blue Top Truck Stop in



The Senior Choir of Guiding Star Church in Drewry will celebrate its fifth anniversary on July 7 at Guiding Star Church, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Appearing on the program will be the Straight Gate Ensemble, Calvary Temple, Mt. Calvary Choir, Shocco Chapel, Antioch Choir and many others. On Sunday, July 8, the anniversary will be continued beginning at 4 p. m. at the church. Mistress of ceremonies will be Sister Diane Lewis and the Rev. Charles Davis will preside. Appearing on the pro-

Rome, Ga., officials have arranged shelter space for 5,853,087 people, more than the state's total population, says chief planner Jim Hill. Pets would be left behind.

Preparing for Refugees

Host counties in Georgia have been alerted to prepare for waves of refugees, and food companies would redirect truck deliveries in a crisis. Elaborate plans call for fully staffed medical clinics to be set up to treat casualties and for 12-hour shifts by workers commuting to risk areas to keep key industries operating.

In adjoining North Carolina, however, Marilyn Braun, the planning coordinator for Greensboro-Guilford County, says that after a serious attempt to draw up an evacuation plan, she has given it up as logistically impossible.

"The FEMA idea assumes that everyone is going to act in a calm manner, that there will be access to supplies, and that certain counties will be able to take care of hundreds of refugees," says Braun. "One county said it was thinking of just waving people on at the interstate to Virginia."

FEMA's Moreland says response to the federal government's evacuation idea has been generally positive. But about 110 jurisdictions, among them Cambridge, Mass., Boulder, Colo., and the states of Maryland and New Mexico, have opted out of planning for nuclear attack.

California, where 81 percent of the population lives in high-risk areas, was halfway through county-by-county planning last year when opponents successfully deleted it from the state budget, leaving Los Angeles and other cities without plans.

Colossal Headache

Another large jurisdiction to dissent from nuclear-attack planning is New York City, although state planners say they haven't given up yet. But New York City is a planner's nightmare.

"You've got a huge population, not enough cars, lots of ethnics who don't know English; it's surrounded by water, and there are other jurisdictions like New Jersey and Connecticut involved," says Col. Marvin Shiro of the state's Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

Proponents of evacuation planning say that if the Soviets have a plan, the United States should too. Intelligence information shows that the Soviets have shelter space for 10 percent of the urban population and that civilians have been trained in post-attack operations. But Soviet plans may look better on paper than they would be in practice, some analysts say. The scarcity of cars, for example, could hamper evacuation.

Some observers fear that U. S. evacuation planning might create a false sense of preparedness for nuclear war. "If the other power in the confrontation learned an evacuation had taken place, it might decide to launch a pre-emptive strike," says Wilbur Zelinsky of Pennsylvania State University, who is studying historical examples of evacuation with support from the National Geographic Society. "The policy designed to save lives might actually trigger the disaster."

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