

immediately useful to more home school families. Work on the first four of these has already begun. They are: *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan; *At the Back of the North Wind* by George MacDonald; *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain; and *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

The ultimate configuration of this curriculum is taking shape. Although the market supply of home school materials is increasing rapidly, we do not, unfortunately, expect much competition for this curriculum. There is too little demand for rigorous materials in America today. A non-profit effort of this sort may be the only way to get this job done.

In addition to the ordered reading list, lesson plans, and examinations, we must also make available about 600 books. In this, the advance of computer technology will help. Already, CD-ROM disks are available with large selections of books for adults. A single disk can hold as many as 2,000 average length books. Disks of such book collections are sold for about \$50. Many of the books we will use were published so long ago that copyrights do not exclude their entry into CD-ROM data bases.

Therefore, we expect to make the final curriculum available on computer disk as well as in paper format. The CD-ROM will include all lesson plans and examinations along with copies of all books that can legally be reproduced. The more recent books that are illegal to reproduce will be those most easily found in libraries and bookstores. Therefore, a family will be able to print, with their own computer or that of a friend or business, a copy of any required book that is not easily available to them. Lesson plans and examinations will be printable from the disk in as many copies as are needed for a school.

Please remember to send your critiques of the first drafts for *Tom Sawyer* and the *Narnia* series and your suggestions for the booklist and overall curriculum. I would prefer that this project move much more quickly toward a large enough curriculum to be substantially helpful in most home schools including ours, but we have no one here who can spend full time on this work and do not have resources to hire such a person. Eventually, with your continued help, this essential work will be completed.

NUCLEAR WAR SURVIVAL SKILLS

Two volunteer efforts are increasing the usefulness of the information in the book *Nuclear War Survival Skills* by Cresson Kearny. These are especially important, since the Clinton regime has dropped all remaining efforts for American civil defense except for the annual \$400 million appropriation for "continuity of government" schemes to protect politicians and bureaucrats.

Given their policies, it is no wonder that they still feel a need for personal protection. They are at increasing risk from within the United States itself. As far as protection of American citizens is concerned, however, even the words "civil defense" have now been entirely purged from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (although they continue to exist in the minds and hearts of a few dedicated Americans who still work within that agency).