

## Ira Parks Will Assist Emergency Amateur Radio

Ira Parkes, K7ERR, 359 W. 100 S., Bountiful, has been selected to set up an organization of Bountiful amateur radio operators prepared to furnish organized emergency communications in time of disasters, it was announced by Communications Manager F. E. Handy of the American Radio Relay League, U.S. and Canadian association of radio amateurs.

MR. PARKES' assignment, which carries the title of emergency coordinator of the Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, is to band together members of the amateur radio service in his community to perfect arrangements for emergency radio communication by hams in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies.

In addition to use of fixed radio station equipment working from commercial power, amateur stations use self-powered radio transmitting and receiving equipment as needed and can often deploy portable and mobile units to accommodate a particular emergency requirement.

MR. PARKES, as ARRL Emergency Coordinator, will call local meetings of amateurs, establish common operating procedures, and arrange regular drill periods when the hams' personal stations may be mobilized under simulated emergency conditions.

His duties also include liaison planning with relief and public welfare agencies, as suggested in working understandings the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Corps has with the Red Cross, civil defense, and other agencies. Liaison will be established al-

so with local protective services, such as fire and police departments.

"WHEN SLEET storms disrupt telephone and telegraph service or floods isolate whole communities," the League's Communications Manager said "it is amateur radio that comes to the rescue with operators and self-powered equipment, often as the sole agency able to transmit messages calling on the outside world for aid for the stricken community."

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