



HOWARD R. ESTES AND SON, HOWARD P. ESTES  
Initiated drive for "Ham" license plates (Eccentric Staff Photo)

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## Zany License Plates Have Local Origin

If you should see an automobile bearing a Michigan license plate lettered WSELR, or something similar on both front and rear bumpers, don't be surprised. It just means that a "ham" radio operator owns the car, and the odd combination of letters are merely his station's call letters.

A group of Birmingham residents, spearheaded by former State Representative Howard R. Estes, is largely responsible for the existence of these new plates. It was through the efforts of this group that a legislative bill, co-authored by Estes and Representative William Broomfield, Royal Oak, was adopted in Lansing to make it possible for ham operators to get their call-letters on the plates.

ACTUALLY the issuance of these licenses is a civil defense measure. It is aimed at easy recognition of holders of Federal Commission licenses for operating transmitting stations.

All "hams" applying for these plates pledge themselves to cooperate with defense establishments and state police and military forces in times of emergency. The whole thing started a little over a year ago when Estes' son, Howard P. Estes, 4010 Beach, Troy township, returned from studying industrial electronics in Milwaukee, Wis.

WISCONSIN LAW allows "hams" to use their call letters on their license plates. During his stay there, the younger Estes had acquired such plates, since he, too, is a "ham" operator. When he returned, he suggested to his father that such a law should be in effect in Michigan. To see how much support for such a move could be found, the elder Estes appeared before Birmingham's Catalpa Radio Club. Club members were enthusiastic and immediately set about enlisting the aid of "hams" throughout the state.

LEG-WORK in the campaign to organize the operators to back the project was over the "Buzzards Roost" network over which Michigan "hams" do their operating. Estes cleared the proposal through the state police, the state Director of civil defense, and informed the secretary of state's office of the impending move.

In general, the proposal met with wholehearted support. But, according to Estes, it almost died in legislative committee without reaching the floor of the house of representatives.

ESTES KNEW he had five supporters of the bill on the nine-man committee, but for some time all five of the men never were at the same meeting of the committee.

The bill finally was reported out of committee and passed with little opposition in either the house or senate.

"Hams" apply directly to the secretary of state's office and pay \$2 more than the cost of a regular license plate.

Estes states that Michigan is the 18th state to provide such license plates and that his last check

### Two Enlist in Army During February

James W. Knight, 1681 Muir, Troy township, and Charles F. Williams, 2196 Wycliffe, West Bloomfield township, enlisted in the U. S. Army during February, according to M. Sgt. Paul J. Smith, Army and Air Force Recruiting Chief in Pontiac.

Both were sent to Fort Knox, Ky., for basic training. Knight will then be sent to Vint Hill Farms in Maryland for training in the Army security agency.

★ Smile a Minute . . .  
"Tis a hard world," said Timothy, as he quit his task for the day.  
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