

Miss Kehoe Becomes First Woman Radio Operator Here

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Miss Grace Kehoe, 1525 Willow street, proved to the Federal Communications commission recently she can send the International code at the rate of at least 13 words a minute and that she knows radio theory.

For this she received a general license from the ICC, becoming the first woman amateur radio operator in Green Bay.

By being the first Miss Kehoe is following a precedent set by her mother 42 years ago.

Was Telegraph Operator

The mother, Mrs. Edward Ke-

uated from St. Joseph's High school. Since then she has been doing secretarial work and book-keeping. She only recently took a job as an account clerk in the county treasurer's office.

She says she will spend her evenings at her radio as a hobby. In case of an emergency, such as war, she expects to assist in civil defense.

Already enthusiastic about the new world radio has opened to her, Miss Kehoe explained:

"It is surprising how congenial amateur radio people are. A ham will do anything for you if you need help."

She said her call letters are W90PV.



MISS GRACE KEHOE

hoe, Marinette, was the first woman telegraph operator in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Mrs. Kehoe began sending Morse code for the Milwaukee road at Wagner, Wis., at the age of 15. She had learned it from her father, a Milwaukee road agent at Ontonagon, Mich.

Miss Kehoe has yet to send her first message alone pending the completion of her transmitter by her brother, Edward, a ham operator in Marinette where he is president of the amateur radio club.

She expects she will send her first message to a member of the Green Bay Mike and Key club, of which she is the only woman member. She says that is the usual procedure. The excited sender often follows up the message with a telephone call. Some first senders become so nervous over the first message they forget the code. Miss Kehoe prays that won't happen to her.

Until the transmitter is completed she will listen in on her receiver, a Hallicrafter SX62, which she expects to have this week.

It has taken Miss Kehoe a year and a half of hard study and practice to feel capable of taking the ICC tests, for which she had to go to Milwaukee and Chicago. She was the sole woman member of a class of six conducted here by Harrison Haskins, a Green Bay amateur radio man.

Native of Peshtigo

Miss Kehoe has lived in Green Bay for about eight years. She is a native of Peshtigo and grew up in Marinette, where she was grad-

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