

Former County FFA Boy Now Repairs Naval Landing Equipment In Saipan

SOMEWHERE ON SAIPAN—Frank McElroy, 28, fireman, second class, USNR, Route 1, Clyde, is stationed on a naval base in the Pacific forward area where he is a member of a landing vehicle track repair unit.

McElroy's organization from operational fronts. McElroy has been overseas with this organization since November, 1944. He had previous duty at Corpus Christi, Tex., Albany and San Bruno, Calif., and Pearl Harbor. McElroy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McElroy, Route 1, Clyde. He has four brothers in service. They are: J. C., seaman, second class, USNR, and J. R., a corporal, Paul, a private, first class; and

Hundreds Attend Baptist Meeting

(Continued from page one) speaking on Foreign Missions and Rev. Everett Murray on the Co-operative program. Mrs. E. C. Horton reported on the Woman's Missionary Union; Billy, private first class all in the Army. As a member of the Future Farmers of America before he joined the service, McElroy was a FFA livestock judging team, and won an FFA project story contest.

Mail Gifts Between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15 Instructions Given

The war is over, but there are hundreds of thousands of America's fighting men still overseas, who will not be home for Christmas who will be dreaming of Christmas as they remember it back home. They will be engaged in the dull job of clearing enemy territory and occupying it.

Christmas mailing for their packages will start on September 15, and will continue until October 15, according to the Army and Navy postal officials. Overseas packages will be more difficult to deliver safely and on time this year, according to the authorities. The reason is because this year many thousands of men are moving to new assignments across oceans and continents.

There are no changes in the size or regulations of the packages, it was learned from Col. J. Harden Howell, Waynesville postmaster, who urges early mailing.

Packages that are badly wrapped, incompletely addressed, or tardily mailed stand far less chance of arriving in good condition at their overseas destination this year than ever before. A Christmas package that falls apart during its long journey is worse than no package at all because it takes up valuable cargo space uselessly, is a waste of time and money, and subjects the addressee to unpleasant and needless disappointment the officials point out.

Some In Bad Condition "When perishable gifts packed in faulty boxes arrived at distant Pacific bases," said Frances Todd of Washington, D. C., who has just returned from the China-Burma-India theater where she worked for the American Red Cross. "They were in pretty bad condition. I have seen burst packages, their contents broken, decayed or spoiled. They were of no use to anyone."

Every effort, however, is made to re-wrap and forward whatever can be salvaged from such a mess, according to Elizabeth Cushing of Groton, Mass., whose American Red Cross service in the ETO took her to France. "If a card or a sheet of paper inside a disintegrated Christmas box contains the complete name and address of the person to whom the gift was sent, whatever can be saved is forwarded. Army postal officials make a practice of doing this wherever it is humanly possible. Too often, however, nothing can be done.

Most of the waste and expense and disappointment can be avoided, government postal officials declare, if persons who select, wrap and mail Christmas gift packages for delivery overseas will be guided by a few simple rules:

Select Wisely. Send only gifts that are really wanted. Write a letter beforehand. Ask your soldier or sailor in the letter what he wants most, and tell him to list articles in the order of their importance to him.

Don't send articles which are prohibited, such as perishable foods, intoxicants, weapons, poisons and all inflammable materials, including matches and lighter fluids. Don't send fruit cake. Don't send cookies or soft candies unless they are securely packed in air-tight metal containers.

Don't send marmalade unless specifically requested. Most men overseas prefer jams and preserves such as raspberry, strawberry, etc. Go easy on gifts of clothing, unless specifically requested. And NO TIES. Soldiers usually have all the ties they need, and in many areas of the Pacific where the climate is hot, ties are not customarily worn at all.

Wrap Securely. All articles for overseas shipment should be packed in boxes of metal, wood, solid fibreboard or strong double-faced corrugated fibreboard, that will stand up under the weight of at least 200 pounds. NEVER use a shoe box.

The War Production Board has authorized manufacture of boxes approximately 10 by 6 by 4 inches in size, which will permit compact packing within the five-pound weight limit. The box should be securely tied with a strong cord. If waterproof paper can be obtained, it should be used as the outside wrapper. Best way to ship

Rev. T. H. Parris made a report Manuel Wyatt discussed the orphanage; and Rev. N. Stevenson talked on hospitals. Paul sheperd discussed temperance. John Arch MacMillian, editor of Charity and Children, was also heard on the afternoon program.

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Over 100 Farmers Hear Lewis and Mann At Meet

(Continued from page one) tonight, is you marketing. For the past few years you have enjoyed a sellers market and your problems along this line have been minor, however, we are coming out of this war with an almost record supply of cattle. In my opinion, we should cull our herds carefully and sell now, while we have a sellers market and also a large

consumer demand." At the conclusion of the meeting, C. C. Francis, secretary of the Haywood unit, extended an invitation to all the farmers to join the Farm Bureau. "When we review these problems presented by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Mann, we realize as never before, the need of farm organization. Sooner or later we are going to wish that we had

built a strong Farm Bureau is crying for cheap bread have kicked the farmer too long. We are looking for a new world. A world only requires county, national, but also international organization. If we don't our own business, they looked after." The meeting was presided by Howard Clapp, who pledged to the assistance at all times, then solve their future stock problems.

Claims GI Title



STAFF SERGEANT Harry Rudolph (above), 66, of Brooklyn, N. Y., claims the title of being the oldest enlisted man classified for active duty in the Army. A veteran of the Philippine War, World War I and World War II, the Sergeant is shown at Camp Pickett, Va., after his return from Guam, U. S. Signal Corps photo. (International)

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