

Greatest Generation of Pulaski County
Profile – McElroyC

Clarence L. “Mac” McElroy

Born: 6/15/1902

Entered: 7/28/1942

Br./Ser#/Rank: ?/?/MJR

Discharged: 1/28/1946

Died: 9/22/1981

Spouse: Lenore Louise Glen McElroy

Parents: John W. and Ida E. Dunkle McElroy

In 1932 after the crash of his plane and a subsequent broken leg, Mac endured 17 days crawling through the Mexican jungle for 17 days before being found.

Jungle Pilot injured in plane crash

MEDARYVILLE MAN HURT AS PLANE HITS PHONE LINE

An airplane crash at Frankfort last Friday caused Clarence McElroy of Medaryville to suffer a broken collar bone and a number of bruises. The machine was seriously damaged, but the other occupant totally escaped injury.

Mr. McElroy has considerable experience in driving planes, and had taken a high flight in a machine owned by a friend who was doing some flying near Frankfort. Another man wished to take a trip and got into the plane with McElroy, who started the machine across the landing field at the usual speed.

With the additional load, the plane somehow refused to rise properly in response to McElroy's manipulation of the levers, and crashed into a string of telephone wires. The impact tore the engine clear out of the frame of the plane, it was stated, throwing the men to the ground with the wreckage.

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Jungle Pilot injured in plane crash

AIRPLANE PILOT INJURED IN FALL

MEDARYVILLE FLIER IN HOSPITAL—WINAMAC MAN SUFFERS BROKEN RIB IN CAR CRASH LAST THURSDAY

Clarence McElroy of Medaryville suffered a broken shoulder last week when the airplane he was piloting at Frankfort, crashed to the ground. He had been engaged as a drawing card for a flying circus. He was piloting a light passenger plane, and was about two miles away from the field when the accident occurred. The back of the plane caught in some telegraph wires more than 50 feet above the ground and fell, wrecking the plane. The passenger escaped without a scratch. McElroy was picked up unconscious and rushed to the hospital where it was found that he had suffered a fracture of the left shoulder, besides severe bruises.

He is recovering from the injuries and is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy for a time. This is the only accident he has had in five years of aviation work.

A short time after McElroy's plane crashed, another of the airplanes taking part in the circus was wrecked, the pilot escaping injury.

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Pilot missing in jungle

PLANE PILOT MISSING FOR PAST 10 DAYS

Clarence McElroy of Me- daryville Fails to Com- plete Honduras Trip.

Clarence McElroy, a Medaryville young man engaged as an airplane pilot, and who recently started on a flight to Honduras, has been missing since June 27, it was learned yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy, living west of Medaryville.

Accompanied by Mr. Gordon, owner of the Waco Airplane Corporation, Clarence started from Troy, Ohio, week before last for the Central American republic. A second plane, piloted by a man who had previously been in Honduras, made the same trip. When within about 200 miles of their destination they encountered a tropical storm. Real-

izing his danger, the pilot of the second plane turned back to the southeastern coast of Mexico, at the same time endeavoring to warn McElroy. The latter was flying about 5,000 feet high and evidently failed to observe the signals.

Guard Searches Gulf.

The two men in the other plane, after landing in Mexico, secured the aid of the Mexican coast guard in making a search of the gulf, but in a long distance telephone call to the parents yesterday from the Troy office it was stated that no trace of the missing plane or men had been found.

Fears were also expressed that McElroy and his companion may have been driven out of their course and into the mountains of Honduras. Even if able to land there safely, it was assumed they might have some difficulty in reaching civilization. Hope is still held out that they may thus be found, or that they have been picked up by some vessel.

Clarence visited at the parental home three weeks ago, after having returned to this country in March from the Philippine Islands, where he was employed as an aviator for nine months.

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Pilot missing in jungle

C. McELROY MISSING IN HONDURAN JUNGLE

Clarence McElroy, 28, popular Medaryville young man, and an experienced tropical flyer, disappeared June 27, relatives heard Friday, while his plane was on the last lap of a flight from Mexico City to Tegusigalpa, Honduras.

McElroy's plane was one of two which were making the flight. The other was piloted by a friend of McElroy, named Mayse. Soon after they left Mexico City, Mayse realized they were flying into a storm. McElroy was flying about 5000 feet ahead and Mayse tried to catch him and warn him about the storm, although he knew McElroy was an experienced tropical flyer. He was unable to catch McElroy, however, and soon struck the storm where he lost all trace of him. When Mayse arrived at Tegusigalpa and found that McElroy had not yet arrived, search was immediately started, but to date no clue has been found as to what might have happened to him. For several days the Honduran army has been engaged in searching through the Honduran jungles.

McElroy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy, west of Medaryville, and has been a pilot for several years. He left Medaryville only a short time ago to go to Mexico City.

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Pilot still missing

Still Another Week Passes Without News of Missing Aviator

Hope for the safety of Clarence McElroy, Medaryville aviator missing since June 27, has almost been abandoned. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy, living west of Medaryville, are nearly prostrated by the strain of waiting in vain for news of the missing son.

The young man started for Honduras about three weeks ago to deliver a plane that had been sold there by a concern at Troy, Ohio. The driver of an accompanying plane saw storm approaching and sought safety on the coast of Mexico. He reported that the last he saw of McElroy he was headed into the storm area. That was two weeks ago Monday.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jul 14 1932: 1. Microfilm.

Hope is abandoned

ABANDON HOPE FOR McELROY

A press dispatch from Mexico City states that aviators flying over Mexico City-Central America air routes, have given up hope for Clarence McElroy, Medaryville aviator, and Roy Gordon, of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, who have been missing since June 27 in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. They are believed to have crashed to their death during a tropical storm between Rincon Antonia and San Geronimo.

Representative Cecil Bachtenkircher got in touch with Governor Leslie and Senator Watson, who in turn called on government authorities, who instructed the American minister to Honduras to spare nothing in pursuing the search. The Mexican and Honduran authorities are engaged in an intensive systematic search for the missing men, according to a message received Saturday by Mr. Bachtenkircher.

Winamac (IN) Republican Jul 14 1932: 1. Microfilm.

Through Senator James E. Watson and Governor Harry G. Leslie, the service of American authorities was solicited in the search for the missing aviator. A telegram received by Cecil Bachtenkircher, state representative, from L. O. Chasey, secretary to Governor Leslie, contained only this information:

"Following telegram received this morning from Ambassador Clarke, Colon, Pan American airways: 'Report that McElroy, lost in storm June 27 between Rinconantonio and San Geronimo, Oaxaca, that everything possible has been and is being done by them and Mexican authorities to locate him. So far unsuccessful. From the reports made to me it would seem likely that the plane came down either in the ocean or in a mountainous unaccessible jungle.'

Pilot found

AVIATOR FOUND



Clarence McElroy, Medaryville aviator, who was rescued last week in a tropical jungle in Mexico after seventeen days of torture following the crash of his plane, is still in serious condition from the effects of his experiences. His companion, Roy Gordon, was killed when a storm wrecked their plane. The picture is printed courtesy of the South Bend News-Times.

McELROY IS FOUND; HURT, NEAR DEATH

Medaryville Aviator Wanded in Mexican Jungle
17 Days After Crash

Dick McElroy and Joe Ryden of Medaryville left there Monday evening for Mexico City to visit the former's brother, Clarence McElroy, who was rescued the latter part of last week after having been missing in a Mexican jungle for seventeen days following the crash of his airplane in a storm on June 27.

After his rescue Clarence was taken to the town of San Geronimo, about 250 miles southeast of Mexico City. Plans were made for his removal to the latter city for better medical treatment and the visitors from home, who were traveling by rail, hoped to meet him there some time today or tomorrow, but a dispatch from San Geronimo on Tuesday stated that Clarence was still disabled and that it might be several days before his condition would permit his removal by plane to the Mexican capital. An American physician flew from Mexico City to San Geronimo early this week to treat the rescued man.

A brief message last Thursday night stated that one of the two men lost in the plane crash had been found alive, the other dead, but that the aviator had been buried and that he could not tell his name. A later message announced that it was McElroy who escaped with his life.

Seventeen Days of Horror

An Indian searcher in the jungle south of San Geronimo who had come up to Medaryville crawling laboriously through the dense underbrush, with one leg broken or otherwise seriously injured, and his entire body weakened by starvation, said he had to drink bitter cactus juice to stay alive.

McElroy's adventure was a seventeen-day nightmare of horror, as described in an Associated Press dispatch from Mexico City. He and his companion, Roy Gordon, an American who lived in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, started out from Vera Cruz on June 27 to deliver a plane in Honduras. A terrific tropical storm overtook them, the motor failed and the ship crashed.

Gordon was killed and McElroy's leg was injured. Alone, without food or water, with no knowledge of the tropical jungle and no Spanish, he had to crawl to the help of his companion from wild beasts and weather. He patched up his injured leg as well as he could and struck out for the low mountains to the north.

He didn't even have a machete to cut his way through the brush. There are snakes, dangerous animals and maddening insects in the jungle, but McElroy crawled through the tangled underbrush for those weeks.

He lived on berries and whatever else he could find and there was the constant fear that what he picked might be poisonous. In all those three weeks, he thinks, he covered only four miles.

And while he was crawling a search was under way. Airplanes flew over the jungle, but said ace of the searchers, the green force, a substantial reward was offered the natives in the vicinity, and one of these found McElroy.

Unable to Find Plane

So dense was the jungle from which he had escaped that a search party was unable to find the wrecked plane, although he estimated that it could not be more

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McELROY IS FOUND ALIVE; HURT, STARVED

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than four miles from where he was found.

They carried him into San Geronimo and put him up at the mayor's house. A doctor said he would recover, but it would take a long time. The natives, who know the jungle, were amazed that McElroy escaped it.

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Agonized Request for Water.
His first agonized request was for water. Later, when he could talk a little better, he said he would have died of thirst except that it rained frequently in tropical downpours and he was able to catch some of the rainwater.

The doctor let him have some milk and cheese and then put him on a strict diet.

The picture shown by Melardo Enriquez, Indian woodchopper who found McElroy in the jungle, was second only to that shown by McElroy himself in his attempt to find his way through the jungle.

Enriquez stumbled across McElroy in the deep jungle about noon Thursday. He made the twenty-mile run over crude jungle and mountain trails to San Geronimo in four hours and returned again almost immediately to guide the relief expedition.

Several days after McElroy's rescue, searchers came upon the body of Roy Gordon, a few miles from where the survivor was found. Little was left of Gordon's body and plans were made to bury it there.

News Relieves Family.

Meagre information that son Clarence had been found ended a heart-breaking wait for Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy, living west of Medaryville.

"We're awfully happy," Mrs. McElroy said Friday morning. "We don't know much about it yet, but we got a telegram saying that he was all right except for thirst and starvation."

Dick, only other child of the McElroys, told about his brother's flying experiences.

"Clarence has a reputation for being bold, he said, and I last heard that, although this Mexican crash certainly looks like it. He is always careful about his ship, and always tested everything before he hoped. He flew about 250 miles at a time and never a single crack."

Dick said that Clarence learned to fly at Kankakee about two years ago, and has been a commercial pilot ever since. He was employed by the Ford Motor Co., later joined up with the exhibition squadron of the Curtiss-Wright Airplane Company, which included some of the leading fliers of the country. They toured North America in 1930, giving exhibition flights.

Last year he spent in the Philippines mapping an airway system. He came back from the islands in March, and his last visit to the home of his parents ended on June 4.

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Pilot's story

McElroy Relates Own Story of 17 Days in Jungle After Plane Crash

Greeted at Mexico City on Sunday by his brother Dick and friend Joe Ryden, Clarence McElroy told for the first time his own story of the crash that wrecked his plane in the jungles of lower Mexico, and of his seventeen days of horror preceding his rescue.

The three Medaryville men had a happy reunion when the injured flier reached Mexico City by plane from San Geronimo. He was accompanied by an American physician, Dr. A. R. Goodman, who said his condition was satisfactory but it would be some time before he could recover the use of one leg. He was still suffering from the effects of a blow on the head and was covered with insect bites.

McElroy's first intimation that he was nearing civilization, as he dragged himself through the jungle, came more than two weeks after the crash when he discovered four calves tethered to trees and waited for somebody to come and get them. Here is his story as related to C. P. Nutter, an Associated Press correspondent:

Plane Hits Mountainside.

"We were flying southward en route to Honduras when we ran into a furious tropical storm. There was no visibility and I tried to find a spot to land. Suddenly the plane crashed into a mountainside.

"That was at 10 a. m. I was knocked out and recovered consciousness in a rainstorm at 3 p. m., noting that the plane was a complete washout. My leg and head pained severely and I was too weak to crawl out of the wreck.

"I can't remember much of those first three days. Everything was hazy. I could see that my companion, Roy Gordon of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, was dead, but I was too weak to move.

Crawls 3 Miles in 2 Weeks.

"Three days later I had recovered

ed some strength. I tried to cover Gordon's body and then started crawling up the mountain to get my bearings.

"It was almost impossible to make headway in the jungle. My pains increased. I got water from a small mountain stream and caught a few crabs and ate them raw.

"At night I could see the lights of San Geronimo, but made very slow progress, probably not more than three miles from the ship in fourteen days' crawling. I was very weak and somewhat delirious.

"I would crawl a while, then pick bugs and insects a while and dodge many snakes. I saw no wild animals.

"I nearly gave up several times but it is hard to die as long as you might have a chance. Even in my clouded mind the urge to live survived. I was desperate many times in the jungle, almost sure I would die, but I could not give up.

Indian Boy Hero.

"July 13 was my lucky day, for that evening I found a herd of cows beside a stream, but what gave me hope was the sight of four calves tied to trees. I knew somebody eventually would come to untie those calves, so I stopped right there. I was too weak even to try to milk a cow.

"The next morning the Indian boy came. He was Gerardo Enriquez and I motioned that I wanted some food. He milked a cow and gave me some milk and some cheese he had. By signs I told him of my predicament and he understood. He built a small lean-to to protect me and left for help.

"That boy did a marvelous job. He covered the twenty miles to San Geronimo four times in a single day getting help and getting me out. I am going to reward him handsomely."

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Pilot returns home

McElroy Reaches Home; Still Uses His Crutches

(Medaryville Correspondence)

Clarence McElroy and his brother Richard arrived here Friday morning from Mexico City where Clarence had been recovering from injuries received in an airplane accident on June 27, near San Geronimo, Mexico. He has made rapid recovery since he was found after seventeen days in the Mexican jungles. He is able to walk with the aid of crutches and has gained in weight. On Saturday he went to Lafayette to the Arnett clinic where X-rays were taken.

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Pilot flown to Mayo Clinic

McElroy Flies to Minnesota Hospital

(Medaryville Correspondence)

Clarence McElroy was taken to Rochester, Minn., Sunday in a Waco monoplane, which was sent here by the Waco Corporation of Ohio. He will go through the Mayo Bros. clinic and will probably receive treatment for his injured leg. He was accompanied by Ralph J. Kroft who will also go to the clinic.

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Tells of 'Lost Days'

FLYER TELLS CLUB OF 17 'LOST' DAYS

Clarence McElroy Interests Kiwanians With Story of Plane Crash.

First-hand description of his recent experiences in the wilds of Mexico, where he spent nearly seventeen days after the wreckage of his airplane in a storm, was given by Clarence McElroy of Medaryville in a talk to the Winamac Kiwanis Club Tuesday noon.

Mr. McElroy attended the meeting at the Oliver Hotel with Joe Ryden, and consented to say a few words in regard to the ordeal. Speaking with vividness, but also with modesty, he told a story that held the rapt interest of his hearers. It is a story of 17 days because of an injury to one leg, received when the plane crashed.

As the pilot of one of two planes being taken to Honduras, Mr. McElroy stated that they entered Mexico at Tampico. They were supposed to Tampico. There they were delayed for a night by a tropical storm and were similarly held up at Vera Cruz, where they remained over a Sunday.

Storm Appears Suddenly.

Starting out with a clear sky on the morning of June 27 and flying across the lower part of Mexico toward the Pacific side, the two planes suddenly into an unexpected storm. "You go into one all at once," he described, "and it gives you a feeling as if you were blindfolded." The other pilot, following me, said when he pilot of it saw me disappear in the cloud he dropped back and picked out a place to land near a small town. "I knew there were tall mountain ridges around," Mr. McElroy continued, "and also that we were only a few miles from the Pacific ocean. I figured that if I could keep going in the right direction for only a few minutes I could land on the beach or in the water. So I pulled her wide open and pointed her upward for a climb over those mountains."

Then he went on to relate, he hit a mountain and that was the last he knew of it. He had an accident at 2:55 p.m. this afternoon. The plane was a wreck, his companion was dead, McElroy had a gash above one eye, and one leg was giving him severe pain. Realizing that he would have to remain in the plane, he attempted to arrange the plane wreckage so he could lie down. The body of his companion fell to the ground and Clarence was unable to replace it, so he covered it with some coats.

In Daze for Many Hours.

Three days passed before he found his way to safety. There were hours of hunger and thirst began. "You can get along pretty well without food," he observed, "but that's something else. It rained every night and it was raining this day, so I made a kind of tarp out of a piece of canvas and caught water in that. I drank by moistening a piece of cloth and sucking the water out of it."

He was then able to be slightly relieved of his hunger by seeing an airplane passing over, which was finally abandoned, although at night he could see the lights of San Germonio. These looked to be just below the hill, and he finally started to walk down the mountain side. He was then able to crawl because of the injured leg, he sat down and scooted himself forward with his hands as best he could.

Again the lack of water became an important item, and it was ten days before he was able to get to water on his way back to the plane when he came upon a tiny stream trickling from the mountain side. Later he found a larger stream and followed it.

First Sign of Civilization.

At length, after several days of effort, he came upon three calves in a clearing. They were the last livestock or other evidences of civilization that he had seen. Knowing that someone would sooner or later come to until the animals, he stopped there to await his rescuers.

In due time an Indian boy appeared—on the morning of the eighteenth day after the crash. By making signs and drawing pictures in the sand, McElroy was able to give the boy an idea of what had happened. He explained his experience in the Philippines that the mayor of a village is called a presidente, he asked the lad to summon that official. The boy hastened away, promising to return when the sun cast a shadow at a certain place on the mountain.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Sep 8 1932: 1&8. Microfilm.

Tells of 'Lost Days'

McELROY RECOUNTS JUNGLE SUFFERING

Clarence McElroy, a pleasant young man, who is still suffering from a fractured pelvis sustained in his airplane crash, gave a short but interesting account of his trying experience at the Tuesday noon Kiwanis luncheon. He said his party, consisting of four men in two airplanes, entered Mexico at Brownsville, Tex. From there they flew through thick weather to Tampico, Mexico, in the Mexican oil country (a place visited by The Republican editor in 1913).

After leaving Tampico, they were compelled to turn back because of inclement weather and make another start the next day. From Tampico they flew to Vera Cruz, and from there to Mazatlan, where they were again compelled to stay for several days on account of bad weather.

Shortly after leaving Mazatlan, another tropical storm suddenly broke in all its fury and blindly trying to find his way through it to cross the mountains to the Pacific coast, he crashed against a mountainside some 10 or 15 miles from San Geronimo, Mexico. This was about 10 o'clock in the morning, and when Mr. McElroy regained consciousness at 3 o'clock that afternoon he found his companion dead and his right leg useless.

After lying for several days in an endeavor to regain his strength, he finally began a painful crawl (or rather slide) toward San Germonio, the lights of which he could see at night. He finally came to a small clearing, where he found three calves tied to trees. Knowing someone would eventually come for the cattle, he laid there all night, and the next morning, eighteen days after his crash, he was found by a Mexican boy. That night the boy returned with practically the population of the town, and he was taken to San Germonio, where eight days later he was removed via airplane to Mexico City. During the time he was in the jungle he was without food, but managed to collect drinking water by spreading a small piece of canvas when it rained. Poisonous insects almost killed him with their bites while he lay in the jungle.

His most pleasant remembrance of his rescue, he said, was when he found his friend, Joe Ryden, waiting for him at the Mexico City airport.

Winamac (IN) Republican Sep 8 1932: 1. Microfilm.

Survives jungle crash

McElroy Tells South Bend Club of Plane Crash in Mexican Jungle

(Picture and text from South Bend News-Times.)

Clarence L. McElroy, of Medaryville, Ind., who crashed into a Central American mountain last July while piloting a plane 150 miles an hour, doesn't have much sympathy for people who do not think life is worth fighting for.

If he did, he probably would not have been in South Bend Thursday to tell how, crippled with two broken hips, he crawled down a mountain side for 17 days without



Clarence L. McElroy, right, Medaryville, Ind., pilot who survived crash into a Central American mountain, and Ralph DePalma, center, who has driven more miles in automobile races than any other American pilot, talked over their experiences with E. F. Cramer, president of the South Bend Kiwanis club Thursday. Both men were guests at the club's luncheon in the Oliver hotel.

food, rather than "give himself up to the buzzards who kept circling around" over him.

Partner Loses Life.

McElroy's accident, which cost the life of his partner, Roy Gordon, occurred while the pair was delivering a plane to an air transportation company in Honduras last July. They were flying through the fog in the jungle of southern Mexico, when a tropical storm hit, and made them fly "blind." McElroy does not remember the crash; but he does recall waking up six hours after he had noted the time while trying to climb out of the fog.

Regaining consciousness he saw the wrecked plane about him, and his companion, dead, beside him. Both his hips were broken. After lying next to the plane for three days, the injured pilot decided "to make a try at saving his own life."

Clings to Life Thread.

"Many people think they would have just stayed there and died," McElroy told South Bend Kiwanians at their luncheon in the Oliver hotel today, "but I don't believe they would have. I thought about it, of course, as I lay there in the jungle filled with wild animals. But somehow I just couldn't bear the thought of giving up without making a fight."

"So on the morning of the fourth day I left my dead companion, and

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Pilot writes book on jungle experience

McElroy Publishes Book on Jungle Experiences

"Seventeen Days In the Mexican Jungles," a stirring real-life drama revolving about the experiences of Clarence McElroy, Medaryville aviator who crashed in the Mexican jungles a year ago last June and fought his way back to civilization and life after seventeen days of crawling four miles through the jungles with two broken hips, is now on sale for the first time.

The story consists of 171 pages and is dedicated to Gerardo Enriquez, the Indian boy who discovered McElroy helpless on the border of the jungle and led rescue parties to him.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Oct 26 1933: 6. Microfilm.

'Seventeen Days in the Mexican Jungle'

MISCELLANEOUS.

"SEVENTEEN DAYS IN THE MEXICAN JUNGLE" by Clarence McElroy of Medaryville, on sale at Carper's Drug Store, Winamac. \$2.00.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Oct 26 1933: 8. Microfilm.

Jungle Pilot to land

McElroy to Land at New Airport on Friday

The new Winamac airport, located two miles north of town just off state road No. 29, has this week been made ready for use. Clarence McElroy, Medaryville aviator in charge of work on the port, has announced that he will make a landing on the new field Friday of this week. The official markers, constructed of galvanized iron and painted a bright yellow, are now being set.

An invitation to make use of the airport has been extended to officials in charge of a state tour to be made the latter part of September. About sixty planes are expected to be in the tour.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Aug 23 1934: 1. Microfilm.

Jungle pilot speaks

AVIATION TALK AT WINAMAC PTA

OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF
FIRST FLIGHT; McELROY
SPEAKER; ORGANIZE
AT STAR CITY

One of the most interesting meetings of the Winamac Parent-Teachers Association was held Monday night in the high school auditorium. A capacity crowd attended the meeting and the Boy Scouts attended in a body.

Included in the program was a Christmas playlet, "The Silver Swan," given by Ruth Nichols, Mary Elizabeth Stalker and Margaret Graffin and coached by Mrs. A. Wayne Holeman.

Clarence McElroy, noted Medaryville flyer, gave an interesting address on aviation, tracing the

advancement made during the past 31 years, from the time the Wright brothers made the first power flight. Monday was the 31st anniversary of that flight and Mr. McElroy joined with the pilots of civil planes and army planes in making a 30-minute flight beginning at 10:30 in honor of the first flyers.

Mr. McElroy, who has made a trip around the world and has been lost in the Honduran jungles of Central America for 17 days, included in his experiences as an aviator, touched briefly on these experiences and predicted for the future faster planes made larger and more comfortable for commercial use.

Following the business meeting in which announcement was made of the organization of a county PTA council and a meeting to be held at Star City for organization, refreshments of coffee, candy, apples and popcorn were served in the home economics room. Santa Claus made a merry appearance and distributed popcorn filled stockings to members and guests.

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Jungle Pilot sponsors contest

SPONSORS PLANE CONTEST

Clarence McElroy, Pulaski county's famed aviator, is sponsoring an airplane model contest. The only rule to be followed in the contest is that the contestant be a pupil in the public or parochial schools of the county.

Any type model may be made and it can be made out of any material. The contestants may get suggestions in the magazines on aviation or by talking to Mr. McElroy himself.

The contest will end some time in April before the close of school when the contestants will bring their models to Winamac for judging. An expert aviator from Indianapolis will judge the models.

Mr. McElroy is offering a suitable trophy for the best model exhibited as well as a substantial prize.

Those wishing to enter should consult their teachers about the contest. A good model can be seen by visiting the office of the county superintendent in the Court House in Winamac.

Winamac (IN) Republican Jan 3 1935: 1. Microfilm.

Model airplane contest

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for County School Pupils**

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The contest is open to the pupils in the public and parochial schools of Winamac as well as the schools of the county.

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Contest sponsored by Jungle Pilot

Airplane Model Contest April 6

The display and judging of the airplane model contest sponsored by Clarence McElroy, noted Medaryville flyer, will be held April 6th at the office of County Supt. Donald Crise. All contestants are asked to bring their models to his office by noon of that day.

Winamac (IN) Republican Mar 28 1935: 1. Microfilm.

Model airplane contest

Teachers' Meeting, Plane

Model Contest, April 6

The last county teachers' meeting of the school term is to be held in the Winamac high school assembly at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday of next week, April 6, it is announced by Supt. Donald L. Crise. Rev. Doyle Mullen of Rensselaer will be speaker.

The same day, April 6, is also the date of the airplane model contest sponsored by Clarence McElroy. It will be held in the office of the county superintendent, in the court house. School children having models to enter are required to have them in that office by noon of that day.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Mar 28 1935: 1. Microfilm.

Model airplane winner

**Airplane Models in County
Contest Now on Display**

Awards have been made this week in the airplane model contest sponsored by Clarence McElroy, with first place voted to Charles Hoesel of Winamac on a good sized model of a Boeing fighting plane. He was presented an appropriate trophy.

Other entries adjudged worthy of honorable mention were made by David Roudebush of Winamac; Alfred Schlatter and Herbert Cords of Francesville, both eleven years of age, and four small models by Philip, Arthur, Edward and Richard Liebing of Francesville.

All of the models were placed on display in the north window of the Hoch hardware store. They were judged by Robert F. Shank, FERA works director, who is an experienced pilot.

In addition to the trophy awarded the winner, Mr. McElroy plans to take all of the contestants on airplane rides. He also expects to continue the model contest next year, and O. H. Keller is to furnish free the wood needed by model makers.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Apr 11 1935: 1. Microfilm.

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Model airplane winner

BUD HOESL WINS PLANE CONTEST

ROUDEBUSH SECOND; HONORABLE MENTION FOR WEST SIDE BOYS; FREE RIDES

Charles (Bud) Hoesel, Winamac sophomore, was adjudged the winner of the 1935 model airplane contest Tuesday. The contest was sponsored by Pilot Clarence McElroy and the judge was Robert F. Shank, local FERA director.

Bud's prize-winning model is a Boeing fighter, what is known as the low-wing. It is correctly colored in dark olive drab with yellow wings, on the bottom of which appear "U. S. Army" and the army insignia. Messrs. Shank and McElroy state that the stick is hooked up properly to operate the ailerons and elevator on the tail. In fact, the plane looks like it would take off any minute.

The trophy which Bud will receive has a square black bakelite base, surmounted by a miniature airplane. On the face is a silver plate on which will be lettered: "Charles Hoesel, Winner 1935 Pulaski County Model Airplane Contest."

David Roudebush, local senior, won second with a realistic model of a Curtiss navy hell diver.

Hoesel and Roudebush will each be given an airplane ride by Clarence McElroy. And each one will be entitled to take a buddy or friend along on the ride.

Honorable mention went to Edward, 14; Richard, 12; Arthur, 9, and Philip, 9, sons of Mrs. Johanna Liebing of Francesville; Alfred Schlatter, 11, and Herbert Cords, 11, of Francesville. Each of these latter boys will receive a free airplane ride.

The planes are on exhibition in the Main street window of Hoch Hardware.

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BUD HOESL WINS PLANE CONTEST

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Another contest will be held next year, and O. H. Keller has agreed to furnish free of charge the balsa wood used in making the planes to all boys whose entries are officially certified by the school authorities. There will be two classes next year—grade and high school.

In connection with the contest, it is interesting to note that Robert F. Shank, the judge, is the only survivor of the four pioneer pilots who inaugurated the first air mail in the United States. This was the Washington-New York route, begun in 1918. Mr. Shank served as a wartime flying instructor.

Jungle pilot teaches

West Side Young Man Makes First Solo Flight

Paul Gutwein, well known Francesville young man, has completed a course of study in piloting an airplane, under the direction of Pilot Clarence McElroy, and last Sunday made his first solo flight from Winamac's new municipal airport. He is the first Pulaski county lad to be trained and solo from the airport here.

William Moose, who lives west of Winamac, keeps his plane at the airport but received his instructions at Kokomo.

Pilot McElroy announces that a large army plane from the Indiana National guard will be at the airport next Sunday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, in connection with some American Legion business.

Winamac (IN) Republican Apr 11 1935: 1&8. Microfilm.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Apr 25 1935: 1. Microfilm.

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Jungle Pilot to start school

AVIATION SCHOOL HERE

Clarence McElroy, well known local aviator, has leased the Winamac airport and will open an aviation school in the near future. He has already enrolled several students.

Paul Gutwein, who recently soloed, was the first student to do so at the local airport.

William Moose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moose, of Rich Grove, brought in his new Travelair plane last week and is keeping it at the local field.

Both Mr. Gutwein and Mr. Moose are students of Mr. McElroy.

Sunday at 1 o'clock a Curtiss army observation plane, piloted by Capt. Lawrence Aretz, of Lafayette, will land here. The plane is one being sent over the state by the American Legion in behalf of its membership drive.

Winamac (IN) Republican Apr 25 1935: 1. Microfilm.

Airplane Rides 50 cents

AIRPLANE RIDES

50c

SATURDAY AND UNTIL SUNDAY NOON

After Sunday Noon the Usual Price, \$1.

This is the only time this season you may take a ride for this low price of 50c. Come Early.

CLARENCE McELROY
Pilot

Winamac (IN) Republican Jul 11 1935: 8. Microfilm.

Jungle pilot returns from air show

Clarence McElroy came home Thursday after two weeks at Miami, Fla., where he attended the air show.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Dec 26 1935: 5. Microfilm.

Jungle Pilot takes 'day job'

ANNOUNCEMENT

I Have Leased the

SINCLAIR SUPER SERVICE STATION

at Monticello and Pearl streets in Winamac, and invite the public to take advantage of the many services we offer. We wish to retain all old customers and will welcome new ones.

Give us an opportunity to show you what real "Super Service" means. One stop for complete attention to your car.

SINCLAIR GAS and OIL. GOODYEAR TIRES

CLARENCE E. McELROY

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Mar 26 1936: 2. Microfilm.

Jungle Pilot takes 'day job'

DOWN FROM THE SKY

After being "up in the air" for several years, Pilot Clarence McElroy planted himself securely on the ground at Winamac, Indiana, when he became manager of the Maddox super service station. Mac says he will let the birds have the air most of the time and forget all about mountain sides and Mexico where he sells Sinclair products Goodyear tires, etc. Gene Harrington will remain as Mac's right hand man.

I Have Taken Over the Management of the

Sinclair Super Service Station

at the corner of Pearl and Monticello streets and solicit your business for that

SUPER SINCLAIR GAS

SINCLAIR OIL

SINCLAIR GREASES

GOODYEAR TIRES & TUBES

PRESTO-LITE BATTERIES

CLARENCE McELROY

GENE HARRINGTON, Attendant

Winamac (IN) Republican Mar 26 1936: 8. Microfilm.

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Airport happenings

AIRPORT HAPPENINGS

John Moyer, Star City truckman, made a very successful solo flight recently at the local airport with a large audience watching the "show." "Teacher" McElroy gave his pupil a high grade on his flight.

Mrs. Lenore Harper, who moved here recently from Rochester, has purchased a Rearwin, Jr., plane which is being kept at the local hangar.

Ivan Bierrum, of Francesville, has purchased the Waco 4-place cabin plane which was here Sunday for a short time.

Winamac (IN) Republican Apr 9 1936: 1. Microfilm.

Spring Opening

SPRING OPENING OF AIRPORT
3 AIRPLANES
NEW WACO CABIN PLANE
Special Flights Over New National Park.
Planes and Pilots Government Licensed.
C. L. McELROY, Mgr:

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat May 7 1936: 8. Microfilm.

Air News

Seems Like an
AirNewsColumn

Will Have To Be Added
to Newspapers One
of These Days.

Several well known air men visited the Winamac airport Sunday. Clarence McElroy was host to Hiram Snyder, manager of the South Bend airport; Dr. Snyder, designer of a new plane known as the "Arup," and Mr. Post, also of South Bend; Joe Smith and Bill Kaiser* of Niles, Mich., who flew a "Davis Ship," and Bob Peters of Hollywood, Fla., formerly of the Riverside Military school of Gainesville, Ga.

Mr. McElroy, Joe A. Grant and O. H. Keller flew to Rochester yesterday to attend a Kiwanis meeting, and E. G. Gorrell accompanied them on the return. The trip was made in a four-place Waco cabin plane, "Miss Winamac," driven by Mr. McElroy, and included an air view of the federal park project, of which Mr. Grant is in charge.

Ivan Bierrum made his first freight delivery by air Tuesday in a cross-country flight to Francesville with a radio for a customer in that place.

Mrs. Lenore Harper was at Lafayette Sunday where she took part in the American Legion air show.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat May 28 1936: 1. Microfilm.

Air Tour



LIEUT. JOSEPH C. MACKAY
Famed stunt flyer, who will perform at the Air Tour, may at the Winamac Airport, Thursday afternoon, June 25, at 2:30.

**AIR TOUR HERE
NEXT THURSDAY**

MCELROY ARRANGES FOR 60
PLANES; FAMED STUNT
FLYERS WILL
PERFORM

Although preliminary arrangements left the Winamac airport off the stop list of the eighth annual Indiana Air Tour, Clarence McElroy, manager of the local airport, finally succeeded in getting the 60 planes to set down at the local port next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 and remain until 6 o'clock when they will take off for a night stop at Culver.

Feaston McElroy, again will be guest of honor, who will lead his entire staff of expert pilots in the Linco Flying circus, putting his plane through a series of rolls, power dives, power spins, inverted acrobatics and outside loops. Mackay will also be shown with his "Devil" who has just returned from France, where he and his flying circus was featured in the International Air Races.

Mike Murphy, of Kokomo, another outstanding stunt flyer, will give an exhibition which promises to eclipse his performance last year.

Included in the 60 planes will be one of the largest planes made, a tri-motored Stinson, and the smallest made, a Taylor Cub. Private planes, army planes and fast planes of every make will be in the tour.

The tour will leave Indianapolis Monday morning and will return the following Sunday, making stops at many ports in Indiana and one in Ohio.

Clarence McElroy, who will make the tour this year with his bride, the former Lenore Harper, and Ivan Bierrum, in Bierrum's paper wing Waco, will celebrate

Mac and the new Mrs. McElroy for the first time on the tour. Four years ago this week, Mac made his now famous crash in the Mexican jungles, after which he crawled for 17 days without food or water. This year Mac says he will celebrate the occasion by spending his honeymoon on the tour.

Herbert O. Fisher, tour director; Walker W. Winslow, president of the Indiana Aircraft Trade Association; Howard O. Warren, Jr., publicity chairman, and Clyde Shockley, of Kokomo, arrived at the local airport at 10:22 today and made final arrangements for the local stop.

They were greeted by several local residents.

Of course, the public is cordially invited to attend the local meet, so don't forget the date—Thursday, June 25, beginning at 2:15 o'clock p. m.

Winamac (IN) Republican Jun 18 1936L 1&8. Microfilm.

Greatest Generation of Pulaski County Profile – McElroyC

Free souvenir



Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jun 18 1936: 8. Microfilm.

Cavacade comin'

LOCAL PORT ON STATE AIR TOUR

**Cavalcade of Planes Again
to Visit Winamac, Next
Thursday Afternoon.**

Winamac is again on the route of the annual Indiana Air Tour, and the fifty or sixty planes making the trip will visit the local airport next Thursday afternoon, June 25.

Arrangements to this effect have been made this week by Clarence L. McElroy, manager of the airport, supported by a group of Winamac business men who are financing the visit. As in previous years, visitors from far and near will be welcome at the port during the stop, without charge. Exhibitions of stunt flying will be put on by Mike Murphy of Kokomo; Lieut. Joseph C. Mackey of Findlay, Ohio, who has just returned from an exhibition tour of Europe, and others.

Under the schedule as now arranged, the planes in the 1,500-mile tour of the state will start from Indianapolis on Monday. After spending Wednesday night at South Bend they will leave there Thursday morning for Rensselaer, and shortly before noon will fly from there to Rochester, passing over Pulaski county. Following lunch at Rochester they will come to Winamac, arriving between 2:30 and 3:00. It is expected. Toward evening they will leave for Culver to spend the night.

Honeymoon for McElroys.

Mr. and Mrs. McElroy, recently married, will spend their honeymoon by making the tour of Indiana next week. She was formerly Mrs. Lenore Harper, and like Mr. McElroy has long been prominent in Hoosier air circles. Both have made the annual tour in previous years.

Records of American aviators show that Mr. and Mrs. McElroy are the only man and wife both holding transport licenses.

Next week's tour will be the eighth one sponsored by the Indiana Aircraft Trades association. It is intended to stimulate more widespread interest in aviation as a safe and dependable mode of transportation. More than thirty planes, ranging from a tiny Taylor Cub to a giant Stinson tri-motor, had been entered up to the fore part of this week, and officials believed that or quite reached by the time the tour starts.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jun 18 1963: 1. Microfilm.

Air Tour starting

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy, Ivan Bierrum and James Dilts Jr., are on the state air tour this week. Mrs. McElroy is flying her own plane and Mr. McElroy, Ivan Bierrum and James Dilts are in the Waco plane.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jun 25 1936: 1. Microfilm.

Air Tour starting

PLANE TOURISTS ARRIVING HERE

**DAREDEVILS BURNING THE
SKIES; McELROYS, BIER-
RUM AND DILTS
ON TOUR**

With a clear blue sky for a perfect ceiling and ideal weather conditions, the 50-some planes of the eighth Indiana Air tour roared over town this afternoon for their scheduled stop at the local port and to thrill the several thousand air minded residents with their antics in the air.

From the tiniest Taylor Cub to the largest tri-motored Stinson and the loudest army plane all were prepared to enjoy the afternoon at the port and entertain the crowd. The stunt parade, led by the famous Lieut. Joe Mackey and his world known Linco flying circus, and Wild Mike Murphy of

Kokomo was all that anyone could expect. The stunt pilots put their planes through power dives, spins of all kinds, barrel rolls and tapered off with sky writing and upside down flying.

Many spectators availed themselves of the opportunity to see the crowd and the country from the field when they took rides in the various planes, piloted by notables.

The tour, which began Monday morning at the Indianapolis airport, has been stopping at various towns putting on their show and otherwise enjoying themselves.

Local persons on the tour are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy, Ivan Bierrum and James Dilts, Jr. The latter is the first from Winamac, not a licensed pilot, to follow the tour. McElroy, pilot, Bierrum and Dilts are in Bierrum's taper wing Waco, while Mrs. McElroy is flying her own Rearwin Junior.

Bill Moose, formerly of Denham and now of Russiaville, has been getting his share of publicity on the tour by having as a passenger Lola Mae, a Jersey calf.

Winamac (IN) Republican Jun 25 1936: 1. Microfilm.

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Cupid rides in trip



On the Indiana Air Tour in progress this week are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy of this city, taking what amounts to their honeymoon trip following their recent marriage. Their pictures are here printed through courtesy of the South Bend News-Times. Mrs. McElroy was formerly Mrs. Lenore Harper, well known, like her husband, as an experienced pilot. This year's air tour has Winamac on its schedule for this (Thursday) afternoon.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jun 25 1936: 2. Microfilm.

Air Tour thrills

State Air Tour Brings Thrills to Winamac Crowd

Hundreds of Pulaski county people gathered at the Winamac airport last Thursday afternoon to welcome more than forty planes making the annual Indiana Air Tour; to inspect the variety of ships, ranging from a tiny "Cub" to giant tri-motor cabin planes, and to enjoy the thrills afforded by exhibitions of stunt flying.

The first of the planes arrived shortly after 3:00 o'clock, and from then on for nearly an hour they came floating in, most of them circling the port before landing. They were taxied into long rows on two sides of the field, just within the long lines of automobiles that had brought the local visitors.

Lieut. Joseph Mackey of Findlay, Ohio, didn't take time to land before he put on an exciting exhibition of rolling, diving, upside-down flying and other tricky stunts. Then followed a similar exhibition by Mike Murphy of Ko-

romo, who kept the spectators in a state of awe as he drove his small machine into every conceivable kind of twist. Both flyers received rounds of applause on landing.

Home Folks In Party.

The tour carried no little local interest, because four Pulaski county people were in the party—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy and James Dilts Jr. of Winamac, and Ivan Bierrum of Francesville. They made the entire trip over the state, except that they flew home Wednesday evening instead of spending that night with the party at Michigan City.

Friday, the day after the stop here, marked the fourth anniversary of Mr. McElroy's crash in the jungles of Central America, where his plane struck a mountain during a storm and he lay injured for seventeen days before a native Indian boy rescued him.

The tourists came here from Rochester, after a previous stop at Rensselaer. After an hour of refreshment they started out in groups of one to three for Culver, where they spent the night. The state tour ended Sunday.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jul 2 1936: 2. Microfilm.

Exhibition flying

EXHIBITION FLYING

Sunday, July 19, at
WINAMAC AIRPORT

4 AIRPLANES

Passenger Rides \$1

Willard Moose, local pilot, will give exhibition. Lenore McElroy, Indiana's only woman transport pilot, and Clarence L. McElroy, will also stunt and take up passengers. Starts at 4:00 o'clock.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jul 16 1936: 2. Microfilm.

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Jungle Pilot does airports AND cars

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Jungle Pilot speaks

**Aviator Tells Club of
Trip Around the World**

An interesting talk in which he told of some of his experiences in a trip around the world was given by Clarence McElroy before the Kiwanis club Tuesday noon. He was sent to Manila in 1931 by a commercial aviation company to establish airplane service on the Philippine Islands, and remained there in that work for ten months. The return trip was made by way of the Suez canal and Mediterranean Sea. He recited incidents on trips to Japan, China, India and other points, including passport difficulties that were solved by use of the international pilots' license which he holds.

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Jungle Pilot speaks

MAC'S TRAVELOGUE

Kiwanians sat in quiet amazement Tuesday noon as Clarence McElroy, our own internationally famous aviator, told in a calm matter-of-fact manner of some of his adventures flying in the Philippines and voyaging around the world.

Mac touched lightly on his own exploits, choosing to confine himself to what might be termed a birdseye view of famous ports of the Orient such as Honolulu, Manila, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Penang, Bombay. By degrees he took his audience from Medaryville to the Suez canal, and then for lack of time, announced that he would continue his description of his world tour at a latter date. Kiwanians are eagerly looking forward to the next chapter of Mac's sight-seeing, which he so vividly described.

Incidentally, Mac inaugurated the first air mail in the Philippines.

Winamac (IN) Republican Nov 12 1936: 1. Microfilm.

Forming student club

**Air Pilots Organize
Student Association**

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy were at Indianapolis Monday and Tuesday on aviation affairs. Mr. McElroy, as chairman of the Air Tour committee, was engaged with other committee members in making arrangements for the annual Indiana air tour. Mrs. McElroy is secretary of the Indiana Pilots' Association.

The flying McElroys have organized a subsidiary pilots' association here, with membership including student pilots from the Winamac airport, of which Mr. McElroy is manager, as well as pilots and students from nearby counties. At the first organization meeting, held last Thursday night at the Sinclair service station, T. G. Louden of Culver was chosen president; William Clark of Knox, vice president; Mr. McElroy, treasurer, and William Hipsher of Winamac, chairman of the membership committee. Boys interested in model building and flying are also eligible to membership in the local club.

Mr. McElroy has purchased a new Taylor Cub trainer plane, especially adapted to the training of students, and expects to have it at the airport by the first of April.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Mar 18 1937: 1. Microfilm.

Greatest Generation of Pulaski County Profile – McElroyC

New plane delivery expected

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy are in the market for a new plane after awaiting word daily that the new Taylor Cub which they had purchased would be ready for delivery. The Taylor airplane factory at Bradford, Pa., was destroyed by fire, along with the contents, among which was the plane ordered by the McElroys.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Mar 25 1937: 1. Microfilm.

Winamac Pilots' Club

Aviation to be Topic of Friday Evening Meeting

An open meeting of the Winamac Pilots' club is to be held Friday evening of this week, at the library auditorium. Several well known pilots are expected to be present, including President Tarkington of the Indiana Pilots' association and Straley Thorpe of Hammond, also an officer in that organization.

An invitation is being extended to all persons interested in aviation, including boys and girls interested in model planes.

The Indiana state air tour was set for the week of June 18 to 24, at a meeting of the state association at Indianapolis on Monday. Clarence McElroy of Winamac, as chairman of the air tour committee, and Mrs. McElroy, who is secretary of the group, attended the meeting.



Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Apr 1 1937: 8. Microfilm.

New plane expected

Clarence McElroy expects to have a new Taylor cub trainer plane at the airport by Sunday. The plane is now in Muncie, having been saved when the factory in Pennsylvania was recently destroyed by fire. Mrs. McElroy was in Indianapolis Monday on business connected with the Indiana Pilots' club.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Apr 15 1937: 1. Microfilm.

Daredevils comin'

PLANES COMING NEXT WEDNESDAY

AGGREGATION OF FLYERS
INCLUDING DAREDEVIL
STUNTERS ARE DUE
HERE AT 2 P. M.

Through the efforts of our own famed aviator, Clarence McElroy, and O. H. Keller, together with substantial contributions of Winamac business and professional men, Winamac has been named as one of the 18 Indiana towns on the schedule of the ninth annual Indiana Air Tour.

The schedule calls for the first planes to arrive at the Winamac airport next Wednesday afternoon (June 16) at 2 o'clock. The planes will come here from Lafayette and after spending the afternoon here will go on to Rochester for the night.

After the half-hundred or more aircraft of various sizes and design have glided gracefully onto the local airport, the thrilling aerobatics of the Linco Flying Aces, headed by Lieut. Joseph C. Mackey, veteran performers at the nation's most famous air races, will be the center of attraction.

Mike Murphy, manager of the Kokomo airport and Indiana's most famed stunt flyer, will also be on the program again. Most sensational of Murphy's aerobatics is an exhibition of "crazy flying."



MIKE MURPHY

Daredevil stunt flyer who will help entertain at the Winamac Airport Wednesday afternoon.

in which he demonstrates "how not to fly"; rolling, side-slipping, zooming and diving a tiny "cub" type plane as he imitates a timid pilot attempting a take-off and landing.

Virtually all of Indiana's leading aviation personalities will be included in the tour, which will be better and bigger than ever.

To insure safety at the airport for the throng, which is sure to attend, it will be policed by Sheriff Hilbert Wacknitz and deputies and state policemen assisted by the Winamac Boy Scouts.

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Stunt Flyers

Stunt Flyers in Air Tour Next Week



LIEUT. JOSEPH MACKEY



MIKE MURPHY

PLANE TOUR HERE
NEXT WEDNESDAY

Annual Air Event Again
Has Winamac Port on
Visiting List.

Winamac is again on the route of the annual State Air Tour and the local orators plan to be on hand to make the trip are to visit the local airport next Wednesday afternoon, June 16.

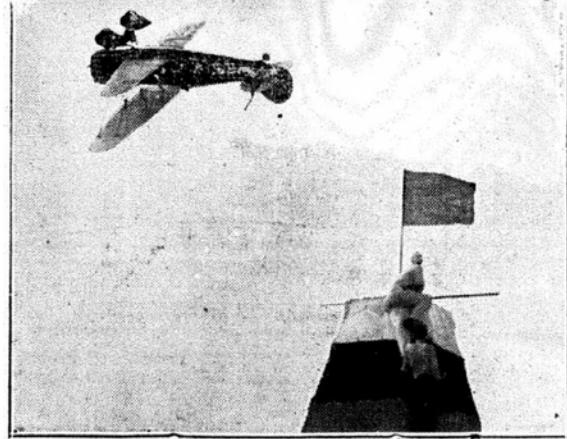
Arrangements to this effect have been made this week by Clarence McElroy, manager of the Winamac Inn, who is joined by a group of business men who are financing the visit.

After the two years, visitors from far and near will be welcome at the airport during the afternoon, when the air show will be presented by Mike Murphy of Kos-Lous and Lt. J. C. Mackey of Findlay, Ohio, both of whom provided the crowd with thrills last year.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jun 10 1937: 1. Microfilm.

Daredevil appears

DAREDEVIL STUNTER AT AIR MEET

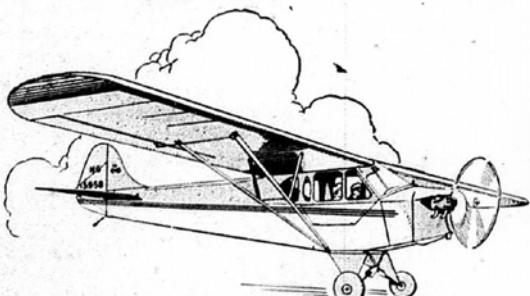


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McElroy Flying Service

Ride in our New Plane
at the
WINAMAC AIRPORT
ALL DAY SUNDAY



The Taylor Cub, the World's Safest Plane
McElroy Flying Service
Clarence McElroy Experienced Pilot

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Students solo

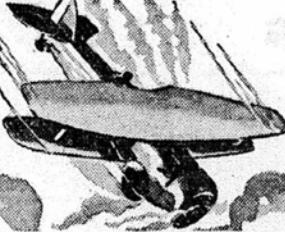
STUDENTS SOLO

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy, local pilots, have had the following students make successful solo flights, at the local airport: Harold Learch and Merrill Hamontree of Logansport; Harry Hawkins of Culver, Bob Wilson of Kewanna. Wayne North has received his student permit and plans to solo this week end.

Winamac (IN) Republican Sep 2 1937: 1. Microfilm.

Air Show

AIR SHOW
Winamac
Airport
**Sunday,
October 3**



Six Airplanes and Pilots
Lieut. Nelson of Kokomo, Bud Hoesel of Winamac, and Bill Clark of Knox, in exhibition flying.
Bob Peters of South Bend, using a new Taylor Cub to show how NOT to fly a plane.
Lenore McElroy of Winamac, in a 5,000-foot tail spin.
PASSENGER FLIGHTS ALL DAY
Admission: Adults 25 cents. Children 10 cents.
Free Parking—In order to comply with U. S. Department of Commerce Safety Regulations, no parking will be permitted within ONE-HALF MILE except within a specified area at the side of the field, where there is plenty of parking space.
C. L. McELROY, Manager

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Sep 30 1937: 8. Microfilm.

Air show

AIR SHOW
Sunday Oct. 3

WINAMAC AIRPORT

Exhibition flying by Bill Clark of Knox, Bud Hoesel of Winamac and Lieut. Nelson of Kokomo.
Crazy flying by Bob Peters of South Bend.
Exhibition in Taylor Cub, ribbon cutting, bomb dropping and spot landings.

AFTERNOON OF FLYING
Passenger Flights All Day

Admission 10c, 25c Free Parking in Field

Winamac (IN) Republican Sep 30 1937: 8

Key West is mentioned for the first time

VACATION BY PLANE.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy are planning an airplane trip to Miami and **Key West, Fla.**, the latter part of this month.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Nov 11 1937: 1. Microfilm.

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Flyin' to Florida air meet

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy left Friday in their airplane for Miami, Fla., where they expect to take part in an air meet.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Dec 2 1937: 1. Microfilm.

Flyin' to Florida air meet

FLY TO FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy left here at 2 o'clock Friday in his Taylor Cub to fly to Miami, Fla., where they are attending the International Air races. They went from here to Muncie, and left Muncie Saturday afternoon with 35 other planes.

Winamac (IN) Republican Dec 2 1937: 1. Microfilm.

Lands on lake

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy visited at Culver Sunday, making the trip by plane and landing on the ice of Lake Maxinkuckee. Or should it be said that they "landed" on ice? Anyhow, Mr. McElroy says he had not planned to "land" until he noticed an automobile on the ice, and he knew it would hold his Cub plane if it would a car. The ice, he learned, was eleven inches thick.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jan 20 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Returns from Florida

RETURNS FROM AIR RACE

Mrs. Clarence McElroy returned home this morning from Miami, Fla., where she and Mr. McElroy had attended the air races. Mr. McElroy remained, to await suitable flying weather, to bring his plane home.

Winamac (IN) Republican Dec 9 1937: 1. Microfilm.

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Profile – McElroyC

Report from Miami trip

Little Visits

"There were more than 500 private planes on the trip to Miami, Florida, that Mrs. McElroy and I took a short time ago," remarked Clarence McElroy in speaking the other day of the number of people who are learning to fly.

"Factories are getting planes on a production basis," he went on, "and you can now buy a new plane for about the same price that many of the automobiles are being sold for. The factory where I got mine reports that deliveries cannot be made within about three months.

"Airports are becoming more plentiful, and better. Flying is much more simple than it used to be, too. You just set the controls for height and direction, and there you are. No hanging onto a steering wheel every minute of the trip. Taking off and landing are about all there is to it."

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Feb 3 1938: 1. Microfilm.

More airports, more planes

Sees Airport as Necessity to Plane Growth

Development of aviation from a commercial standpoint will from now on depend largely upon the adequacy of landing fields, declared Clarence Carnish, manager of the Fort Wayne airport, in an address before the Winamac Kiwanis club Tuesday noon. He was here as a guest of Clarence McElroy, manager of the local port.

Mr. Carnish reviewed the rapid development of the airplane as a means of transportation during the little more than thirty years since the first heavier-than-air machines were successfully flown, and described some of the monstrous ships now under construction. One to be launched in April, he said, will carry a hundred passengers.

What of the Future?

No one can reasonably foretell, he pointed out, the extent of regularly scheduled air lines of the future. Nor can one comprehend the rapid increase in the use of private planes which various manufacturers are anticipating.

He urges that the construction and maintenance of airports near towns and cities, at least one to a county, should be carried on jointly between federal, state and local governments. Pointing out that the automobile became popular only as rapidly as highways were improved, he insisted that attention to airports will be equally necessary.

He added that an airport can be regarded either as a commercial enterprise or as a park. Records kept at Fort Wayne, he said, show that more people visit the airport there each year than visit all the parks of the city combined.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Feb 10 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Pilot retells lost time

Clarence McElroy was at Hamlet Tuesday evening as the speaker at a Father and Sons banquet, where he related his experiences when his plane crashed in a Central American jungle a few years ago. He was accompanied to Hamlet by Raymond Braman.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Feb 17 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Pilot retells lost time

ADDRESSES FATHER-SONS

Supt. Clarence McElroy of the Winamac airport was in Hamlet Tuesday evening where he was the principal speaker at a father's and son banquet. Mac told of his experience in Mexico at the time of his crash several years ago when he was lost in the mountains for 18 days.

Winamac (IN) Republican Feb 17 1938: 8. Microfilm.

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Profile – McElroyC

McElroy on a bicycle!

Little Visits

It was more than a "little visit" which several onlookers enjoyed Monday evening as they watched Clarence McElroy trying to make his way along an ice-covered street on a bicycle, guiding the thing with one hand and holding an armload of bundles with the other. "He has flown an airplane all over the United States and the jungles of Central America," remarked one of the observers. "He once flew one of those old open-faced planes, where the driver sat up in front, from Chicago to Omaha. He had traveled around the world on steamboats. He lately flew from here to Miami and back in his Taylor cub. He drives an automobile as easily as a kid does a scooter. But a little old two-wheeled bicycle on a slippery street almost gets his goat."

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Feb 24 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Emergency landing

MAKE EMERGENCY LANDING

Fred Hight of Chinook, Mont., became lost Saturday while enroute to his home from Cincinnati, O., in his new Aeronica and landed at the local airport. With the assistance of Clarence McElroy, he took off a short time later after refueling.

Hight said he struck bad weather after his take off at Cincinnati and got off his course. His gas supply was almost exhausted when he sighted the sign on the Von Tobel Lumber building locating the local port.

Winamac (IN) Republican Mar 24 1938: 8. Microfilm.

Airmail

To Carry Air Mail

In celebration of air mail week, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy have been invited by the Postoffice department to carry the Winamac mail by airplane to either Chicago or Indianapolis on May 19th.

Winamac (IN) Republican Apr 21 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Greatest Generation of Pulaski County
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Pilot quits day job

QA change in management of the Sinclair service station, at Monticello and Pearl streets, became effective the first of the week when Clarence McElroy turned over the lease to Harry Shorter. The latter has been associated with James Jenkins in management of the former Dugan Zellers station on North Monticello street, and has turned that over to Jenkins. McElroy's helpers at the downtown station, Gene Harrington and Kenneth Heater, are being retained by the new proprietor.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Apr 21 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Pilot quits day job

ANNOUNCEMENT

I have bought out Clarence McElroy at the Sinclair Super Service Station, corner of Pearl and Monticello streets, and will continue to serve you with the efficient help of Gene Harrington and Kenneth Heater.

Gas, Oils, Accessories, Greasing and Washing.

HARRY SHORTER

Shorter's Sinclair Service

AT YOUR SERVICE

Winamac (IN) Republican Apr 21 1938: 8. Microfilm.

Tells of jungle time

FATHER-SONS TO EAT

Plans are under way for a father-sons get-together at the Masonic club room Friday evening. Arrangements have been made for a menu that is thought will appeal to the boys.

Clarence McElroy will tell of his crash in the Central American jungles and other aviation stories of interest to the youth.

All master Masons in good standing are urged to be present and bring a son, or a neighbor's son, providing the son is under 21 years of age.

The affair is to start promptly at 7 o'clock with a feed, which will be provided by the lodge.

Winamac (IN) Republican Apr 28 1938: 1. Microfilm.

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Profile – McElroyC

Air mailing

McElroys to Fly Air Mail During 'Week'

Pulaski county will have direct part in the national celebration of Air Mail Week, May 15 to 21, with the appointment of both Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy of Winamac as pilots of planes which will participate in the pick-up of mail on two routes in northern Indiana.

Under the schedule received this week by Postmaster Charles Lebo, from the Indiana Air Mail Pick-Up Feeder Committee, Mr. McElroy will leave the Winamac airport at 9:15 o'clock on Thursday morning, May 19, and fly to Monticello, thence to Logansport, thence to Indianapolis.

On the same day Mrs. McElroy will leave here at 9:30 a.m. flying to Rensselaer, thence to Wolcott, thence to Indianapolis. Both planes are due in the capital city at 11:00.

Mail from any point may be dispatched here on either plane, Mr. Lebo states. A special rubber stamp, known as a "cachet," is being secured for use on all air mail dispatched from Winamac during the week. It is of appropriate design, with a drawing of Chief Winamac in the center.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat May 5 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Air mailing

McELROYS TO CARRY AIR MAIL MAY 19TH

Word has been received from Herbert Fisher at Indianapolis by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy that they have been selected to carry the air mail from Winamac to that city May 19th.

In a letter received this morning, the tentative arrangement for Mr. McElroy is for him to leave here at 9:15 a. m., be at Monticello at 9:35, Logansport at 9:55 and Indianapolis at 11.

Mrs. McElroy is to leave here at 9:30 and make stops at Rensselaer and Wolcott on her way to Indianapolis, arriving there at 11.

Mr. McElroy will fly his Taylor cub monoplane and Mrs. McElroy her Rearwin cabin plane. Neither will receive any compensation for their services, the flights being in celebration of air mail week, May 15-21.

In celebration of the week, Mr. and Mrs. McElroy have invited a number of pilots to be here at the Winamac airport with their ships Sunday, May 15.

Winamac (IN) Republican May 5 1938: 1. Microfilm.

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Profile – McElroyC

Air Mail starts

**Plane to Start Mail Trip
from Winamac Thursday**



A special rubber stamp appropriate to National Air Mail Week has been secured by Postmaster Charles Lebo and his assistants in the Winamac office, for use on all air mail dispatched from here between May 15 and 21. The drawing from which the stamp was made is shown above.

The nation-wide observance of Air Mail Week is of unusual significance to Winamac and Pulaski county, since two well known local air pilots will originate pick-up flights from Winamac on Thursday morning, May 19, for trips to Indianapolis.

Mr. McElroy is to take off from the Winamac airport at 9:15 o'clock on the morning of May 19, flying by way of Monticello (9:35) and Logansport (9:55), reaching Indianapolis at 11:00. There are no official air ports at Monticello or Logansport, but the pilot has made trips there to arrange for landing fields which he will use.

Mrs. McElroy, originally scheduled to start from Winamac, will begin her flight at North Judson, according to new information received this week. She is to leave there at 9:00 a.m., traveling to Indianapolis by way of Rensselaer and Wolcott.

Letters to be dispatched by air from here, should be in the Winamac postoffice by 8:00 o'clock that morning. Mr. Lebo states. They can be left at the office at any previous time and will be held for the flight upon request.

All interested persons are urged to visit the airport at the time of the departure, to witness the first air mail flight from Winamac. It is pointed out that folks may want to tell their grandchildren about it in future years, just as aged people of today recall the first mail that reached their home towns by rail.

The postage rate on air mail has recently been reduced, and is now only double the regular letter rate. That is, a letter taking three cents by regular mail goes by air for six cents, to any point in this country.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat May 12 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Air Mail starts

**SLIGHT CHANGES IN
AIR MAIL WEEK PLAN**

Plans for the observance of National Air Mail week were changed here slightly this week when Postmaster Charles Lebo received word that Mrs. Clarence McElroy, who was scheduled to leave the local airport, will leave North Judson at 9 o'clock, on her flight to Indianapolis. Both Mr. and Mrs. McElroy will fly the mail to Indianapolis next Thursday, May 19.

Mrs. McElroy's schedule will be as follows: Leave North Judson at 9 o'clock, Rensselaer at 9:50, Wolcott at 10:15 and arrive in In-

dianapolis at 11 o'clock. Mr. McElroy will leave the local airport at 9:15, Monticello at 9:35, Logansport at 9:55 and will arrive at Indianapolis at 11.

All are invited to be at the local airport, to see the start of the flight of the first air mail to be sent from here.

In observance of the occasion, Postmaster Charles Lebo has announced that a rubber stamp will be used on all letters during the week, with a picture of an Indian and the words "Chief Winamac, Winamac, Indiana". Those desiring to send letters by air mail may mail them Wednesday and request they be held until Thursday. Otherwise they will be mailed as usual. It is desired by postoffice officials that a large amount of letters be sent from here on the first flight.

Winamac (IN) Republican May 12 1938: 1. Microfilm.

First air mailing

**Interested Group Watches Start
of First Airmail Out of Winamac**



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy, Winamac airplane pilots, today flew mail pick-up routes in observance of National Airmail Week.

Mr. McElroy took off from the Winamac airport shortly before 9:15 this morning. He carried a bag of nearly 500 letters, all bearing imprint of the special stamp that had been secured by the local postoffice for use on all airmail dispatched from here during the week. Heading southwest, he was due for stops at Monticello and Logansport before reaching Indianapolis at 11:00 o'clock.

Also this morning, at 9:30, Mrs. McElroy took off in her own plane from Rensselaer, carrying airmail assembled there. Her schedule called for a stop at Wolcott at

10:15 o'clock, with arrival at Indianapolis the same time as her husband. Both expected to fly back here this afternoon.

Mr. McElroy regarded today's flight as a sort of observance of the sixth anniversary of his rescue from the jungles of Central America, where he languished for seventeen days in the summer of 1932 after his plane had crashed against a mountain during a storm.

Both aviators look on today's short flights as forerunners of what the future may hold in airmail service. Both are confident that aviation is merely in its infancy, and that within a few years the use of planes in carrying mail, even over short distances, will be a common practice.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat May 19 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Greatest Generation of Pulaski County
Profile – McElroyC

First air mailing

460 PIECES IN FIRST WINAMAC AIR MAIL

Nine pounds of mail comprised of 460 pieces were sent from here this morning on the first plane to ever carry mail from Winamac. Clarence McElroy was at the controls, and from here went to Monticello, thence to Logansport and Indianapolis. The event was in celebration of National Air Mail week.

Because of a strong head wind, which might delay his arrival at Monticello, it was necessary for McElroy to take off a few minutes ahead of the scheduled time of 9:15, and many were disappointed in their attempt to see the start of the flight.

Mrs. McElroy went to Rensselaer early this morning, where her flight started at 9:30. From there she was scheduled for a stop at Wolcott on her way to Indianapolis.

Winamac (IN) Republican May 19 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Stepson injured

LAD INJURED BY CAR.

Richard Harper, son of Mrs. Clarence McElroy, was painfully cut and bruised Wednesday evening when his bicycle was struck on Monticello street near the Felker blacksmith shop by a car driven by J. L. Walters, Laporte state highway commission official. The lad, eleven years old, was taken to the Carneal hospital, and later removed to his home. Mr. Walters was not held. He was driving slowly at the time, and it is said both Mr. Walters and Richard were blinded by lights from approaching cars.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jun 9 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Lake is 'landing field'

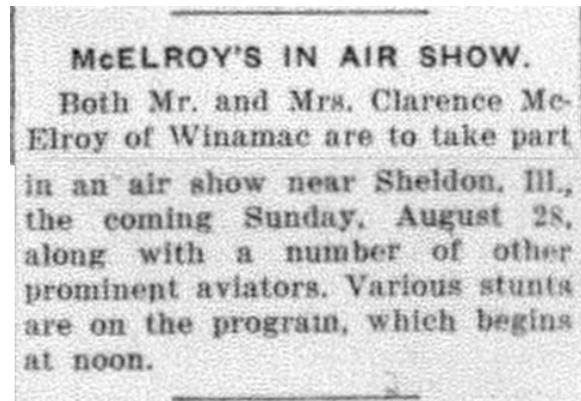
LAKE IS "LANDING FIELD."

Clarence McElroy has equipped his airplane with a pontoon landing device, enabling him to take off and land on water, and is now using Bass Lake as his home "field." He has about completed the erection of a new gasoline filling station at the south edge of the lake, which he will also operate.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jun 23 1938: 1. Microfilm.

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In Air Show



Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Sep 8 1938: 8. Microfilm.

Airport leased by pilot



Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Sep 15 1938: 1. Microfilm.

Minimal airport news probably because McElroy's moved

Writer Tells of McElroy Success in West Virginia

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy, who moved from Winamac to West Virginia a couple of years ago, say the couple work from time to time that they were doing well in their new location. These pleasing reports are more than confirmed by an article in last Sunday's Indianapolis Star, written by Margaret Stephen Moore and printed in a department entitled "Hoosiers Who Do Things." It says of the McElroys:

The casual visitor at the Parkersburg, W. Va., airport, seeing Clarence McElroy, the Hoosier, in his job as manager, would have little reason to guess that he was lost for seventeen days in dense tropical jungles of Mexico during the summer of 1932. The Medaryville man and a companion, Roy Gordon, were delivering a plane

to Honduras when a tropical storm caused the crash that was fatal to Gordon. McElroy sustained fracture of both legs and other injuries, but he crawled miles through the jungle where he found a calf tied to a tree. Despite weakness caused by starvation, the Indian man realized that eventually someone would come for the calf. So he waited. An Indian boy rescued him.

Back in Indiana for convalescence, McElroy soon laid aside his crutches, was helped into the cockpit, and continued flying. As soon as he was able to throw away the crutches, he took charge of the plane he had started. Roy Gordon, the manager of the airport where he was manager three years, is in excellent health and they look forward to many years of service in their profession.

The Hoosier man, about whom headlines once spread the news, "Hoosier Abandoned," qualifies his misfortune in Mexico as "just one of those things that happen." He has firm belief in the safety of aviation. "I think statistics show," he observes, "that there are far more accidents a hundred automobile hours than for the same amount of hours in airplanes."

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Mar 21 1940: 2. Microfilm.

Jungle Pilot blows into town

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McElroy and children Dick and Sherrill of Huntington, W. Va., visited former home friends here and relatives at Medaryville over the weekend.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Sep 26 1940: 1. Microfilm.

Visits folks

Capt. Clarence McElroy former local flyer, now stationed with the ferry command at Romulus, Mich., came Saturday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy, of near Medaryville, and with friends over the county.

Logansport (IN) Pharos-Tribune Oct 19 1943: 4. Microfilm.

JunglePilot visits

Capt. Clarence McElroy of Ypsilanti, Mich., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy of the Medaryville vicinity.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Oct 21 1943: 2. Microfilm.

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Jungle Pilot visits

Capt. Clarence McElroy of Romulus Base, Michigan, visited from Saturday until Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy. Richard McElroy of Monon visited Monday in the same home.

Winamac (IN) Republican Jul 27 1944: 1. Microfilm.

JunglePilot visits folks

Capt. Clarence McElroy of Ypsilanti, Mich., visited a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy, at Medaryville.

Winamac (IN) Republican Nov 22 1945: 1. Microfilm.

Jungle Pilot to blow into town

McElroy to Visit Medaryville Air Carnival

An air show, sponsored by the Medaryville Lions Club, will be held at the Medaryville airport a mile north and half mile west of that place on Sunday, October 27. The show will open at 1 p. m. The affair is slated as part of the Lions Club civic improvement program.

The use of the field is tendered by the owner-manager, Robert E. Lakin, Medaryville's own Clarence McElroy, former prominent local aviator, will be on the field.

The show will feature 10,000 ft. delayed parachute jumps by Mike Burson; acrobatics by Olie Sunderland in a PT-17; Bruce Raymond in The Galloping Ghost P-51, No. 77, which was 4th in the Thompson Trophy national race at Cleveland. Ted Ramel, instructor at the Aretz Airport at Lafayette, formerly with Mike Murphy, will stunt in a Cub.

There will be glider demonstrations and exhibits of planes by dealers as well as advanced models jet and high powered aviation engines.

Winamac (IN) Republican Oct 17 1946: 1. Microfilm.

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Jungle Pilot to appear

AIR SHOW
SPONSORED BY
MEDARYVILLE LIONS CLUB
For Civic Improvement

Medaryville Airport
1 Mile North and $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile West of Medaryville

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
STARTING AT 1 P. M.

MIKE BURSON
10,000 Ft. Delayed Parachute Jump
BRUCE RAYMOND
WITH GALLOPING GHOST P-51
Finished Fourth in National Air Races

GLIDER DEMONSTRATIONS
AND EXHIBITS
ALLISON EXHIBIT
Featuring J-33 Jet Engine
Which Powers P-80 Shooting Star

OLIE SUNDERLAND
ACROBATICS IN P-17
TED RAMEL
Instructor Aretz Airport, Lafayette
STUNTS IN PIPER CUB

PLANE EXHIBITS BY DEALERS

Medaryville's Own
CLARENCE McELROY
WILL BE PRESENT

BILL RENSHAW, AVIATION EDITOR OF
PRAIRIE FARMER, WILL BE HERE

Winamac (IN) Republican Oct 25 1946: 5. Microfilm.