

# *Miss Betty McKnight Receives Decorated Grass Skirt from Her Uncle*

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Miss Betty McKnight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. McKnight of Newton, is in receipt of a decorated grass skirt from her uncle, Private Merle L. Eveland of Newton vicinity, who has been in the Southwest Pacific for the past year. He has participated in the fighting in New Guinea and is now believed to be with his unit on some unnamed island in that area.

The skirt, which may be seen at the Press office, is composed of some silky fiber forty inches in length, dyed purple. The top is decorated with ten designs in berries formed into beads, each one different from the others, but connected together so that they form a band about four inches wide clear across. These probably form a pattern which has a symbolic meaning to the islanders in the Southwest Pacific.

Betty is very proud of it, as she has a right to be, for it is really beautiful.