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(Handwritten: Thursday, Oct. 1, 1936)

KNOW YOUR TEACHERS

William Spurgeon, who has been the Science instructor in the Berne Schools since 1929, has proved himself worthy of the respect and admiration that is given him by the school body and all his acquaintances.

He was born on February 2, 1903, Hamilton County, near Sheridan, Indiana, the son of William C. and Daisy Spurgeon. He has three sisters.

He attended the township school until he reached the eighth grade. He then attended school in Sheridan, where he was graduated from High School.

Mr. Spurgeon attended Central Normal College, Danville, Indiana, where he received his A. B. Degree in 1928. He later took additional work at the Teacher's College in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Immediately after receiving his degree, he taught Science for one year in Rosamond, Illinois. In the fall of 1929, he came to Berne and has been teaching here since.

On April 29, 1933, he was married to Miss Edna Nussbaum, who was a stenographer at the Nussbaum Novelty Company. They have two sons, William, Jr., and Charles Haddon.

Mr. Spurgeon is a regular attendant of the Mennonite church. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and takes an active part in civic functions.

Mr. Spurgeon has many hobbies, but reading Philosophy is his favorite.

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MEXICAN HELD UNDER ARREST

Serious Charges are Filed Against Mexican Near Berne

Charges of assault and battery with intent to rape were filed this afternoon against Pat Urbano Torres, Mexican living in the southern part of the county near Berne.

The charges were placed as an aftermath to his alleged attempted attack on a daughter of the late Solomon Nussbaum. Miss Nussbaum lives on a farm adjoining that of C. C. Beer, where the Mexican and his aged father make their home.

According to local authorities, Torres admitted tearing the dress of the woman Tuesday afternoon during the attack. He claimed that he had paid her \$1 for damages to her dress, officers stated.

Sheriff Dallas Brown and Policeman David Dubach, of Berne, made the arrest yesterday as the prosecutor was out of town.

Torres is being held in the Adams county jail, pending arraignment in court. According to the arresting officers, Torres at first denied the attempted attack, but later confessed. Local authorities stated today that he had annoyed the woman on several previous occasions.

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LOSES FIRST POLICY HOLDER OUT OF 700

C. H. Sprunger, representative of the Indianapolis Life Insurance Company, lost his first policy holder through death when Jacob D. Mazelin died yesterday. Mr. Sprunger has between 600 and 700 policy holders and never lost any through death until yesterday. This is considered a remarkable record.

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NEW ARRIVAL

Elmer and Esther Shelby Hirschy of Monroe are the parents of a son born Monday.

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DEATH TAKES INFANT CHILD - Baby Girl Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hirschy Dies Soon After Birth

An infant daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hirschy of near Decatur, at 4:35 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Adams county Memorial hospital at Decatur. The child died at 5:10 o'clock, one-half hour after birth.

Mr. Hirschy is a son of Mrs. Henry Hirschy, of northwest of Berne, and Mrs. Hirschy was formerly Bertha Uhrick. The parents and one sister survive. Seven brothers and sisters preceded.

The funeral service was held at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Lobenstein funeral home, with burial in the M.R.E. Cemetery west of Berne.

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KNOW YOUR SCHOOL TEACHERS

Miss Caroline I. Hirschy, who since 1920 has been an instructor in the Berne Schools, and who has been principal of the high school since 1925, is a very essential part of the school faculty. Her efficient and good order help keep the high school running smoothly. Miss Hirschy is the owner of a beautiful home on Sprunger street which she operates in the same manner. She does all her own housework, cooking and gardening besides keeping up her professional duties. She is one of those persons who is always busy, but never too busy to help those who come to her for advice. She is a favorite among the high school students, and her pleasant personality has won for her many friends.

Miss Hirschy was born on her father's farm one mile north of Berne, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hirschy. She attended the township school up to the sixth grade, after which she came to Berne and entered the seventh grade. She graduated from Berne High School under Supt. B. A.

Winans. Immediately after graduation she attended Bluffton College for one year. She then taught four years in French and Monroe townships. She entered Indiana University and completed her A. B. Degree in 1913. During her Junior year Miss Hirschy received the very high honor of being elected to the Phi Beta Kappa, National Honorary Educational Organization. She graduated from Indiana University with High Distinction, which is the highest honor conferred upon a graduate.

Miss Hirschy then accepted the position of German instructor in the Mt. Vernon High School, where she taught for five years. In 1920 she came to Berne High School where she taught mathematics, German and History. In 1925 and '26 she received a leave of absence and returned to Indiana University to work toward her M. S. Degree, which she later completed in 1930. In 1925 she was appointed principal of the local high school and she has since then very capably held that position. She is a member and a regular attendant of the First Missionary. She has several interesting hobbies. She likes to read; she likes to collect and try new recipes and she takes especially good care of her lawn and takes pride in keeping it fresh and clean in spite of the fact that she is busy with her school duties.

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WELL KNOWN COUPLE WED - Margaret Ruth Bixler is Bride of Walter Fenstermaker

A marriage license has been issued in the office of the Jay county clerk to Miss Margaret Ruth Bixler, and Walter Joseph Fenstermaker, both of Geneva. The wedding is said to have taken place over the week-end, but details of the marriage have not been received here. Miss Bixler is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bixler of west of Geneva, and Mr. Fenstermaker is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Fenstermaker, of southwest of Geneva. Miss Bixler is a niece of Adam Bixler of this place.

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