

Thurs. April 6, 1939

PHOTO

Howard Miller, well-known Jefferson township man, who has gained quite a reputation as the modern pied piper, was a visitor in Berne today and announced it will be three years next Monday April 10, that he started his war campaign against rats. Mr. Miller, who is 64 years of age and totally blind, stated that since he started trapping the rodents on April 10, 1936, he has caught 593 of the animals. Miller uses ordinary traps. He is unable to see, yet finds the hideouts of the animals. An unusual fact is that he has caught every one of the rats on his own farm, near the Jefferson High school. Being blind, the work keeps Miller occupied part of the time and takes his mind off his affliction. He has been blind many years.

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PHOTO: Sylvan Habegger

Monroe Township farmer, 1939 corn king of Adams County.

Fri. Dec 8, 1939

PHOTO Rev. Fred Able for several years a missionary in Japan, will speak at the First Methodist church in this city Sunday evening at 7:30.

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Berne Factory Damaged Today

Girl is Burned in Explosion at Nussbaum Novelty Company

An explosion and fire at the Nussbaum novelty company in Berne about 2:45 this afternoon created several hundred dollars damage and injured one person.

Miss Virginia Miller, 18, working near a blower in the factory, suffered first degree burns about the head when her hair caught on fire as the flames spread through the blower.... Miss Miller ran from the building after her hair caught on fire. The flames were extinguished by fellow workers and she was taken to a physician's office for treatment. Her condition is not thought to be serious.

Mon. April 10, 1939

Local Man Claims Bride

Jephthah Zuercher Weds Miss Elsie Anna Ayres, Bryant Teacher

Miss Elsie Anna Ayres, Bryant school teacher and Jephthah Zuercher, well-known local young man, were united in marriage at 12:00 Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Ayres, at Portland. The Rev. C.C. Ayres of Redkey, grandfather of the bride officiated at the single ring ceremony.

Miss Rosemary Ayres of Indianapolis, sister of the bride, and Palmer Zuercher, of Vassar, Mich., brother of the groom, attended the couple.

Thurs. Dec. 14, 1939

Former Fort Wayne Man, Pilot in South America, Visits in city

PHOTO Noble Sprunger

Noble Sprunger, Ex-South Side Athlete, Flies for Pan American Airways

Noble Sprunger, former South Side High School football and basketball player, and now a pilot with Pan-American Airways, who has been granted a month's leave of absence from his duties is visiting his mother, Mrs. F.M. Sprunger, 2218 South Clinton Street.

Mr. Sprunger, who has been associated with Pan American Airways for the last three years and has been stationed in South America for the last year, was accompanied by his wife and two children.

For the last year, Pilot Sprunger has been flying the run from Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires. When he resumes his duties with the airlines, he will be stationed in the States flying from Brownsville, Tex, to Central America.

Graduating from South Side high School in 1926, he attended Indiana University from which he was graduated in 1930. He received an appointment to the US Army Cadet Flying School in 1931 and was associated with the US Army Flying Corps until he took up hi studies with Pan-American.

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