

(Handwritten date: Friday, July 14, 1939)

4-H CLUB KING AND QUEEN CHOSEN THURSDAY

Leroy Schwartz, Virginia Hoffman to Reign at Street Fair

Leroy Schwartz, of Monroe township, and Miss Virginia Hoffman, of Washington township, will reign as King and Queen during the Decatur Free Street Fair and Agricultural Show, July 31 to August 5, inclusive.

Mr. Schwartz and Miss Hoffman were elected as the Adams county royal couple at the annual picnic of the Adams county 4-H clubs, held Thursday at Lehman park here.

Approximately 200 4-H club members attended the picnic and enjoyed the various events although it was the hottest day of the year, the mercury climbing to 98 degrees.

The royal couple was elected in the morning. A basket dinner was served at noon and the afternoon was devoted to games and contests.

The queen, Miss Hoffman, is 14 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hoffman of Washington township. She is a member of the Peppy Peppers 4-H club and has been actively engaged in club work for the past five years.

The king, Mr. Schwartz, is 19 years old, the son of Peter D. Schwartz, of Monroe township. He is a member of the Monroe township Sodbusters Club and (cut off)

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M. L. SPRUNGER IN ICE CREAM BUSINESS 20 YEARS

M. L. (Ice Cream Mike) Sprunger, manager of the Berne Ice Cream Company, Wednesday celebrated his 20th anniversary as an ice cream manufacturer.

Mr. Sprunger graduated from the Berne high school with the class of 1912 and was engaged in other work, including a grain elevator at Rockfor, O., for two years before he became manager of the local firm.

Tom Harris is generally credited with having manufactured the first ice cream here in the nineties after succeeding Sam Brown as operator of a skim milk station. It was made in a small hut east of town.

Under Mr. Sprunger's management the Ice Cream Company has made exceptional progress and the local plant is generally conceded to be one of the cleanest, most modern of the smaller plants in a wide area.

It is a far cry from the nineties when ice cream was considered by many, including a few doctors, as unhealthful.

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HUSBAND OF FORMER LOCAL WOMAN DIES

Funeral services were conducted at the Bluffton and Evangelical and Reformed church Tuesday afternoon for Myrle K. Ratliff, 47, Bluffton coal dealer and husband of Miss Lulu Jahn, a sister of Mrs. Fred Bentz, formerly of Berne. The widow several years ago was employed in a local millinery operated by Mrs. V. A. Eichenberg- (cut off)

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