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## "THE ROYAL FAMILY"

(PHOTO) Pictured above is "The Royal Family" - composed of young ladies who were selected to serve as attendants to Queen Willa Mae Moser during the Street Fair and Agricultural Show next week. Left to right they are: Irene Bultemeier, Eulalia Bowling, Wanda Neadstine and Grace Mosser. They were chosen by over 200 4-H club boys and girls at the annual picnic on July 15.

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## EDWARD SPRUNGER, WILLA MAE MOSER REIGN OVER FAIR

All hail the King and Queen!

For one week, youthful, blonde-haired Edward Sprunger and attractive little Miss Willa Mae Moser will ascend to the throne of the Decatur Free Street Fair and Agricultural Show for a six-day regime.

The two were chosen by ballot at a 4-H club picnic, held July 15 in Lehman Park at Berne, attended by more than 200 of their fellow club members.

Young Sprunger, the son of Martin Sprunger of Decatur, route 4, was chosen from a field of 18 candidates. He is a member of the Kirkland township 4-H club and a junior at Kirkland high school.

Miss Moser was selected from 24 comely lasses of the various 4-H clubs in the county who had royalty aspirations.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Elda Moser of Berne, a member of the Berne Jolly Workers 4-H club, and a sophomore at the Berne high school.

The King is 16 years of age and the queen is 15.

Attending the queen will be a royal family of four young maidens, who were chosen for the honor at the same time the 4-H clubbers balloted for their two rulers.

The attendants are:

Miss Irene Bultemeier, daughter of Lawrence Bultemeier of Decatur ...the St. John's Smiling Junior 4-H club; Miss Eulalia Bowling, daughter of Mrs. Eliza Bowling of Monroe...of the Union township ?? 4-H club; Miss Wanda Neadstine, daughter of William Neadstine, of Decatur, route six and a member of the Blue Creek township 4-H club; Miss Grace Mosser, daughter of (cut off)...ferson township Work and Win 4-H club.

The rulers will be crowned Monday night - opening night of the fair - immediately following the opening parade - on a free act platform. W. F. Beery, prominent Decaturite and a retired rural mail carrier will perform the ceremony.

The balance of the week the royal couple and royal family will be ?? at various functions and take active part in the fair.

A special float has been constructed by the McMillen industries on which the royal family will ride during the various parades throughout the week.

L. E. Archibold, as county agricultural agent, was in charge of the election of the King and Queen. Assisted by Mrs. Cleo Arnold, a clerk in the county agent's office, he tabulated the ballots also.

The candidates from the various clubs in the selection of a queen, all nominated by their respective clubs were:

Phyllis Wolfe, Dortha Frohnaphel, Betty Roop, Rose Marie Stanley, Edith Baker, Luetta Haugk, Marcile Christener, Virginia Huffman, Helen Thurman, Delores Byerly, Miss Mosser, Agnes Gould, Kathryn Alice Shaffer, Miss E. Bowling, Miss Neadstine, Rosella Haines, Miss Bultemeier, Barbara Bryan, Naomi Steury, Eileen Fuhrman, Betty Alice Mettler, Miss Moser, and Barbara Lehman.

The girl receiving the highest amount of votes was chosen queen, with the next four in order as her attendants.

Young Sprunger was chosen from the following aspirants, nominated (cut of)  
Don Arnold, Max Riggan, Roland Wolfe, Harry Speakman, Clifford Baker, Harold  
Hamrick, Gerald Morningstar, ....Milo Nussbaum, Elmer Nussbaum, Carl Geimer,  
Robert Railing, Robera Goelz and Millard Schwartz.

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## HOLD-UP STORY SOLVED SATURDAY

Sam Schwartz Admits ?? Was a Hoax

Sheriff Ed Miller and Marshal Dave Dubach announced today that the reported hold-up of Sam Schwartz, young Amish farmer, of east of town exactly one year ago, has been cleared up. Young Schwartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Schwartz of east of Berne, admitted to the officers Saturday that the story was a pure hoax and that he himself had invented it.

Schwartz had reported at the time that he was held up by two men, one having a shot gun and the other a revolver.

Young Schwartz also confessed to the officers the theft of wheat, poultry and other articles, it was said. He is said to have stolen the grain and other articles, sold it and kept the money.

Schwarz was ordered to report to Marshal Dubach regularly every two weeks for an indefinite period. Failure to comply with this request will result in other action against him, it was said.

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