

(Handwritten date: July 1940)

PICTURES TO THE EDITOR

THE BROTHERS JONES

(2 Photos) Sirs: These are the eight Jones boys lined up in the same order for family photographs taken 40 years apart. All eight were born near here and four still live near here. Two are doctors, five are farmers and one is a citrus grower. They have four sisters, all living, and a 93-year-old mother. (Signed) Simon M. Schwartz, Berne, Ind.

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, July 3, 1940)

HIRAM A. SPRUNGER NAMED PRESIDENT OF BERNE SCHOOL BOARD

Hiram A. Sprunger, manager of the Berne Overall and Shirt Co., was named president of the Berne Board of Education at a reorganization meeting held Monday evening. Dr. Rufus von Gunton was named treasurer and Dr. E. D. Bixler, secretary. Dr. Bixler recently was renamed to serve another three-year term on the school board by the members of the Town Board.

Mr. Sprunger succeeds Dr. Bixler as chairman. Dr. von Gunten had been serving as secretary and Mr. Sprunger as treasurer.

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BLYTHE GIVEN RADIO PERMIT

Harold Blythe Is Given Permit To Operate Short Wave Radio

After a long interval in which the city boasted only one radio operator, it was learned today that Decatur soon will boast two of these rare personages in a small town.

Harold Blythe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Blythe of Thirteenth street, is the second Decaturite to be given a permit to carry on his own broadcasts via radio short wave.

In the vernacular of his fellow broadcasters, "Harold" or "Bill" as he is commonly known, is now a full-fledged "ham."

He was awarded his license last week by the FCCD - federal communication division - the all powerful in the world of ether waves.

Within two weeks, he hopes to be adding his voice to those numerous - if still scarce in percentage - who almost nightly fling out their cry of "Calling C-Q" in the hopes of picking up a fellow enthusiast in Walla-Walla Buenos Aires, or in fact any old place, just so it is far away.

Blythe, a graduate of Decatur high school and former Yellow Jacket star athlete, has been interested in radio for years.

When a student he was fond of radio, and soon after graduation began intensifying his study of it. The granting of his license climaxes his years of work.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dan D. Schwartz and family have moved to the Peter Bauman home, from the house on N. Sprunger street, which Abe Beeler recently purchased. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Beeler and son have moved from the farm, southwest of Berne to their home in Berne.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schindler returned to their home here on Wednesday after enjoying a two-weeks' vacation at Tampa, Fla.

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...SPRUNGER TELLS OF REFUGEES ON CLIPPER PLANE

Recent letters to relatives here, from Mrs. Noble O. Sprunger, who with her two small children, Nobie and Carol Ann, are living at Long Island, New York, report many items of interest concerning her husband, Lieut. Sprunger, who is an officer on a Clipper. Mr. Sprunger makes regular flights on one of these huge four-motored, double-deck ships which makes stops at Bermuda on their way to Lisbon, Portugal, and back in one week. In a recent flight, his passenger list included many refugees. The crew on these ships which occupied the upper deck of the ship include the captain, first, second, third and fourth officers, 2 mechanics, 2 radio men, 2 stewards and a navigator. The lower deck for the passengers is equipped with upper and lower berths, rest rooms, a bar, kitchenette and state rooms.

Lieut. Sprunger and his family were in Berne the forepart of the year, and called on his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sprunger, visiting with them shortly before the death of C. C. Sprunger.

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