

Ackerman, Francis J.

Two Hill Boys To Leave For Air Training

Two Fountain Hill boys will report to Philadelphia Monday to start active service in the Aviation Cadets. The boys are Francis J. Ackerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ackerman, 1159 Broadway and John F. Spirk, son of Mrs. Frank Spirk of 1027 Seneca Street. Ackerman enlisted in the air force Aug. 20 and Spirk on Aug. 28. They were both inducted on Sept. 10.

Ackerman is a graduate of Liberty High School class of 1939 where he was on the track team.

He had also been a member of the Cosmopolitan basketball team. Prior to his induction Ackerman was employed as a crane operator in the forge specialty department of the Bethlehem Steel Co. Two brothers, Richard and William are serving in the armed forces.

Spirk graduated from Fountain Hill High School in 1938, he attended Lehigh university and has been employed in the laboratory of the Bethlehem Steel Coke works. He played on the basketball squad for three years while in high school and while at Lehigh. He is married to the former Mary Soda of 1003 Linden St., Bethlehem.

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