

# MOROCCO TIMES

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## Around Town

### Morocco Homecoming 2007

I had the pleasure of attending a planning session of the Morocco Homecoming 2007 Committee on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a very enthusiastic group chaired by Cindy Polito, who was filling in for Lois Hensel who has been away for the past few weeks. Cindy, by the way, is Pastor Sam's wife of the United Methodist Church.

It appears from all the energy that is being put into the plans that it will be the best homecoming yet. Early on it was decided that it would be moved to the day after the Alumni meets. So mark Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. You will not want to miss this one. Plan to be at Recher Park for the entire day.

Early in the morning, Projects Unlimited will do a breakfast to get everybody in the mood for the fun and frivolity that will follow. A church service is planned for 10:00 for those faithful who don't want to miss Sunday services.

The rest of the day will be filled with entertainment, games, bingo, a walk and vendors selling their wares. It was also decided that vendors will not be charged for their spaces this year, but that they will be asked for a donation. Seems fair to me. So now is the time to reserve your spaces. Dean Crone is in charge.

Randy Decker, a member of the committee, was there to tell of the special events being planned by the town.

There will be dedications of the skate park, the Beaver Trails entrance, the

Sam Rice memorial, and he gave the committee a sneak preview of the black granite monument that will be installed during the Homecoming week. It contains a very good likeness of Rice.

An outpouring of community support has already been seen. The Newton County Foundation was the first to give \$150 to get the ball rolling. This has been followed by a gift from the Town of Morocco for \$1,500 plus an upgrade of wiring at Recher Park. Shirley Deardurff, Trustee of Beaver Township, has pledged \$1,000 plus the liability insurance for the event, which is no little expense these days. Also, the Alumni Association will include a notification of the events in its mailings to its members. And of course *Morocco Times* will carry news of the plans and the scheduled events when they are finalized.

A Welcome Center will be found in the center of the park. Morocco has been long known for its hospitality, and the Committee plans to continue this tradition and create an atmosphere that fosters friendliness.

The Morocco Tea Room will also function as a Visitor's Center. I cannot think of a more appropriate persons than Betty Kessler, Ruth Warrick, Joan Carlson, and Judy Styck to welcome guests to Morocco's Downtown. Located in an historic building at Clay and State Streets it has housed the Masons, the U.S. Post Office, the town library, and more recently Deb's Creations, a flower and gift shop.

It is not too soon for the whole community to start planning for this event, for everybody can do something to clean-up, fix-up and brighten-up their property. Dan Blaney has volunteered to help with the cleaning of the downtown

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and uptown streets and alleys. They will be looking for volunteers.

There has been talk of decking the town with flags, banners, balloons, awnings and all things bright and cheerful. Ye Editor plans to place his order for American flags for it is also Memorial Day, a time of remembering those who have gone before and have worked and fought so hard that we might enjoy the things we have today. Long live American small towns.

Committee members are: Betty Carlson, Dave Clements, Cheri Glancy, Ruth Warrick, Joan Carlson, Dave and Lois Hensel, Betty Kessler, Randy Decker, Dean Crone, Sam and Cindy Polito. Any of the committee would be happy to answer questions you may have.

## Editorial

(We welcome Bonnie Storey's guest editorial to our pages.)

### Beware of Scanning the Headlines

How many times do we read a headline that catches our eye and then move on to another without reading the full article? Last week's Newton County Enterprise provided a prime example with their misleading headline: "**No New School in Morocco.**" With our tendency to scan, many people probably read it, assumed it was true, and went on to read other articles. The article was long and, I believe, truthfully reported, but the headline drew a more drastic, unwarranted conclusion.

It seems that Lincoln Township residents who attended their Community Information meeting conducted by the

North Newton School Corporation expressed their displeasure with the idea of spending tax money to provide an up-to-date school in Morocco. This was not the type of meeting where any decision is made, but was organized to provide public input to the School Board members.

Last year's successful remonstrance put the proposed consolidation project on hold until April of this year. In the meantime, new School Board members were elected and the focus of the project appears to have changed. Information provided at the North Newton Jr/Sr High School Information meeting centered on a new school for Morocco and major improvements to the other schools of the Corporation. The information provided at these meetings is quite preliminary. No new feasibility studies have been done; no architects or engineers have been contacted to update old plans. Even the money amounts have remained the same as they were two years ago, which will probably have to be changed.

We are all concerned about our property taxes being raised, but we must also be concerned about maintaining the assets of our School Corporation. Last year's successful remonstrance contained signatures from all the townships in our corporation. Many realized that Lake Village and Lincoln Township both have had new schools and additions since anything significant had been done at Morocco Elementary.

At a time when city schools are trying to reduce to "Community Schools," this is not the time to consider consolidating our "natural" community schools into

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one huge mega-school. This is not the time to consolidate Morocco and Lake Village Schools and remove them from their towns. Recent studies have concluded that the consolidation that created North Newton Jr/Sr High and many other consolidations in the state of Indiana were not an improvement educationally. This is not the time to perpetrate the same failure on our elementary school students.

This is the time to stay informed about what is happening in your community and your school corporation. Many changes are afoot to revitalize Morocco. It would be a sad state of affairs if the vitality of a local school were taken out of the picture. Please read your papers carefully; attend community meetings to keep informed, and contact your School Board members with your questions, your ideas, and your support of local schools.

## Morocco Cooks

### Aunt Mary's Spaghetti Sauce

½ c. Mazola Corn Oil (use only this oil as it imparts a subtle flavor that other oils do not)  
3-4 medium yellow Spanish onions, medium dice  
1 lg. can whole tomatoes  
2 sm. cans tomato sauce  
1 sm. can tomato paste  
½ sm. can water  
5 bay leaves  
10 whole allspice  
¼ c. white sugar (or to taste)  
1-2 heaping tablespoon/s black pepper  
3-5 cloves garlic, thinly sliced  
1-3 teaspoons white vinegar (depending

on the acidity of the tomatoes)  
1 teaspoon salt  
1-1 ½ lb. ground beef

Brown meat in 1 teaspoon oil and drain off fat. Blot with paper towel to remove as much of the saturated fat as possible. Set aside.

In a large pot add the rest of the ingredients, except the meat. Slowly simmer for two hours, adding the meat after the first hour. Stir frequently to prevent sticking. Should the sauce become too thick, add a small amount of water and continue cooking.

Ladle over vermicelli or other pasta cooked in salted water. (I like mine a little past the al dente stage). Be sure to thoroughly drain the pasta. Let stand 3-5 minutes until the pasta had absorbed the remaining moisture before serving.

This economical sauce freezes well. Place in glass containers in the freezer and thaw before reheating. Microwave friendly.

Extra sauce can also be mixed with left over pasta and reheated at a later time.

From Gerald Born's Favorite Recipes from his aunt, Mary Wright.

## Happenings

The most talked about event in February was the BIG snow. The last of January brought a couple of snowfalls, which were all cleaned up, and many were looking forward to Valentine's Day with a celebration at the Methodist Church, and other gatherings in town. However, they never happened.

Very early in the day a fine, wispy snow began to fall and the wind started to blow. By noon a good six inches had

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fallen and everyone expected that it was over, but it kept falling and falling and the wind kept blowing and blowing.

By the time it was over there were huge drifts covering streets, driveways, and everything in between. I heard various reports on the amount, but it averaged 17 inches.

A week passed before everyone was "dug out". The best part of it was that Ye Editor got to meet his neighbors around 206 N. Clay. Dale Wynn came to my rescue when my car got stuck trying to crawl over a three foot drift.

By the time he had me shoveled out, Roy Deardurff, who lives across the street flagged down a truck with a front plow and had them scoop out a place for my car. We got to talking and it turns out that his dad and granddad were well known to me. His father, Ted Deardurff, and his grandfather, Don Deardurff were not only friends but also we share ancestors on two lines, the Graves and the Archibalds. Don and Audrey put up with the antics of me and their son, David Deardurff, Ted's brother, when we were friends in school. Don had just returned from World War II and was living upstairs where Adley and Esther Boyd lived on Washington Street at the time. Esther was Don's sister.

Later Jack Anderson saved the day when he used his snow blower on my drive at the old house where my computer was still located. Last month's paper would not have been published had it not been for his kindness.

So all in all it worked itself out. It did provide a beautiful sight, and an opportunity of seeing the community work together, though it did slow things

down for a while.

Do you want Avon to call? Ring Tammy Thompson 285-0171. She is our new Avon lady.

On one of the days when the snow made travel difficult I stopped by Sue Casa for dinner. Since I was the only one who ventured out, I had the pleasure of dining with the Woolsey's, Doug and Sue and their daughter, Megan. I had a taste for corn tamales so while Sue cooked Doug and I talked about what brought them to Morocco and their business. Our conversation turned to family history and Doug tells me his ancestors came from England. Remember Cardinal Woolsey, who died in the Tower after being imprisoned for not obtaining a divorce for Henry VIII first wife, Anne. In later times three of the Woolsey brothers came to this country and that is how it all started for his family.

Sue heard the conversation and told of the large family she came from on Chicago's south side. The Garzas have been in the food business for years. Sue had made a huge collage with photos of her extended family and it would cover a large wall.

Needless to say, I enjoyed the meal, which is Mexican food with a decided American flair. And Megan was the waitress that night. She is a ten year old dear.

Many will remember Dewey Findley, pastor of the United Methodist Church a few years back. He and his wife, Kaye, learned of the death of their two grandsons, Travis and Jake Findley, ages nine and twelve, when an SUV in which

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they were passengers was hit by an oncoming train at Stones Crossing Road west of Indiana 135. It appeared that the vehicle did not come to a complete stop. Chuck Findley and wife, the boy's parents, live at Greenwood, Indiana.

Mark Blann tangled with a semi in a serious accident last month. He was taken to the Veteran's hospital in Danville, where he was treated for a knee injury and released. He is recuperating at the home of his sister at Remington

Carol Blann flew up from Macon, Georgia to check on her son Mark, and stayed a few days with her sister-in-law, Ruth Warrick. She met with many old friends at the tea room and various coffees around town.

Action Circle of the United Church met at Pat Doty's home on Monday, March 5th. There were six present, Myra Davidson, Shirley Thompson, Grace Martin, Harriet Webb, Pat James, and the hostess. The Easter bake sale which will be on April 7th was discussed. Orders will be taken for noodles, etc. March 30th is the deadline for orders. To order call Georgiana Roadruck, 285-2891. Also on the agenda was a care package item list for soldiers, non-food items are: pens, paper, envelopes, baby wipes, soap, shampoo, razors, baby oil, hand sanitizer (small), flea collars, bug spray (non-aerosol) puzzles, books, paperbacks, batteries, playing cards, visine and stamps.

Food items are: beef jerky, hard candy, cookies, sardines, gum, and crackers (small packages). Please put items in the Pastor's office. Thank you.

Projects Unlimited held their annual Longaburger basket bingo party on March 13th at the fire house. All the tickets were sold so it was a full house. Also a delicious salad bar was served, plus dessert and drinks. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. Prizes were won by Jane Sheets, Grace Martin, Michelle Faucet, Linda Watson, Jenn Belt, Barb Brown, Maureen Inman, Marcia McDaniel, Jennifer Crone, and Pat Boldman. It was another successful fund raiser for Projects and for the town.

The robins are back, a sure sign of Spring. Time to make our homes and properties more attractive for our visitors. Time to clean the yards of limbs, debris and junk. "One robin is not Spring, But when I see a robin in the snow, Winter disappears for me" (a favorite recitation from Harriet Webb).

## Letters to the Editor

Morocco Times received a wonderful letter from Dave Carlson, who at one time had a business in Morocco and has many friends and relatives here. It is so good that it will be printed in the Special Homecoming Edition of the Times in May. This issue is planned to be sent to about 2,000 people in the Morocco sphere.

## Backward Glance

Last month Ye Editor mentioned the hatchery that was located in downtown Morocco in connection with chicks that John Davidson was incubating.

The Morocco Electric Hatchery was located in the building on the northeast

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corner of State and Clay Streets. In a telephone directory of 1933 you could place a call with the Morocco exchange and reach the business by telling central to connect you with 106.

Clyde Yoder was the proprietor. Clyde, a large gentle man, could be found in the Spring getting his chickens, turkeys, and some wild birds ready for the summer. The incubators were located on the second floor. As a child I was fascinated by the miracle of birth that I witnessed there, from the small beak that broke through the shell to the sticky creature that emerged, only to fluff up when it dried.

There were glass fronted cases filled with seeds that my grandmother would carefully study for her garden. We always went early in the Spring, for her peas had to be in the ground by St. Patrick's Day. And the seed potatoes soon followed.

The smells that came as one opened the doors (there were two of them as I recall) was unforgettable. The slightly sour smell of the mash that the chicks fed upon to the bags of feed that were in evidence. Also the blocks of salt that were stored in a small building to the rear of the store were there for sale.

Often times I would encounter the Amish from Mt. Ayr coming to the store to buy feed and also seeds for their gardens. The blue aprons they women wore also caught my attention. They tethered their horse and buggy in the vacant lot south of the Baptist Church.

Clyde's daughter, Edith Johnson, told me that Clyde and Bertha moved to Morocco because of the depression. He needed to find work that wasn't as strenuous as farming, as he had health problems. Edith found work with

Attorney Milt Graves, whose office was across the street. So for at least 20 years Clyde Yoder and his children were familiar sights in Morocco and his son Russell later operated M.A.N.S. on Polk Street.

By the way did you know that Morocco's Opera House was located on the second floor of the building that housed the hatchery. The elevator used to transport pianos and stage scenery to the second floor was still in the rear of the store when the Yoder's owned it.

## Government In Action

### Morocco Water Department

The Water Department Board met at the Town Hall on February 26th. A discussion ensued about the cut off valves in the transmission line from the pumps to the water tower. Only three are left that have not been disconnected. The question was raised as to whether the transmission line could be isolated so that in the future it would be impossible to tap into the line illegally.

A problem at Beaver and Sunshine streets is being addressed. A tile had been cut while digging. The matter was referred to Bill Smart.

A meeting of the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water is being planned at Delphi to address questions of finances, Indiana law, Insurance, budgetary considerations, and plans for the future.

Three meeting will be held March 5th, for three days, June 4th and October 1st. At the time of the meeting Randy Decker, Marlene Taden, and Sam Davis planned to attend the workshops which are being sponsored so that board

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members can do a better job in dealing with the above areas.

There have been five main breaks this winter. Each one has required a \$1,400 clamp to repair the leak. When purchased in quantity they are cheaper. Six have been purchased, and only one remains. Which raised the need for a valve maintenance program. They are investigating a company that would exercise each valve to see that it is properly functioning. They caution that a valve may be broken in the process, but it usually averages only 1% to the total.

The town has a need for a tapping tool. Decker investigated buying one in connection with Brook, but they were not interested in sharing and bought their own. Decker reported that during the winter 17 meters froze and a number of pipes. When breaks occur, new meters will be installed. It appears that most of the breaks occurred in low pressure areas.

The emergency plan for Morocco in case of disaster was tabled.

Under new business, the town is working on a plan to raise the \$1,500,000 necessary for the water distribution project without raising the rate the residents of the town pay for water. Beaver Township is committed to the same goal. More will be reported as the details become known.

## **Conservancy Board**

The Conservancy met on March 6, 2007 at the Town Hall. (This is not to be confused with The Nature Conservancy, which is a tax-exempt organization devoted to conservation, while this board is a taxing authority dealing with the drain water of three ditches in Beaver Township. It was consolidated in the

1990's from three independent groups, all having similar goals.)

Officers were elected. They are President, Bill Smart, Vice President, Jeff LaCrosse, Secretary, Larry Holderby.

It appears that the board borrowed \$30,000 from the Kentland Bank in January to pay its bills and another \$45,000 from the DeMotte State Bank for an operating loan. The \$30,000 loan is due in July. Also an insurance premium is due of \$100.

A blow out of the tile along College Ave. has been addressed. There is a new project at the county barn. Plans are afoot to erect a new building. They are talking with Jim Pistello, as the building has to be built to code. A concern for the salt they use for the roads going into the water was expressed; Bingham stated that all the junk needs to be taken out before water is released into the system. The fee for the building permit would be waived.

Both Don Falk and Linda Hickman have reported water problems. They will be addressed at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be on April 3rd. Bob Gonczy then presented different scenarios that were possible if the \$330,000 request to the commissioners goes through. The request will be heard by the joint meeting of the county commissioners and the advisory board. The possibilities ranged from paying off the indebtedness and saving each household \$10.00 a month to using the money for a matching grant and adding \$6.00 to the water bill. They need to look at it politically and see what option is the easiest sell.

## **Morocco Town Board**

The town board met at Morocco Town Hall on March 6, 2007. Randy Decker

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reported for the water department. The recently purchased trash pump was used the second day after it was purchased on a main break.

Marlene Taden, Sam Davis and Randy Decker attended a utility board training session near Delphi. They found the 2 1/2 hour session very helpful.

Bob Gonczy, board president, said that there is a pot hole problem that needs to be addressed. Some have been patched, but that is only a band-aid to the problem.

There needs to be an annual testing of the wells. No maintenance has been done since 1985.

The board is behind on its Emergency Response Plan and there needs to be a new time table.

Marshall Brian Runyon gave his report. He had an estimate for fixing his car, \$1,249.70 for a gasket replacement. A passing comment was heard that perhaps it is time to find a replacement car. The matter was tabled.

Runyon also reported on his involvement with NASP (National Archery in Schools Program). He presented the program to a group of North Newton students and 54 indicated they would like to participate. Runyon's hope is that by getting to know the students better and fostering a relationship with them he will be able to steer them in the right direction and eliminate some of the problems that the youth of our community are currently facing. The Board indicated their support for this activity.

Tim Storey was hoping to attend the meeting, but will be at the next one to report on his progress on the building located in Morocco's downtown.

Bob Gonczy and Jack Anderson met

with Craig Zantra, CEO of the Lake County Park Board to see what Lake County has done in regard to their parks. The meeting adjourned on schedule.

## Rise 20/20

### Main Street Committee

Members of the Main Street Committee met on February 20, 2007 at the Tea Room to informally discuss the roles of the state agency and the town of Morocco in the planning process and to clarify the possibility of grants from the state. Steve Ray and Gerry White both Northwest Indiana Community Liaisons from the Community Affairs Division were there on behalf of OCRA (Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs) to answer questions and help the committee form priorities in the planning process.

Don DeKoker gave an introduction of the discussions that had brought about the meeting and outlined some of the concerns that had been expressed and possible projects the committee might do.

Steven Ray made it clear from the beginning that currently OCRA has no money available, and that applications for Main Street status will not be ready until April or May. Having said that he then outlined the steps that were necessary for a community to follow should money become available.

There needs to be a comprehensive plan that is complete enough to have controlled growth.

Then there needs to be a pyramid of priorities that would lead to what the community would like to see develop. It might benefit both the Town of Morocco and OCRA to find a grant for downtown planning.



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Ray also said that OCRA couldn't support a main street project with a water problem. The focus of Jo Grinnell's program is on infrastructure grants. Even though the department doesn't have money they can give their expertise to problems at hand, and they will be willing to do so.

Discussion followed on the type of grants that are currently available and the time table that is followed. Since all grants to towns have to go through the town board, it is critical for the town to have its priorities. Gonczy had already expressed in a town meeting that the top priority for the Morocco Town Board is the schools, followed by water distribution, with the downtown coming in third on one of his lists.

Ray also listed the items that are critical in evaluating a downtown location; Number of vacant buildings, condition of sidewalks, curbs, and drainage, how accessible are the stores, the condition of the overhead lights, the general look of the store fronts.

He sees that an inventory assessment is necessary before seeking funding; including, traffic flow, transportation, parking, signage, street lights and a listing of historical buildings. At another meeting Gonczy thought that a planning grant might be available through the Kankakee Valley of which he is a member.

## Transitions

### Milton S. Anderson

Milton S. Anderson, age 87, of Morocco passed away Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at his home. He was born on February 23, 1920 in Donovan, Illinois to John W. and Nellie Florence

(Grant) Anderson, both deceased. He was educated in the Donovan Schools and graduated with the Class of 1937

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was married to Marilois Carter in Morocco on March 21, 1943, and she survives. He was an Engineer's Assistant for the Indiana State Highway Department for over 10 years. He also farmed for several years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Morocco.

Survivors are his daughters Jill dean (Woodrow) Hammel of Dyer and Jenalyn (Robert) Reninger of Holly Springs, North Carolina, a son John Milton Anderson of Morocco, and a sister, Mamie Sarah (Ivan) Babbitt of Morocco. Grandchildren are Courtney Lynn Hammel, Kristen Lois Gryze, Kacey Jeanette Crucie and Tyler Swan Reninger. A great-grandchild, Dylan Carter Gryzch also survives.

Services were held on Friday, February 23, at noon at the First United Methodist Church of Morocco. Pastor Sam Polito officiated with the Steinke Funeral Home of Morocco in charge of the arrangements.

### Kathryn Ellen Clark

Kathryn Ellen (Ball) Clark, age 100, of Rensselaer, formerly of Newton County, passed away Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Rensselaer Care Center. She was born on March 13, 1906 in Kosciusko County to Argus Glenn Ball and Ida Metressie (Young).

She lived in Kosciusko County for 23 years, then lived in Newton County for 67 years before moving to the Rensselaer Care Center. On October 3, 1931 in Paxton, Illinois she married George R. Clark who passed away on December 31, 1971.

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She attended the Teachers College in Indianapolis. She was an elementary teacher for 33 years in Burket, Indiana, Morocco, Colfax School, Newton County, Cedar Lake, Wolcott, Camden, Roselawn and in the Lafayette area. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Morocco, a member of the D. U. V. and a member of the Newton County Retired Teachers.

Kathryn Clark was survived by her daughter Martha F. (Gary) White of Morocco, son-in-law John Vasquez of Donovan, 5 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, 2 brother, Glenn (Jane) Ball of Dayton, Ohio, J. L. (Doris) Ball of Kalamazoo, Michigan and one sister, Mildred McFarren of Warsaw. Kathryn Clark is preceded in death by her husband, George R. Clark, her parents Argus Glenn Ball and Ida Metressie (Young), a daughter Virginia Vasquez and a brother Elza Ball.

Services were held at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer with Rev. Sam Polito officiating on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at noon. Burial followed at the Oakland Cemetery of Morocco. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church of Morocco.

## **Richard S. "Rick" Kaupke**

Richard Steven "Rick" Kaupke, 54, of Glendale, Arizona passed away on Saturday, February 3, 2007, at the Cathedral Christian Center in Glendale, Arizona.

He was born July 3, 1952 in Rensselaer, Indiana to Richard A. "Dick" and Myrtle M. (Dottie Bingham) Kaupke. After attending Morocco grade school, he graduated from North Newton High School in 1970 and attended Ball State University. He was a member of

Cathedral Christian Center in Glendale, Arizona. Rick and his wife, Kathleen, were well known throughout the state as leaders in the Cleansing Stream Program.

Rick suffered a massive heart attack while he and his wife were preparing for their Saturday instructional class at the church. He was an elder at Cathedral Christian Center and held various positions in following his passion for Jesus.

Rick worked as a foreman at the Permonite Manufacturing Company in Morocco, Indiana before moving to Lafayette where he enjoyed playing football with the Lafayette Generals Football Team. He became a Distribution/Transportation Manager and currently was completing his training to become an appraiser.

On March 29, 1980, in Indianapolis, he married Kathleen Marie Hayes.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 26 years, Kathleen, a son, Adam, and a daughter, Sarah, along with his mother, Dottie Kaupke, two sisters, Marg (Martin) Jones of Phoenix, Arizona, Michelle (Douglas) Willis of St. Petersburg, Florida; and two brothers, David (Lisa) Kaupke of Seattle, Washington, Greg (Beatrice) Kaupke of Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dick Kaupke.

Services were held at the Cathedral Christian Center at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2007 with Pastor W. Donald Price officiating. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Heritage Funeral Chapel, Peoria, Arizona. Private burial services followed at the Sun West Cemetery, El Mirage, Arizona.

**Alfred Malone**

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Alfred "Tiny" Malone, 84, of Punta Gorda, Florida, formerly of Morocco, died Friday March 2, 2007, at Sterling House of Punta Gorda.

He was born January 2, 1923 in Rensselaer, to the late Grace Hines Malone and Tull Malone. On January 13, 1951, he married Betty Lee McAleer. She died May 7, 2002.

Mr. Malone was a professional truck driver for 38 years. He attended First Christian Church of Rensselaer.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy L. Parrott of Venice, Florida, and Bonnie Turner of Punta Gorda, Florida; and two sons, Tim Malone of Walkerton, Indiana James W. Malone of Hagerstown.

Also surviving are his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 from 3-8 p.m. (CST). Funeral services there Wednesday at 11 a.m. (CST), Pastor Keith Kincaid officiating. Interment Memory Gardens Cemetery.

## **Bernard D. Pickett**

Bernard D. Pickett, 78, of Brook, died Monday, February 26, 2007, at Danville Veterans Administration Medical Center in Illinois.

He was born June 1, 1928, in Morocco.

Mr. Pickett was a veteran, serving in the Army from 1952 to 1954.

His marriage was to Helen J. Strain on September 2, 1949, in Hebron, and she preceded him in death on June 5, 1984.

Mr. Pickett worked in construction as a bricklayer. He was member of the bricklayers union and Morocco American Legion, and was a former member of the 40 & 8.

He enjoyed playing golf and watching

NASCAR.

Surviving are a daughter, Debbie Daniels of Brook; a son, Steven Pickett (Susie) Brook; and two brothers, Marvin L. Pickett (Marge) of Leesburg, Florida, and Tharon L. Pickett (Pauline) of Brook.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Gerts Funeral Home in Brook with a memorial service there 11 a.m. Friday, Richard E. Gerts officiating. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Brook. He was preceded in death by 2 sisters and 1 brother.

## **This and That**

So I made a mistake. A lot of people do. My friend, who is in public relations in New York gave me some unsolicited advice when I mailed him a copy of the *Morocco Times*. "You need a new masthead--something that catches people's interest, something that is different." "How about *Moroco Times*" "That will cause people to look twice and cause some comment."

Against my better judgment I gave it a try. After all I did have some precedent, as Harold Heyer had named his theater Moroko Theatre. However, almost to a person, the change caused a very negative reaction.

From snide comments like "Where did you go to school?" to "That's not how Miss Kalfise taught me to spell Morocco." to "I just don't like your masthead. I think I know what you were trying to do, but I still don't like it."

Enough already! I get the message! You will note that Morocco is now spelled correctly. So much for expert advice. I will stick to the tried and true

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from now on; from this point on it will  
be *Morocco Times*.

The moral of the story is you just don't  
Mess with Morocco.

In last month's paper was an article  
from 1932 on the 4-H, and I asked you  
to see if you could identify the two  
people I had had coffee with who were  
mentioned in the article 75 years ago.  
Several people supplied the correct  
answer. If you said Ruth (Blann)  
Warrick and Florence (Mashino) Storey  
you were correct, and they still have an  
interest in and support the work of the  
4-H.