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Around Town

Bringing Back a Morocco Landmark

Scaffolding has been set up at Sellers' Station (located at the corner of Polk and State Streets) signaling the beginning of renovations to the exterior of the building.

Once electrical power is established, the shakes will be stripped of paint in preparation for the original red, white, and blue color scheme of Standard Oil back in the days of Sellers' Service. As funds become available, the old roof shakes will be replaced with new ones –painted red.

From remnants of paint on the shingles, it looks like a greenish-blue paint might have been used before the red paint was applied. Does anyone remember this? Also, the bottom stripe on the building seems to have been blue at one time, and red at another. Deciphering old paint schemes from paint residue can be tricky in situations like this, so if anyone has old color pictures of the station, please contact Trudie Gruber at 219-285-6074.

This Renewed Heritage project is funded primarily by Juanita Sellers and Peg (Sellers) Lindlow, and by the Newton County Community Foundation. Juanita and Peg provided funding to rebuild and cover the roof over the back sections of the building, while the Newton County Community Foundation provided funding to purchase equipment needed to perform the restoration and establish the building as a “restoration resource”. The goal in providing

this equipment is to increase awareness of the tools and methods available that make restoration of Morocco’s historic homes and buildings practical. Dale Wynn has lent the scaffolding and several people have made generous donations to help cover costs. Much of the work will be done by the many volunteers who responded to the Renewed Heritage newsletter. Renewed Heritage would like to thank everyone for their support on the project.



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For sale signs have been spotted on two downtown buildings. Those buildings are on the north side of State Street between the former Hickman's watch/jewelry shop and the former Pool Hall. One of the buildings was most recently the Newton County Health Department.

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The town garage/police station now have new sidewalks (on Clay Street). As does the Newton County Council on Aging building located downtown on State Street.

Work continues at the Morocco Elementary School. It often begins at 5:30 in the morning and continues until the workers run out of daylight. My neighbor, Marilois Anderson, was kind enough to allow me to snap this picture from the second floor of her home. She certainly has quite a view of the construction activity. I should mention that the new parking lot has been paved (between the playground and Polk Street).



The (underground) drainage pipes for the retention pond have been installed near Jack's Car Wash. The drainage pipes will move the

excess water from the elementary school to the town's retention pond.

Allen's IGA offers \$1.49 Senior Citizen lunches on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Stop in for an affordable lunch- should there be enough people, free games will be played.

In addition to \$1.00 tacos on Thursdays, Sue Casa now has central air conditioning for more comfortable dining. Sue Casa is located at 107 East State Street (at the former Pizza King location).

Born Antiques summer hours; by appointment or by chance. The Tea Room may be reserved for out of town guests, birthday parties, or other special occasions. Please call 219-285-2367 or 219-285-6049.

Morocco Cooks

We would love to include your recipe(s) in the *Morocco Times*. If you would like to have your recipes included, please mail (or e-mail) them to us and we will do our best to work them in as space permits.

Dill Bread by Joanne Swart

Combine 1 pkg. Dry yeast and ¼ cup warm water in a cup. Set aside. Combine the following in a large saucepan:
1 cup cottage cheese

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2 Tbsp. Sugar
1 Tbsp. Minced onion
1 Tbsp. Butter
2 tsp. Dill seed
1 tsp. Salt
¼ tsp. Baking soda

Heat until lukewarm. (I use the microwave.) Don't have the mixture too hot. Add the softened yeast and 1 beaten egg. Stir in 2 to 2 ¼ cups flour to make a stiff dough. Let rise and turn into a well greased 1 ½ qt. Bread pan. Let rise again; brush the top with melted butter; sprinkle lightly with coarse salt. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

This is a moist bread so I keep the unused portion in the refrigerator. When I want a slice or two, I zap in in the microwave for 15-20 seconds, add some butter and enjoy.

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Spinach Salad by Joanne Swart

½ pound fresh spinach
1 bunch curly red lettuce
8 oz. Fresh mushrooms, washed, thinly sliced
1 pound bacon, cooked, crumbles
4 eggs, boiled, peeled, chopped
1 medium red onion, peeled, thinly sliced

Wash greens and assemble salad putting greens in the bottom of the salad bowl.

Dressing: ¾ cup extra light olive oil

½ cup tarragon or salad vinegar
½ cup sugar
4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
6 Tbsp. Ketchup

Place all ingredients for salad dressing in a pint jar, put the lid on tight, and shake well. Pour over salad just before eating, use tongs to mix salad, eat and enjoy.

The salad is a family favorite. I use fresh spinach, the curly red lettuce, green curly lettuce, and sometimes Romaine lettuce if I have to. The more variety the better we like it.

Also, I use a very sharp knife to slice the whole package of bacon (on a plastic cutting mat) before I cook it, then just crumble it up in the skillet and keep stirring it until browned, drain, cool, and sprinkle it over the greens.

Happenings

Addison Brianne Goddard

Addison was born May 5, 2009 at 2:23 a.m. at St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point, Indiana. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 inches long. She is the daughter of Brian & Rebecca Goddard and the sister of Braden and Keely Evans all of Morocco. Welcome baby Addison!

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Pastor Sam Polito (formerly the pastor at Morocco First United Methodist Church) shared

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lunch at Greenfield's Cafe with Ruth Warrick, Ruth Shirer, Dave & Lois Hensel, Bill Lindahl, Kris Rumbut, Samantha Glancy, Shirley Storey, Gerald Born, Reverend Tom Vance (of the United Church) and me on Monday, June 29. Fun was had by all as we visited with Pastor Sam. Unfortunately, his wife Cindy was home with a broken ankle and could not join us. Sam was in town to fish. They currently reside in Mexico, Ind. Sam said the fishing was great.

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Jerry & Linda Drinski stopped by Born's Antiques and Tea Room at the end of June. It was learned that their son, Jeffrey Drinski, is running for Prosecuting Attorney of Newton County.

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A few days before, Diane (Kruger) Castongia and her aunt Bonnie (Brown) Skinner of Rensselaer stopped by Born's Antiques and Tea Room. A couple days later, Bonnie's son Eric and wife Janice Skinner of Earl Park stopped by to see the antiques. They both teach at South Newton High School.

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Gerald Born is busy working on the history of Roselawn, Shelby, and Thayer. He attended the meeting of the group putting the book together on July 2, 2009.

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Little League finished last month (in June). A big thank you to the coaches, assistant coaches, vendors, volunteers, parents, kids, and everyone who helped make this year a success.

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Shirley Storey's daughter Paula and husband Roger Richard were visiting from Baton Rouge, LA. They arrived the first week of June and stayed for a couple weeks. Shirley said her daughter came home to help mom with a lot of things around the house. They enjoyed many dinner outings, luncheons, and a trip to Born Antiques.

Shortly after Paula and Roger returned home, Shirley's son Steve Storey and wife Paula, came to visit. They stayed at Steve's in-laws house but visited Shirley often. They enjoyed their grandchildren, cook-outs, and many meals together.

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The Morocco First United Methodist Church welcomed their new pastor, Gregory Waggoner, and his family on Sunday, July 5. We wish Pastor Greg (and family) all the best and are pleased to welcome them to town.

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An excerpt from Generations Magazine featuring Betty Kessler was in *The Times* on Sunday July

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5, 2009. The premiere issue of Generations Magazine will feature the complete story.

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Shirley Deardurff and her tribe were visiting New York City, staying in a suite and enjoying the big city experience.

Editorial

Hello readers! I wanted each and every one of you to know how much I enjoyed working on my first issue of the *Morocco Times*. Although I later found a couple of errors (typos really), I was very pleased with the paper. I hope you were too.

It's been a very busy and exciting month in Morocco with the new sidewalks, the Farmer's Market, and renovations being done to Sellers' Station and the Elementary school addition. I'm so thankful to see a new things happening in town!

My husband, Dave, was called back to work at the end of June! I can't tell you how thankful we are. God's timing is always perfect. My husband was able to enjoy a few months at home with our children and just as his unemployment was about to run out, he was called back to work. Thank you Lord!

It has been quite refreshing to receive many positive notes and comments over the past month

(or so) that I've been at the helm of the *Morocco Times*. I have had only one negative comment from a person who feels I'm too young, too new to town, and too out of touch with those in town. With so many new faces in town, it makes me wonder just who is out of touch, and I'll leave it at that.

Those of you who know me probably know that I very much enjoy visiting some of the older folks in town. You may also know that I have an odd obsession with the Second World War, especially WWII aviation.

With that being said, imagine my surprise when on one of my many visits to my good friend Bill Lindahl's home, he showed me his Red Cross bag filled with his pictures, razor, fork, original manuals, and other memorabilia from his time serving in WWII. I got such a kick out of it that during another visit, he took me upstairs and led me to a closet in the back of one of the bedrooms. In it, his WWII uniform in such good shape that I could have sworn he just put it there yesterday. Hard to believe that well over 60 years had passed since he'd worn it.

Recently, I found out that the “Wings of Freedom” tour will be making it's rounds to our area at the end of July. There will be a B-17 and a B-24 bomber on display as well as a P-51 Mustang. I asked Bill Lindahl if he'd like to go with me. His reply- “those Mustangs make too much darn noise.” Although I can't know for sure, I'm willing to bet that Bill is correct. Good thing the planes will be sitting quietly on the

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ground.

Last year, my family and I had the opportunity to go to the small airport at Valparaiso where a B-17 was on display as part of a nationwide tour. In addition to walking through the old bird, you had the option of going on a 30 minute flight (for a hefty price I might add). Needless to say, I was happy just walking through the B-17. A little overcome with emotion about the whole thing but very happy. It truly amazed me that ten men could fit into this plane, fly for hours on end in an unpressurized cabin where temperatures often reached 30 degrees BELOW zero, hooked up to oxygen wearing large flight suits that also needed to be plugged in (when they worked anyway) all while flying through flak, shooting at enemy fighters on their way to bomb a particular target hundreds of miles from their base. Incredible.

I will be going to the “Wings of Freedom” tour this month and I'll be thinking about you Bill and all the other brave souls who fought for our country and our freedom during WWII. I can't even begin to imagine what that must have been like.

Features

Morocco Author, Bradley S. Hartman

“It began when I started reading Stephen King- the fact that someone could do that with words” explained author Bradley S. Hartman as to why he began writing.

Brad began writing his first novel, “U.S.

Avengers” when he was 21. For the next twenty seven years, “U.S. Avengers” sat unfinished as Brad drove trucks across the country and took care of his family. Then Brad was injured on the job (ironically while driving to the Newton Co. landfill).

During Brad's time off from work while recovering from his injury, Brad found the first page of “U.S. Avengers” and decided it was time to rework and finish the story. In just three months, Brad had it completed. Brad told me his original vision for “U.S. Avengers” was much “like 'Nightrider' before 'Nightrider'.” Brad even showed me THE Fiero that's written about in “U.S. Avengers.”

Then Brad decided, as a joke, to try his hand at poetry. He submitted a poem called “Like a Rose” (which can be found in his poetry book, “Just Like Dad”) to the International Library of Poetry and it won an Editor's Choice Award. Brad said “it was more for laughs”. But he continued writing poetry. He has won numerous awards for his poetry and has already written two poetry books- “Just Like Dad” and “A Light at Midnight.”

“Dad was always an enigma. He always believed in steady hard work. He also believed in sticking to your dreams. He and (Stephen) King were my mentors” said Brad. His father “was always there for us kids. He helped us even though we didn't know it then” he said. Brad has a brother and a sister. Sadly Brad's father passed away before his book “Just Like Dad” was

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published.

Brad's latest book, which is still a work-in-progress, is called “The Strange Adventures of Jesse Hunter.” It is a Morocco based book about an ex-truck driver turned private investigator who specializes in paranormal activity. He's called to investigate missing children from a five state area and ends up in Morocco. While in Morocco, he finds one of the missing children who leads him to a dilapidated manor on Bogus Island. The manor ends up being a hideout for the last vampires on earth so he creates an array of weapons using various solar technologies to use against the vampires. The vampire leader becomes rather enraged at Hunter, and later impressed by him. There's a battle and lots of action but Brad won't tell me how the book ends. He even presented me with the first five chapters as a “teaser”, I read through them in record time and was left wanting more. Needless to say, I'll be waiting for him to finish this book.

When I asked Brad what the most difficult aspect of writing was his answer was getting published. Finding a good publisher and editing are the two most time consuming tasks when it comes to writing. Brad said he was very fortunate to have a wife who is so committed to his writing. She does a lot of editing and research for him.

So far, Brad has written nine books, two (“U.S. Avengers” and “Just Like Dad”) have been published. You can find them locally at the Morocco Public Library and Just In Time (Trudie Gruber's new store). You can also order them

online at www.amazon.com. Brad currently has “A Cut Above” (the sequel to “U.S. Avengers”) and “A Light at Midnight” (his latest poetry book) available as free downloads on his website www.hartfeltbooks.com. His other books, which have not yet been released, include a third book in the “U.S. Avengers” series- “Evil Comes in Leather.” And finally, “Time Slips” about a serial killer who, upon his 1980 execution by electric chair, gets “slipped” into present day, and “Riverview & The Last Crime Fighter” which takes place at (the now closed) Riverview Amusement Park in Chicago.

Brad was born and raised in Hyde Park before moving to various cities around the region including Calumet City, Lansing, Michigan City, and Dyer. Brad has one daughter and one great-granddaughter. He and his wife Andrea moved to Morocco shortly after Brad's mother passed away in 2006. They live in the home that was previously the medical center in Morocco with their dog Gabriel.

As we sat in Brad's den, which is a nostalgic room full of Batman memorabilia, books, records, and cars, Brad tells me that in addition to reading and writing, he enjoys music, car rides in the country with Andrea, walks with Gabriel, watching movies, and the occasional television show. “But as a writer, I'm home a lot.” You can contact him through his website or by e-mailing him at bsh@hartfeltbooks.com.

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The Morocco Courier

Part Two

By: Gerald Born

Looking back through the files of old newspapers, the modern craftsman wonders how these early printers produced their weekly newspapers with closely set columns... some six and seven point type... with only the poorest of equipment. And yet, from a strictly artistic viewpoint, the older craftsmen of the art preservative excelled the present day printer.

Of course, the time element was not as important as it is today. A much smaller volume of pure news there was to edit and set up, for less news was “breaking” then. Job departments were not rushed and there was ample time to get out the scattering jobs that drifted into the shop. Sometimes, even, the day’s work became completed and the printers gathered around a card table and whiled away the balance of the day.

As previously stated the paper was started in the west end of town. We have had some difficulty in finding out the various locations of the plant, but W.O. Schanlaub informs us that when he came to work in Morocco it was located in the upper story of a building where the Masonic Hall now stands and was later moved into the building recently remodeled into the American Legion home, which in the early days stood on the opposite side of the street.

H.J. Bartoo, now of Reminton, and still in the

newspaper business, bought the paper in 1905 and ran it until November of 1908 when he sold out to L.P. Builta. As near as we can learn it occupied tow locations during Editor Bartoo's regime... the second story of the Recher brick block, corner of State and Clay Streets, and later moved to the Porter building then moved to the present site of the Legion Hall. Druing this time the first power press was installed... a Hoe cylinder... which was propelled with a large upright gasoline engine. This press was in use until replaced by the more modern Mehlie a couple of years ago.

Bartoo sold the paper to L.P. Builta, now of Pine Village, in November of 1908. Builta owned the building now occupied by Hancock's variety store and built an addition to the rear with concrete floor and quite suitable for printing office purposes. The room partitioned off from the variety store was used from the date until a few weeks ago when the *Courier* moved into its new building across the street.

Builta sold the *Courier* to W.H. Meyers in April of 1915 who operated it until March of 1919 and sold out to Lesley Miller. In 1922 Miller accepted a position at the Michigan City Daily News and leased the *Courier* to George Hastings. In 1931 Allan B. Augustin, the present editor, bought the paper from Miller and has operated it since. Of the alter editors Miller is still residing at Michigan City; Hastings moved to Watsonville, California; Meyers is editor and owner of the Kewanna Herald.

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Much new and modern machinery has been added from time to time as the littler paper started way back in 1876 journeyed on through the years. Yet it is surprising how some equipment will remain... almost as landmarks... in a country printing office. While our modern presses, linotype, wire stitcher and bindery equipment would present a strange sight to some of the earlier editors, we'll wager that any one of them might find a composing stick, font of type, type rack or some piece of office furniture which they would recognize as dating from the time of their ownership.

After all the moves which the *Courier* has made since 1876 we feel it has now settled in a permanent home... a building built for a printing office and containing the features advantageous to this line of business. Although it is nothing ornate or pretentious, we are proud of our new home and invite every reader of the *Courier* to come in and see it.

1942... May 21... Leo Highet Now At Helm of the Morocco Courier.

Monday morning (May 18) of this week the publication of the Morocco Courier passed into new hands when Leo R. Highet of Tiffin, Ohio, succeeded Allan B. Augustin as editor.

While the deal represented no transfer of ownership Mr. Highet assumed full proprietorship on a rental basis. Mr. Augustin, who owns three other papers in the state, will continue to reside with his family in Morocco, but will divide his time between his three

publications. He has been in active charge of the *Courier* for the past 11 years.

Mr. Highet comes to Morocco from the superintendency of the printing department of the *National Orphan's Home* in Tiffin, which position he has held for the past 17 years. He has a long printing and publication background and for seven years was with the *Benton Review Publishing Company* at Fowler. He is at present commuting from Fowler, where he and his wife have taken up temporary residence until a residence property can be obtained here.

He plans to continue the present policies of the paper with Morocco and northern Newton County the first consideration; and the news policies which have built for the *Courier* the largest circulation in its history.

(Leo R. Highet listed as Editor and Publisher)

1948... September... 30... *Courier* Editor Succumbs to Heart Attack
Leo R. Highet, publisher of the *Courier* for the past six years, died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday (September 26) at St. Paul, Minnesota. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Highet left Morocco on Friday morning for St. Paul, where he attended a weekend committee on arrangements of the National Editorial association. The message came Sunday night to a friend that he had suffered a heart attack and was taken to a hospital there but death followed shortly.

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(In 1948... October 14, 21, and 28, issues list Estate of Leo R. Highet, Paul W. Garner, Administrator as Publisher; Allan b. Augustin as Managing Editor and Freda Brewer as Local Editor.)

To be continued in next month's issue.

Letters to the Editor

I look forward to each new issue. I so appreciate your efforts, Gerald, bringing to the area this very interesting news source. I hope you will continue to contribute to the “Times”.

Best wishes to you, Yvonne, in this new venture.

Sincerely,
Billie Bingham

Thank you Billie for your kind words of encouragement. I am glad you look forward to the new issues of the *Morocco Times*. And yes, Gerald will continue to contribute to the *Times*.

Backward Glance Sellers' Service Station

By: Gerald Born

The renovation of the Sellers Service Station just recently started has released a flood of memories recalling “Bud” Sellers when he operated it and later became its owner at the height of the activity on the corner of State Street

and Highway 41 (Polk Street) between the 1940's to the 1980's.

It is difficult to isolate it from the Pullman Café, for they were conceived at the same time and seemed to operate in tandem for much of their existence.

The Pullman Café and the Standard Oil Service Station was the brain child of Orville Reams, who although not a native son, soon fit into the community and became an integral part of it

In my younger years I had assumed that it was a real Pullman car, which had been moved to Morocco and turned into a diner, which were then very popular. However, Betty Kessler, who was living in Morocco at the time of its construction, told me that it was built to look like one, but was indeed not a Pullman car. So much for youthful misconceptions.

Orville Reams was a real risk taker and gambler. His small house on State Street, just east of the former Henry Brandt home, was equipped with a buzzer that could be heard in the basement and was operated from upstairs in case of a raid, as gambling was illegal. That provided them time to hide the cards, money and other items before the authorities came down the stairs.

It was at one of these poker games in which Orville had lost all of his money and was so sure that his luck would change, that he threw the deed to the Pullman and Station into the pot. He lost.

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As luck would have it, Clinton “Squint” or “Pop” Hayworth, also an avid poker player, was the winner thus starting a new cycle in the operation of the business. “Squint” was married to my mother’s first cousin, Bernice (Bell) Gorman Hayworth and it was only years later that I heard the circumstances of how they came to own the building. Bernice never said a word.



Bernice (Bell) Gorman Hayworth and her daughter, Evelyn (Gorman) Russell.

“Squint” renamed it Hayworth’s Corner. In the 1944 Morocco Telephone Book (printed locally at the *Courier* office on very poor quality paper due to the scarcity of paper during World War II) he advertised “Hayworth’s Corner-- Standard Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Battery Charging Accessories and Tire Repair.” “Bud” Sellers was managing the station by that time and could be reached by giving the number “5” to the telephone operator.

Other easily remembered numbers were “2” for Evan Deardurff’s residence, “3” for Morocco Grain and Lumber “4” for the C.A. & S. Depot, “6” for the Methodist Parsonage, “8” for Harold Heyer’s residence and “9” for the Moroko Theatre, “18” for Gerald Roudebush residence (he was the coach), “10” for Ford Market, “21” for O. R Reams, “22” for Mrs. L. H. Recher residence, “34” for the I.G.A. store and “35” for the Conrad ranch.

Darrell or “Bud” Sellers met his future wife at the Pullman. Juanita McClatchey, the daughter of Chester “Chet” and Carrie (Guinn) McClatchey worked the night shift at the Pullman. Subsequently, they were married and had a daughter Peg Sellers, who married Dave Lindlow.

Remember this was when Highway 41 came directly through Morocco on what is now Polk Street and there was enough business from night travelers to justify keeping the restaurant open all night.” Bud” also was on hand working at the station and ordered coffee every night and that is

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how the romance blossomed. (To get some idea of the volume of traffic, on a Memorial Day Weekend in 1945, I counted in two hours a hundred cars passing our house on their way to the races in Indianapolis.)

In 1946 “Bud” purchased the station, just in time for his brother-in-law, Earl McClatchy, who was returning from the War, to start working for him. Ray Williams also worked the night shift at the station. The long hours were no longer necessary when the by-pass to Highway 41 was completed around 1955 or 56, as this diverted all the traffic away from Polk Street and from then on it was called Old 41. There was little reason for traffic to come through Morocco.

After “Pop” Hayworth sold the station, it was then called Sellers Service Station; he started the Hayworth Tire Store in the building presently housing the town hall. “Pop” and Bernice adopted a son, Joe, who during the Second World War was a paratrooper. The photo shows

“Squint,” Joe, home on a furlough, and “Bud” Sellers standing in front of the open door of the garage. In another snap-shot taken only moments later one can see the car hoist. “Pop” Hayworth died in 1957.



Bernice (Bell) Gorman Hayworth



“Bud” also bought the Pullman from Bernice in 1975, just three years before her death in 1978. He rented it to Nellie and Leonard Bingham who ran a restaurant there for a time. Dave and Peg’s sons, all worked for their grandfather at the garage, Rick Lindlow, from the time he was in the 8th grade till he went to college, and for two or three summers while in college. Jeff was there occasionally during the late 1980’s and Steve

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worked part-time from ‘82-’85.

It also became a hang-out for a number of the men of the community, who would come on a daily basis to exchange banter and hear the latest news. They spent the morning and often returned after lunch. I don’t remember all of them but a few were Fred Flowers, Jr. & Sr., Ray and Roy Blann, Alton Webb, Andy Bower, and Otha Miller, who brought his own chair. His wife, Laura Miller, was ahead of her time and would not allow Otha to smoke in the house, so he escaped as often as possible to this male haven, where he could smoke to his heart’s content.

Besides Earl McClatchey, Dick Wilson was employed and Dale Loveall had a long tenure, starting about 1968 and continued a few more years after Dick Hutsell bought the station in 1987. Bob Dawson also worked there at one time. I’m sure there are others, but those are all that come to mind.

Joe and Kathy Deardurff bought the building in 1987 and Kathy operated an antique shop there for a year or so. It has been difficult to trace ownership since then as many of the owners were not known by townspeople, but it could be done, if one had the time and patience to go through court records.

Other people who ran a restaurant in the Pullman, besides the Bingham, were Floyd Ulm, and Jim Best (Peg worked for Jim). I’m sure there were others, but those come easily to mind.

Ruby Lanning, and Elsie Ross waited tables and Minnie Wright was one of the cooks. Roger Hively mopped floors after the restaurant closed.

The corner was not without its tragedy. Grover Hammond’s brother, “Dummy” Hammond, a deaf mute, was struck by a semi right in front of the station in the 1940’s and died as a result of his injuries. The truck never stopped. Although his nickname may appear demeaning to the present generation, it was never intended to belittle and he was one of the many characters of the town who were loved and protected. A great deal of time and effort was spent trying to find who was responsible for his death.

Pullman Cafe Called A Landmark

September 11, 1980

The Pullman Cafe, located on Polk Street, has been a landmark in Morocco for many, many years.

Before the new double lane US 41 was constructed to bypass the town of Morocco, Polk Street, better known as old US 41, was a heavily traveled road by north and south traffic.

At that time, the Pullman Cafe was a popular dining spot for weary, hungry travelers. The cafe is still a popular place to “sup and sip” but now the customers are mostly local residents with whom the managers have a first name relationship and the atmosphere is more “family” oriented than a tourist oasis.

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Nellie & Leonard Bingham, longtime residents of Enos (a small town four miles north of Morocco) became the managers of the Pullman Cafe on March 17, 1969.

For early risers, the Bingham's begin serving breakfast at 5:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday and remain open until 4 p.m. On Sunday, the cafe is open from 6 a.m. until 1 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are served daily and the coffee pot is never empty during business hours.

Leonard attended Enos Grade School and Morocco High School. He has always been a farm “lad” and during WWII, he drove a school bus as a substitute for his brother who was serving in a tour in the Army.

His wife, the former Nellie Speed Menser of St. Charles, Kentucky, attended school in Earlington, Kentucky. She withdrew from School at the age of 16 and traveled north to Kankakee County in Illinois where she met her future husband.

She and Leonard were married on December 17, 1942 in Momence, Illinois after which they lived with “grandpa” Bingham in Enos until they built their new home just a “hop, skip, and jump” from the home place seven years later.

Leonard continued to farm and is still farming when he isn't helping his wife in the cafe.

Following their wedding, Nellie began her career as a full time housewife and in 1943 she became

the mother a baby boy, James Ray. Judy joined the family in 1944; Roy Jan in 1946; Rita Jo in 1948 and baby Ruth Renee arrived in 1949.

Twenty years later, when the “chicks had flown the coop” and Nellie thought she hadn't done enough cooking and dishwashing to last a life time, the Bingham's became managers of the Pullman Cafe where Nellie has been chief cook and bottle washer for the past eleven years.

Their first born, Jim, is married to the former Linda Merriman of Morocco. They live in Plainfield, Illinois with their four children where Jim is part owner of six stores and two warehouses.

Judy and her husband James Henley live in Paducah, Kentucky with their three sons, and Roy lives in Peoria, Illinois where he is employed by the Caterpillar Company. He and the former Gloria Bricker of Momence, are the parents of two children.

Rita and Gary Tichacek of Morocco are the parents of three children and Ruth and her two children live in Paducah, Kentucky. The Bingham's are happy businessmen and seem very content catering to the appetites of their clientele.

“We have an awful lot of real good honest customers,” said Leonard, “and it's a pleasure for us to know them.”

(Editor's note: Nellie and Leonard closed their business in January 1988. Leonard was injured

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in a farm-related accident and died February 6, 1993. Nellie lives in the family home north of Morocco and boasts of having 17 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.)

Reprinted from “The Morocco Sesquicentennial Historical Collection” compiled by Gerald Born and Beth Bassett in 2002.

Government In Action Morocco Town Board Meeting Highlights July 7, 2009

- 4 tires at a cost of \$196 each were approved for the town truck.
- Gravel will be added to the alley ways.
- Rainford asked to take \$1500. out of landfill tipping fees for payroll until money can be replaced. The town's cash was spent on the dump truck. Her request was approved.
- Attorney Pat Ryan said the bond issue went smoothly, the interlocal agreement of \$10,000 was to be paid. There was an issue with the road. The drainpipe at College Ave. will cross old waterlines. There is concern that the old lines will burst when tapped into “live” and drain the town water tank of 250,000 gallons of water.
- In an effort to have no questions as to how the bond money is spent, Ryan has made a form to be used to account for all funds used.
- Of the \$470,000 Bond Anticipation Loan (BAN), about \$175,000 has been dispensed so far. It is borrowed at an interest rate of 5% from DeMotte State Bank. Two sources had approved the BAN. Citi Bank wanted them to take the \$450,000 loan in a lump sum at 3% interest while Demotte State Bank was willing to give on an as needed basis at 5% interest.
- The Marshal had 16 calls this month, issued 1 citation, 1 warning, and logged 872 miles while on patrol.
- There was no utility board report.
- Concrete and dirt from the Wheatfield Grain & Co. remodeling was broken up and hauled to Sumava Resorts to be used as a levee.
- Ward Rep. 1 Marlene Taden requested rumble strips to slow down traffic in her ward.
- Ward Rep. 2 Dale Kressen was not present (he is recovering from an accident a couple months back). There is a benefit planned for him (please see the Community Calendar for information).
- Ward Rep. 3 Jim Elijah said there was a couch in a yard on West Street that needs to be removed. On recent inspection it is no longer there.
- Ward Rep. 4 Gil Glancy suggested that contractors be used to mow unattended yards. He said at least three yards in his ward needed mowing. Ryan said they could look into it but it would be unrealistic to expect to recoup the cost from the property owners (if they can't afford to have it mowed now, they can't afford to pay if we have it done for them).
- Glancy said there were three sheds that needed to come down in his ward.
- The Bowling Alley is still selling \$5. raffle tickets to help fund their remodeling project. First place is \$100. cash. Remodeling is 90% complete. They are training on the machines. They want to thank the community for pulling together and for all the volunteers. The grand re-opening date is August 1, 2009.

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- There was concern over the school project in regards to the water main issues. There was talk of tapping in at other locations to avoid the possibility of a main break. There was concern over who would be liable for and cover the costs should a main break. A proposal is in the works. Gonczy said they know how to solve the problem but not who pays for it.

- The new County Garage building has been completed and has water and sewage hooked up. They are unsure what to do with the old building at this juncture.

Community Calendar

Morocco Farmer's Market

The Morocco Farmer's market has begun. It is at Betty Kessler Park on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Stop by to browse local foods, crafts, and chat with your neighbors. The Morocco Farmer's market will run through the end of October.

Benefit for Dale Kressen

The benefit dinner and silent auction for Dale Kressen will be August 1st, 2009 at the Community Center in Morocco from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A donation of \$5.00 per person is suggested. Food has been donated by Allen's IGA. All proceeds go to the family. Please contact Angel Watkins at 219-644-9151 or Gregg Hamilton at 219-613-5376 with any questions.

Transitions

Harriet “Grace” Rice

Harriet "Grace" Rice 93, formerly of Momence, Illinois, died Thursday, June 25th, 2009 in Indianapolis, where she has resided with her daughter Barbara Greenburg and family.

In Momence, Grace was an active member of the community. She was a member of the Women's Club, The Momence Historical Society and the Gladiolus Festival Flower Show. She was born in Morocco, Indiana, February 11, 1916 as the daughter of Ross and Elizabeth Hagan and just celebrated her 75th high school class reunion in Morocco.

She was preceded in death by her husband Willard, two infant sons, and brothers John and Vick Hagan. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara; son-in-law, David; grandchildren, Charles Greenburg, Mandy Quiroz, Wendy Doudt and Doug Greenburg; six great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Kessler and brother, Rex Hagan.

Funeral services include visitation from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28th and funeral service at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 29th at the Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center - Broad Ripple, in Indianapolis. There will also be a burial service in Momence, Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29th.

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Lenore P. Smith

Lenore P. Smith (Bingham), 90, of Loveland, died June 21, 2009, at Medical Center of the Rockies.

She was born March 8, 1919, in Enos, Ind., to Harrison and Margaret (Brenneisen) Bingham. She attended schools in Enos and graduated high school in Morocco, Ind., in 1936.

Lenore married James G. Smith in Indiana on June 4, 1942. After their marriage they lived in Chicago, Berwyn and Cicero, Ill., and Madison, Wis.

Lenore was a bookkeeper with Ryerson Steel Co. in Chicago for 30 years before retiring and moving to Loveland.

She was a founding member of Crossroads Church in Loveland. Lenore volunteered regularly in many areas of the church. She was part of the Hatitudes group and the widows group at LifeSpring Church in Loveland.

Lenore enjoyed cooking, crocheting, collecting cut glass, and she had many, many other interests. Family and friends, however, were the most important aspects of her life. She was compassionate, caring and very outgoing. Lenore was always ready for a long and deep conversation. She was most happy to be with friends taking a drive in the mountains, planting flowers or having lunch together. She was extremely proud of her sons and all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to express its deep gratitude to

the doctors, nurses and staff of MCR, Park Regency Assisted Living, North Shore Health Care Facility and especially to the Crossroads Church family for their love and care.

Lenore was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Raymond Bingham, and her husband.

She is survived by sons, Jeffrey Smith and wife Cindy of Birmingham, Ala., John Smith and wife Phyllis of Loveland, Colo., and Bill Smith of Honolulu, Hawaii; her grandchildren, Julian Smith of Gardendale, Ala., Rachael Hay and husband Bill of Loveland, Colo., Erin Grabowski and husband David of Newton, Mass., Mary Hayashi of Piscataway, N.J.; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers, Larry Bingham and wife Judy of Morocco, Ind., Gary Bingham and wife Cheryl of Escondido, Calif., Dennis Bingham and wife Peggy of Escondido, Calif.; sisters, Juanita Bannister of Remington, Ind., Alice Nemecek of Morocco, Ind., Audrey Johnson (Gene) Escondido, Calif., and Dottie Kaupke of Phoenix, Ariz., and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial service is 11 a.m., Thursday at Crossroads Church in Loveland with Pastors Dennis Anderson and John Smith officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Music Ministry of Crossroads Church in care of Viegut Funeral Home, 1616 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland, CO 80538.

For condolences, go to www.viegutfuneralhome.com.

Gary Curtis White

Gary Curtis White, 71, a lifetime resident of

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Morocco, died Saturday, June 27, 2009, at Home Hospital, Lafayette.

Born Jan. 12, 1938, in Morocco, to the late Paul Robertson and Gretta Enid White, he was a 1956 graduate of Morocco High School. Upon graduation, he went to work at Permonite Mfg. Co. in Morocco, which later became Intec Group Inc., and remained employed there in numerous positions until his retirement in 2004.

On June 12, 1959, he married Martha Fern Clark in Morocco.

Mr. White enjoyed traveling, reading, outdoor activities and spending time with his granddaughter. He was a member of United Methodist Church of Morocco.

Surviving are his wife, Martha; three children, Gary Dennis White of Manteo, N.C., Denise Diane Nalley (husband: Alan) of Plainfield, Ill., and Steven Linn White of Indianapolis; two brothers, Gordon White and James White (wife: Joan), both of Morocco; and a sister, Nelda Kay Lecuyer (husband: James) of Bourbonnais, Ill.

Also surviving is a granddaughter, Katherine McKay Nalley of Plainfield. He was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn White.

Friends may call at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, from 4-7 p.m. (CDT). Funeral there at 11 a.m. (CDT) Thursday, July 2, 2009, with Pastors Jack Scott and Gregory Waggoner officiating. Burial at Oakland Cemetery in Morocco. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church, 203 S. Clay St., Morocco, IN 47963. See

www.jacksonfuneral.com to sign the on line guest book.

This and That

Kit homes in Morocco (Sears and others)

I hope to feature an article on kit homes in Morocco in next month's issue of the *Morocco Times*. If anyone knows of any kit homes in Morocco, please let me know. In addition to Sears, Gordon Van Tine, Aladdine, and Wardway sold kit homes (and I'm certain there are others). Any information including address, pictures, and stories, would be greatly appreciated.

Opportunity Knocks

Rumor has it that there is bakery equipment available for \$10,000. Everything needed for a full bakery is included. This would be a wonderful opportunity for someone who wants to open a Bakery in Morocco. Anyone who is interested should contact Kelly Tuntland, owner of Willow Studios Photography at 219-285-8889.