

# Town 'Locals' author, Thelma Calaway, dies

By JANET MAUCK

Morocco is mourning the loss of civic and church leader, social news correspondent and friend Thelma L. Calaway, who died Saturday afternoon at the age of 70 following an extended illness.

Mrs. Calaway had been a member of various organizations since she came to Morocco in 1944 with her husband John, a former longtime Morocco Town Board member who preceded her in death in 1982.

She was a charter member of Morocco's Projects Unlimited, an organization that raises funds for various community improvements and programs.

She also was a member of the Morocco Garden Club, Enos Bunco Club and the Newton County Republican Women's Club.

Morocco Community Productions, a group that presents musical or dramatic programs



Thelma Calaway

annually, also counted her among their membership.

Mrs. Calaway also was involved in various activities throughout the years at the United Church of Morocco, and she had served in the past as a deaconess.

But, perhaps she was best known as the author of the "Morocco Locals" column, a duty she had performed since practically her first days as an employee of the Morocco Courier.

Mrs. Calaway was hired by the former operators of the newspaper, Lee and the late Vern Ellis, about 27 years ago. In the nearly 20 years that Mrs. Ellis worked with her, she said they "never had one cross word."

At the beginning, Mrs. Calaway had several other duties besides the "Morocco Locals" column, including answering the telephone, waiting on customers, doing general office work and helping at times to fold the papers after they came off the press.

Mrs. Ellis recalled that they "always had such a good time together," and she noted that Mrs. Calaway was "certainly a good worker for us."

When the Morocco Courier was purchased in 1976 by Keith Robinson, then owner of the Rensselaer Republican and other area newspapers, Mrs. Calaway continued her duties as writer of the "locals."

Sometime during her years at the newspaper, she also began gathering the Mount Ayr news.

Mrs. Calaway only announced

her retirement as correspondent for the Morocco Courier, which is now owned by Dear Publications, Inc., last week.

As yet, a new "Morocco Locals" author has not been named, but Donna LaCosse has taken over the Mount Ayr correspondent duties.

Mrs. Calaway, who lived at 326 W. State, died at 1:10 p.m. Saturday at George Ade Memorial Hospital.

Born Feb. 14, 1914 in Anderson, she was the daughter of Horace and Medora Ray Reason. She married Jonathan Calaway on March 28, 1935.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. James (Sherri) Roberts, Indianapolis; her mother, Mrs. Medora Singer, Wabash, Ind.; and two grandchildren, Johnathan and Adam Roberts.

Also surviving are four brothers, H.E. "Bud" Reason, Michigan City; W.P. Reason, Watertown, N.Y.; Roland McAllister, Wabash; and Ronald McAllister, Jacksonville, Fla.; and four sisters, Mrs. Dollie Meredith and Mrs. Roseanna Yentes, Wabash; Mrs. Olive Briel, Peru, Ind.; and Mrs. Lenabelle Van Ryan, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services took place Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. at the United Church of Morocco, with the Rev. Marvin Parli officiating. Burial was in the Prairie Vine Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the United Church of Morocco or George Ade Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Cardwell Funeral Home.

Died: February 18, 1984  
Issue: February 23, 1984

## Della Josephine Carpenter

Della Josephine Carpenter, 75, Roselawn, died Sunday, April 29, at 8:10 a.m. at the Lake Holiday Manor Nursing Home near Roselawn.

Born Nov. 6, 1908 at Jefferson, Ill., she was the daughter of Charles and Josephine Newton Stewart.

In 1928, she married Roy Carpenter, who preceded her in death in 1972. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are one son, Bill Carpen-

ter, Roselawn; one daughter, Kathryn Ann Gardener, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; one brother, Charles Edwin Stewart, Joliet; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted at the Roselawn Cemetery on Wednesday, May 2 at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Marvin Parli officiating.

Cardwell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Died: April 29, 1984

Issue: May 3, 1984

## Zella E. Christenson

Zella E. Christenson, 72, Lake Village, died Tuesday, Oct. 23 at St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee, Ill.

Surviving are her husband, Gilbert; one son, Gilbert Jr., Lake Village; three brothers, William West, Morocco; Gale West, Valparaiso; and Keith West, Watseka; three sisters, Vera West, Watseka; Ruby Arseneau, Donovan;

and Phyllis Judy, Peoria, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services took place Friday, Oct. 26 at the Sheets-Love Funeral Home, Lowell, with the Rev. Donald Hicks officiating. Burial was in the Lake Village Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Died: October 23, 1984

Issue: November 8, 1984

## Maebelle Clinton

Maebelle Clinton, 64, Griffith, formerly of Thayer and Lincoln Township, died Thursday, Feb. 9.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chet.

Survivors are four brothers; Connie (Orie) Nichols and William (Nellie) Nichols, Milwaukee; Walter (Dolores) Nichols, Detroit; and Paul (Oma) Nichols, Highland;

two sisters, Nettie (Joe) Freda, Milwaukee, and Joan (Dernel) Laviolette, Griffith; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Feb. 11 at the Fagen-Miller Funeral Gardens, Griffith, with Rev. Mark Upchurch officiating. Graveside services were held at Memory Gardens in Rensselaer.

Died: February 9, 1984

Issue: February 23, 1984



## Earl S. Cole

Earl S. Cole, 77, a retired farmer, died at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 at Lafayette Healthcare Center. He had been a patient there for the past six weeks and had been in failing health for the past year.

Born and reared in Kentland, he had lived near Brook 16 years and near Otterbein for 15 years.

He was engaged in farming in these areas most of his life and moved to Lafayette after his retirement in 1971. He resided at 3211 W. County Road 800 S.

In 1932, he was married at Paris, Ill., to Edna Louise Hanna, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Miss Erlene Louise Cole and Miss Wilma J. Cole, at home; one son, Dwayne E. Cole, at home; and three sisters, Mrs. Thelma Hall and Mrs. Dorothy Kindig, Kentland, and Mrs. Henry (Velma) Antone, North Port Charlotte, Fla.

Funeral services took place Wednesday, Feb. 29 at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette.

Died: February 24, 1984

Issue: March 8, 1984

## Orville Cox

Orville Cox, 57, Lake Village, died March 7 in Lafayette.

He was a member of the Harvey VFW Post No. 1759 and was a military veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Penny; two sons, Ronald (Ena) Cox, Dyer, and James (Beverly) Cox, Bloomington, Ill.; two daughters, Betty DeVries, Dolton, and Kelly Cox,

Lake Village; one sister, Lorraine (Robert) Lange, Dyer; one niece, Holly (Frank) Gajewski, Wisconsin; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services took place March 8 at the Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home, Lansing, Ill. Private cremation took place March 9 at Oakland Memory Lanes, Dolton, Ill.

Died: March 7, 1984

Issue: March 22, 1984

## Emma Craig

Emma Craig, 74, Robinson, Ill., and formerly of East Chicago, died Tuesday, Jan. 24 at St. Catherine Hospital, East Chicago.

Born in Morocco on Sept. 8, 1909, she was the daughter of Iona and John Sallee. She attended country schools in that area, including Toad Puddle School, and graduated from Wallace High in Hammond.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar C. Craig.

Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis Wheeler, Quaker, Ohio, and Mrs. Sharon (Roy) Brandon,

Highland; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Lavina Granger, Thayer; and several nieces and nephews, including Vivian Chorzempa, Mark and Craig Knapp and Mike Roadruck.

Funeral services took place Jan. 27 from Huber's Funeral Home, East Chicago, with Pastor James Boldman Jr., St. Paul's Lutheran Church of East Chicago, officiating. Burial was in Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Schererville.

Died: January 24, 1984

Issue: February 12, 1984

## Virginia J. Crisan

Virginia J. Crisan, 59, Lake Village, died Monday, Oct. 15 at St. Anthony Skilled Care Center, Crown Point.

She was a member of St. Augusta Catholic Church, where she served as a eucharistic minister and the St. Augusta Guild. She was formerly a member of the choir at Our Lady of Grace Church in Highland and of the Daughters of Isabella, Circle No. 1166, at St. Edward Catholic Church at Lowell.

Surviving are her husband, John; four sons, John Jr., Lowell; Peter, Lake Dalecarlia; Mark, Dyer; and

Ray, Lake Village; two daughters, Joan Lewis, Illinois, and Cecelia Crisan, Merrillville; three sisters, Lou Reynold, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Helen Trembcynski, Calumet City; and Frances Mackey, Lake Village; one brother, Ed Melshen, Cedar Lake; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services took place Thursday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. at St. Augusta Catholic Church, Lake Village, with the Rev. Donald Gross officiating. Burial followed in Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens in Schererville.

Died: October 15, 1984

Issue: November 1, 1984

## Marjorie David

Marjorie David, 67, Lake Village, died June 21.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; one son, Richard Fix, Griffith; two daughters, Janice Fix Tumir, Elwood Park, Ill., and Lynn Maze, Las Vegas, Nev.; one brother, Harold Fleenor, Arizona;

one sister, Dorothy Denny, West Lebanon; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services took place Saturday, June 23 at St. Augusta Catholic Church, Lake Village, with Bishop William Higi officiating. Burial was in the Roselawn Cemetery.

Died: June 21, 1984

Issue: July 5, 1984

## Norman R. David

Norman R. David, 58, 1666 County Line Road, Michigan City, and a former Thayer resident, died at his home on Saturday, Oct. 19.

He had attended Thayer Elementary School and Mt. Ayr High School.

He served with the U.S. Navy and was a member of American Legion Post. No. 101, Lowell. He was a member of Colfax Lodge No. 378 F. & A.M., Lowell, and South Bend Consistory 32nd Degree, Scottish Rite.

He is survived by his wife, Martha, four sons, Michael David,

Oak Park, Ill.; Steven Hicks, Michigan City; Dennis Hicks with the U.S. Navy, Norfolk, Va; and Tom David, Kokomo; two daughters, Mrs. Caryl Franckowski, Haward, Calif., and Wanda Hicks, Akron, Ohio; mother, Mrs. Dorothy David, Thayer; two sisters, Mrs. Caroline Studer, Highland, and Mrs. Charma Hanley, Valparaiso; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 22 at the Carlisle Funeral Home, Michigan City, with burial in the Chesterton Cemetery.

Died: October 19, 1984

Issue: October 31, 1984

## Mary Maxine Davis

Mary Maxine Davis, 60, rural Monrovia, Ind., died Tuesday, April 24 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born Aug. 19, 1923, at Morocco, she was the daughter of Cody B. and Lillian Russell Penrod.

On Feb. 23, 1952, she married Clarence Davis, who survives.

She had lived in Monrovia for several years and was a former employee at an Indianapolis A and P store.

Surviving with the husband are one daughter, Cheryl Goode, Jamestown; one foster daughter,

Della Branam, Indianapolis; three brothers, Russell Penrod, Clayton; Larry Penrod, Plainfield; and Maurice Penrod, Des Moines, Iowa; two sisters, Donna Parks, Indianapolis, and Carolyn Reels, Glasgow, Ky.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Eloise Fisher, who was born in Morocco and had died on April 13, 1981.

Funeral services took place Friday, April 27 at 11 a.m. at the Weaver Funeral Home, Clayton. Burial was in the Clayton Cemetery.

Died: April 24, 1984

Issue: May 10, 1984

## Verda Viola Dawson

Verda Viola Dawson, 79, Morocco, died Tuesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. at the Rensselaer Care Center.

Born Jan. 23, 1905 in Newton County, she was the daughter of Charles and Della Goldsberry Hickman. She was a lifetime resident of Newton County.

On Feb. 25, 1928 at Mount Ayr, she married Lawrence Dawson, who survives. She was a member of the Morocco First United Methodist Church.

Surviving with the husband are three sons, Dale Dawson, Morocco;

Dean Dawson, Lake Village; and Daryl Dawson, Attica; two daughters, Mrs. Darlene Bilby, Abion, N.Y., and Mrs. Della Lou Wall, Marshall, Ind.; two sisters, Bonnie Clinton, Hebron, and Fairy Sayers, Lowell; one brother, Lester Hickman, Hobart; 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 20 at 2 p.m. at the Cardwell Funeral Home, Morocco, with the Rev. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery.

Died: April 17, 1984  
Issue: April 26, 1984

## Hannah Deardurff

Hannah Deardurff, 93, Sheldon, Ill., died Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 8:30 p.m. at Sheldon Health Care. She had been a former resident of Morocco.

Born Sept. 2, 1891 at Donovan, she was the daughter of Charles and Anna Youngquist Johnson.

In 1921 at Donovan, she married Robert Deardurff, who preceded her in death in 1947. She was a member of the Morocco United Methodist Church and the Beaver City Busy Bees.

Surviving are one son, Rex Deardurff, Danville, Ill.; one sister, Miss Phoebe Youngquist Johnson, Donovan; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by seven brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services took place Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Cardwell Funeral Home with the Rev. Scott McMurray officiating. Burial followed in the Prairie Vine Cemetery.

Died: December 5, 1984  
Issue: December 13, 1984

## Katherine Deardurff

Katherine Deardurff died July 5 at 9:30 a.m. at home.

She was born June 3, 1893 to David and Mary Peters in Otterbein. She married G.E. Deardurff in 1916. He preceded her in death in 1968.

Survivors include one son, Galen Deardurff, Morocco; two grandchildren and two great-

grandchildren.

One brother and two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the Cardwell Funeral Home, Saturday July 7 at 2 p.m. with the Pastor Norm Glassburn officiating.

Memorials may be made at the Morocco United Methodist Church.

Died: July 5, 1984  
Issue: July 12, 1984



## Mamie I. Deardurff

Mamie I. Deardurff, 65, rural Brook, died at Iroquois Hospital at Watseka at 11:14 a.m. Sunday, June 3.

Born Aug. 1, 1918, in White Cloud, Mich., she was the daughter of Robert and Lorrena Weddle Swartz.

She was married on April 27, 1937, at Switzer, Ind., to Oliver W. Deardurff, who died at Morocco on July 3, 1964.

She had been a Brook resident 20 years, living earlier at Morocco. She attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at Fowler.

Surviving are three daughters, Judith L. Deardurff, Patricia I. Deardurff and Susan M. Deardurff, Brook; two sons, Michael E. Deardurff,

Brook, and Joe D. Deardurff, Morocco; one brother, Jim Swartz, Morocco; two sisters, Mrs. Mildred P. Raper, New Concord, Ky., and Mrs. Virginia M. Easter, Sheldon; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, one daughter, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services took place at the Weston-Gerts Funeral Home, Brook, on Wednesday, June 6 at 11 a.m., with Dr. Donald Denison officiating. Burial was in the Prairie Vine Cemetery, Morocco.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggested friends contribute to the charity of their choice.

Died: June 3, 1984

Issue: June 7, 1984

## Charles Edward Dewell

Charles Edward Dewell, 73, Rt. 1, Morocco, died at 4:20 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13 at George Ade Memorial Hospital. He had been in ill health since June.

Born Feb. 11, 1911, at Hobart, he was the son of Charles and Jennie (Maybaum) Dewell. He had been a Morocco resident for 10 years.

In 1936, he married the former Justine Brown, who survives.

He retired in 1974 as a millwright from U.S. Steel, Gary Works. He was a member of Modern

Woodsman.

Surviving with the wife are two sons, Larry Dewell, Valparaiso, and William Dewell, Lowell; one daughter, Jerry Schmidt, Dyer; one sister, Marie Gloyeske, Valparaiso; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services took place Saturday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Cardwell Funeral Home, Morocco, with the Rev. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial was in Memory Lane Memorial Park, Schererville.

Died: September 13, 1984

Issue: September 20, 1984

## Johanna Dorn

Johanna Dorn, 55, DeMotte, died Dec. 27 at Billings Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill., after a three year illness.

She was a bookkeeper at Chicago Christian High School and a member of the First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte.

She was born Oct. 6, 1928, in Cook County, Ill., the daughter of Abel and Marie (Torrenga) DeVries. In 1948, she married Irvin Dorn Sr., who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nancy Westra, DeMotte; two sons Dan M. Dorn, Little Rock, Ark., and

Irvin Dorn Jr., DeMotte; her mother, Marie DeVries, LaGrange, Ill.; three sisters, Betty Koldenhoven, Orland Park, Ill.; Winifred Schuringa, DeMotte; and Lois Hoving, LaGrange, Ill.; two brothers, Richard DeVries, Oaklawn, Ill.; and Everett DeVries, Oaklawn, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 31 at the First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte, with the Rev. Allan H. Jongsma officiating. Burial was in Holland Cemetery.

Died: December 27, 1983

Issue: January 12, 1984

## Ernest M. 'Jim' Doughty

Ernest M. "Jim" Doughty, 73, retired Remington farmer and school bus driver, died Saturday evening, Feb. 4 at Home Hospital, Lafayette.

He was born in Mt. Ayr and was a life resident of the Remington area.

He drove a school bus for Gilboa and West Point Township for 40 years prior to retiring. His mar-

riage was in 1940 at St. Louis, Mo., to Alene McKinnon, who survives.

He was a member of Remington United Methodist Church and Mason Lodge 351.

Surviving with the widow are two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Barbour, Remington, and Mrs. Raymond (Ethel) Davenport, Otterbein.

Died: February 4, 1984

Issue: February 23, 1984

## Floyd C. Dubois

Floyd C. Dubois, 59, Lake Village, died Saturday, Sept. 22.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, a Disabled American Veteran and a realtor and owner of F.C. Dubois Realty.

Survivors include one brother, Harvey Dubois, Merrillville; one sister, Juanita A. Swanson, Merrillville; three nephews, Larry, David and Andre; and one niece, Coquette M.

Arndt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Sophie Dubois.

Funeral services took place Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. at Geisen Funeral Home in Merrillville and at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Church in Merrillville, with the Rev. Louis B. Wozniak officiating. Burial was in Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville.

Died: September 22, 1984

Issue: October 11, 1984