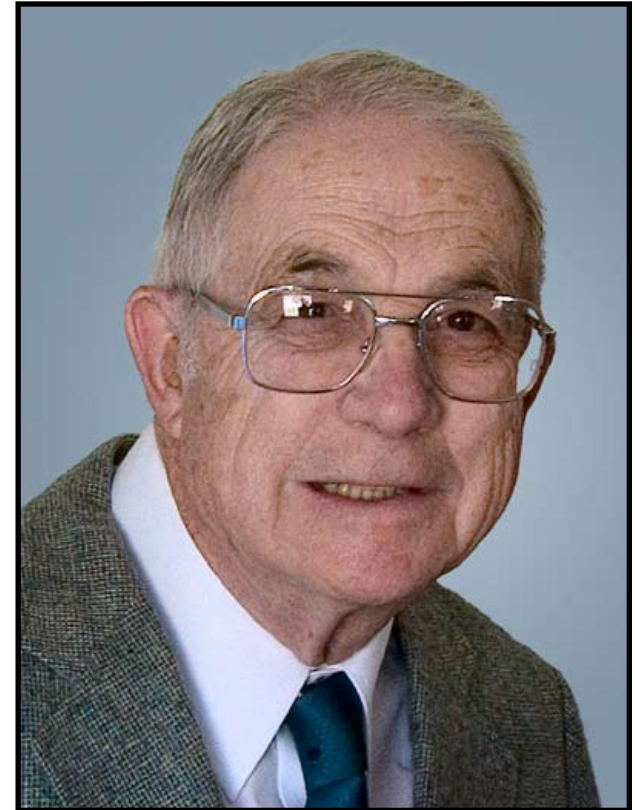
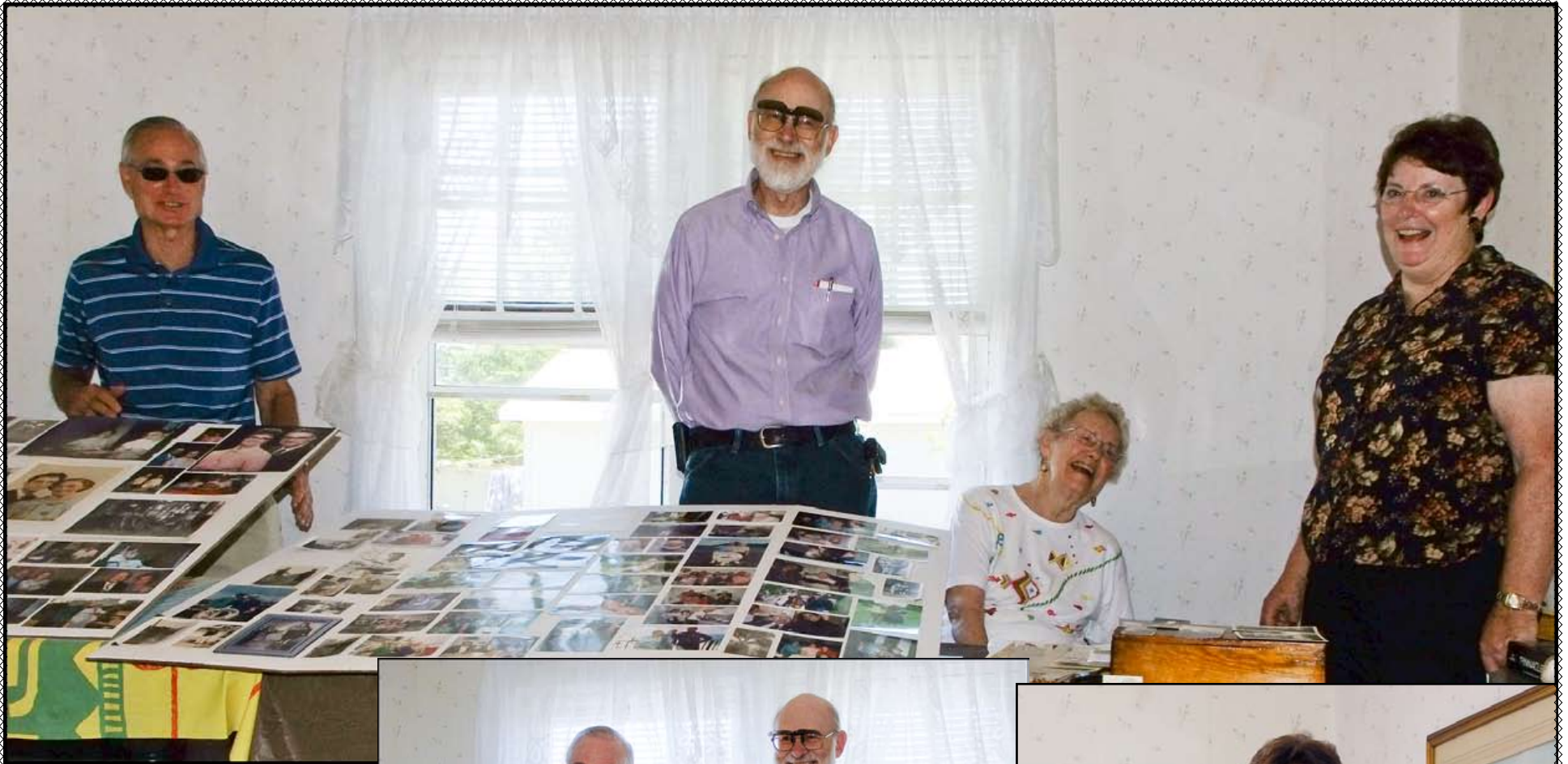


In Memoriam:

The Celebration of a Life

Lee Dunston Barnett





Stories,
many, many Lee stories!

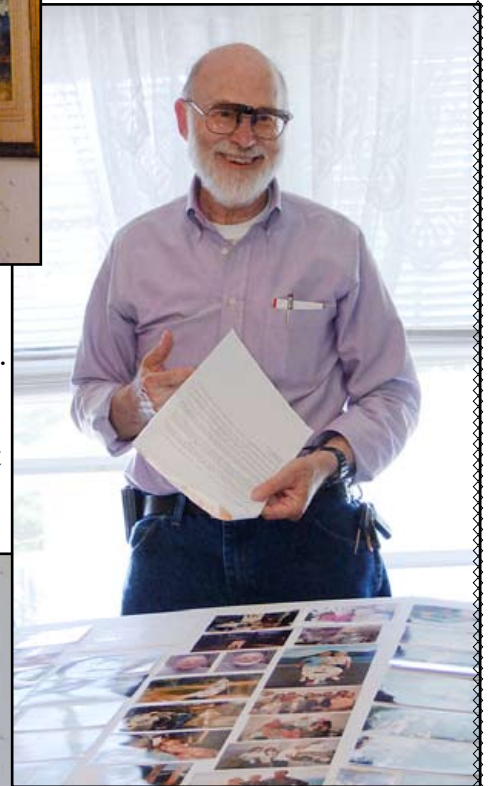




Stories of Lee growing up on the farm, and his high school track records.

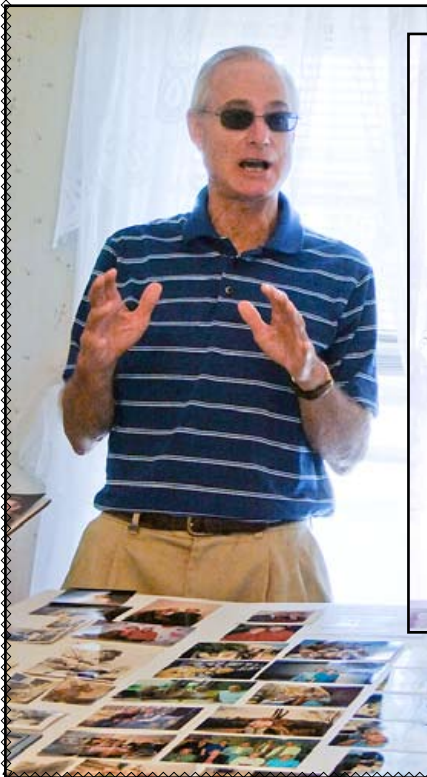


The letter Lee wrote to Janet -- she will always cherish.



Stories about Lee the Milkman and his horse, Dutchess.

Stories of Lee, ice cream, and the pigs who squealed at the sound of his truck.



Lee's favorite hats, especially the one made by Janet.



The tale of Lee and his battle with the squirrel at the bird feeder.

TO FATHER FROM HIS SON

A baby boy is born and is greeted by its dad
The papa tells the child that their bond is iron-clad
But eventually these family ties will start to come undone
when "good-bye" must be spoken to a father from a son.

At first the parent teaches the baby how to speak
then comes learning ABCs and other drills each week
but some day all these lessons will dwindle down to none
for time will come to bid adieu to father from a son.

The two share bedtime stories and play with favorite toys
they romp around inside and out like both of them were boys
but at length the elder playmate will leave his little one
and hear the words of farewell to a father from a son.

They hang around together like some kind of happy pair
As one they do everything and travel everywhere
but these carefree days have limits, for the time will surely come
when the senior makes an exit and a father leaves his son.

The household is a caring place of harmony and peace
and as they live together their common cords increase
but down the road the clouds will come and cover up the sun
as lives are rent asunder when a father leaves his son.

Whether work or recreation they do it as a team
and in these situations they include, so it would seem
the chance to always joke around and have a little fun
but this pleasure time is ended when a father leaves his son.

At length the boy becomes a man and feels the urge to roam
and so like other children he leaves the place called home
but he takes his time about it, he doesn't jump the gun
for this act means dividing a father from his son.

As the two grow old together they reflect on younger days
And look back on those former times with a contented gaze
But now my heart is heavy, like it weighs at least a ton
'cause these are words of parting to a father from a son.

A biography is finished and the author's closed his book
His saga has concluded and we now take one last look
At the pages from a journey of a life long since begun
And listen to the mourning of a father from his son.

The final chapter's written on this story of a man
Whose presence here has taken more than 9 decades to span
We gather here in tribute to this soul from Michigan
And hear the closing comments to a father from his son.

And so our life is structured that parents, laid to rest
are survived by loving children, upon whom they have blest
the strength of long endurance when the final race is run
to offer up a eulogy to father from his son.





Lee Barnett Sets New Records in Dash

Central's Big Red track team made a trip to Ann Arbor, Saturday, May 19, to compete in the Five A league track meet. The Big Reds came home second place in the league and the holders of a new Five A league record.

In all, there were five league records broken, however only four of these were official. Abbott, Ann Arbor, bettered the league record in the 100 yard dash by one-tenth of a second, but this was not counted as official.

Bob Richardson, Central's high hurdler, nosed out Burr of Ann Arbor for first place in the 120 yard high hurdles. His time was 16.8 seconds. Central failed to place in the 100 yard dash. In the mile run, Adam Gunn placed as third, and Lute Clough as fourth. It was here, in the 440 yard dash, that Lee Barnett ran his sensational race. Lee not only broke the Five A league record with his time, 51.6 seconds, but he also hung up a new Central all-time record. Lee bested the record set by Harvey in 1914, who ran the distance in 51.8 seconds.

Track Star, Central High



Marriage and Family

