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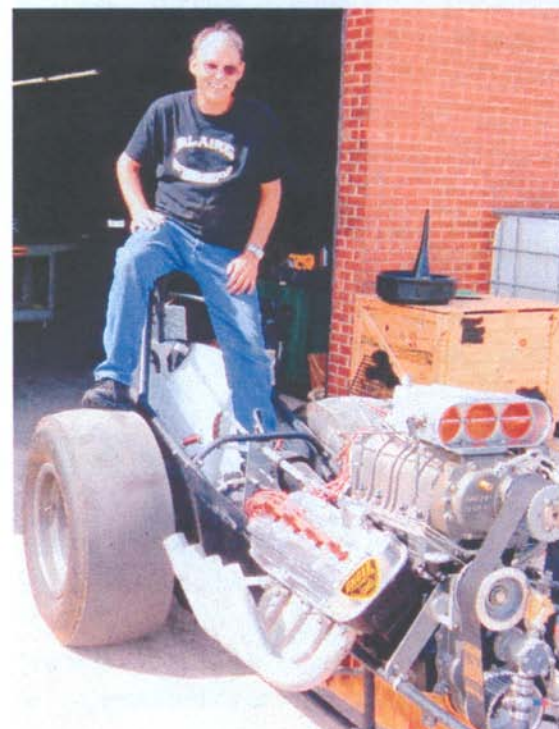
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BARRETT FAMILY PAST AND PRESENT

By following their dreams of being bankers, teachers and business people, the Barrett family affected the town of McLoud in various ways. The Barrett legacy began in 1922 when Ike David Barrett became cashier at the Bank of Commerce and his wife, Essie, was hired to teach at McLoud schools. Ike earned \$900 a year.



While filling his duties as clerk, Ike Barrett opened the bank on a hot August morning in 1933. As he turned the key in the lock of the front door, Wilbur Underhill of the tri-state thieving Underhill Gang put a pistol in his back and demanded money. Underhill had purchased a newspaper in the drug store next door to the bank on Main Street and stood near the door as if reading it. When Underhill left the bank with the cash, Ike Barrett pulled his own gun and shot a couple of rounds at Underhill's getaway car.

1933 had already been a difficult year for the bank. From, January to March, the United States banks had been placed under a moratorium. Many banks failed, including

Left: Jon Barrett with one of his famous engines.

others in McLoud. But in April 1933, McLoud Bank of Commerce opened with no restrictions because local businessmen and individuals provided the financial support needed to reopen. (A newspaper announcing this is on display at the McLoud Historical Society Museum and Heritage Center).

In 1937 Ike Barrett became the President of the Bank of Commerce, a position he would hold until his death in 1967. Ike's father, H.C. Barrett served on the board of Directors during his son's Presidency. His wife, Essie, assumed the Presidency becoming the first female bank president in the State of Oklahoma.

Ike and Essie's three sons, Billy 'Buddy', Willard and Ronnie all worked in the bank. Their only daughter, Margaret, married Dewey Buck Rooker (D.B.) of McLoud. They owned and operated the Rooker Oil Company, Main and Broadway in McLoud. When Essie retired from the bank in December of 1970, Buddy assumed the role as president of the Bank of Commerce. Ike and Essie's sons and daughter also raised their children in McLoud, a total of seven grandchildren.

Jon, the eldest son of Buddy and his wife, Susan, was one to follow his own dreams. He earned his Eagle Scout award at age 14 and represented McLoud High School at Boys State. Following high school graduation in 1966, he attended a few semesters at East Central University in Ada. Then, Jon hit the road to his dreams in 1969. He wanted to race hot rods.

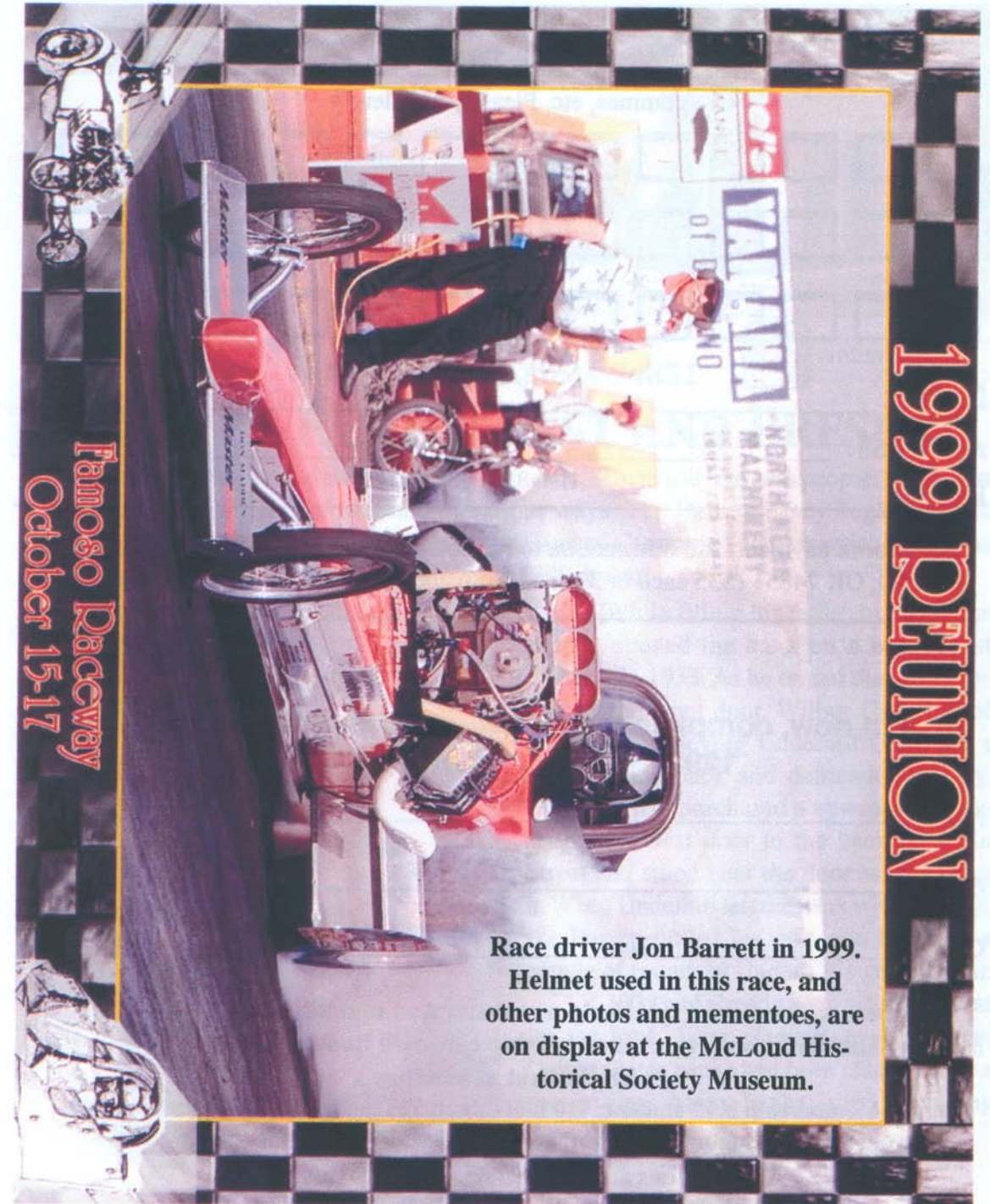
Serving on professional crews while he learned the business of racing, Jon rose quickly to the task of serving racecar drivers. He served on the crews of 1971 and 1974 World National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) World Champion Martin/Anderson, the 1974 International Hot Rod Association (HRA) World Champion Dan Rightsell, the National Hot Rod Association Champion in 1974 and 1976, Marvin Graham, and the 1978 World NHRA Champion Dave Settles. One special hot rod Barrett has been associated with is the 1967 dragster that carried Don Pradhomme into the NHRA record books as the first car and driver combination to make a six-second pass.

In 1982 Jon Barrett won the Mile High National Top Alcohol Funny Car Championship while driving Gordon Leland's Buck Fever Alcohol Funny Car. Barrett's name was often mentioned in newspaper sports reports across the country alongside such driving greats as Don Garlits.

Jon Barrett announced at the 1974 Alamo Dragway, setting up yet another racing path, that of racing coordinator and announcer.

In 1986 Jon stopped driving in the NHRA as he focused on family. He and his wife, Brandii, moved back to McLoud into Jon's grandmother Essie's home where they raised their three children.

As a race announcer, Jon Barrett continued to make his mark with racer fans. He gave crowds an inside view of the sport as he screamed specifics of races to the crowds. He



carried spectators into a new realm of speed as the National Drag Racing Association technical inspector and announced from 1988-1991.

He compiled a rulebook and offered technical inspections, and directed on-track operations for the American Nostalgic Racing Association. He has written articles that have been published in *Hot Rod*, *Street Rodder* and *Super Stock* Magazines, national publications read by millions or racing fans worldwide.

Revvng up his career, Jon started building custom hot rod engines in McCloud. Jon Barrett Hot rod engines have been featured in magazines and on television shows. Engines have been shipped across the U.S., to Europe and as far away as Australia from his shop in McCloud.

At age 49, Jon Barrett became the youngest inductee into the National Hot Rod Association Hall of Fame. He was inducted in ceremonies in November 1997 in Las Vegas, Nevada. That achievement was not an end for Jon. After he turned 50, he raced again at

Bonneville where he had driven many times. He continues to drive occasionally and enjoys cruising McCloud streets in his personal hot rods.

“It’s a fun sport,” Barrett said. “The ultimate individual sport.”

Jon Barrett currently serves as Mayor of McCloud and has served on the Board of Directors of McCloud Historical Society for seven years.

Mementos of the Barrett family and Jon Barrett’s facing trophies and plaques denoting his racing accomplishments, was sculpture his father carved, and many photos are on display through September at the McCloud Historical Society Museum and Heritage Center.

Pictured in McCloud: Ike Barrett, right, with two of three sons, Billy ‘Buddy’ in uniform and Ronnie.



Buried Memories

By Harold Gilliland

“I had always been puzzled by one of the tombstones in St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery. It is for Alfred Alois Weinzierl/Margaret F. Varey. According to my cousin, Pat, in Topeka, Alfred and Margaret were wanting to be married (but the Varey family felt their daughter was too young – she was 22 when she died, so she was not too young – the objection must have been for other reasons). The story goes that Alfred and Margaret were involved in an auto accident on the way home from an OU football game. Alfred was killed instantly and Margaret died the next day. Matilda Weinzierl (my great aunt) apparently insisted that they be buried together. She was a very forceful woman and the Varey family may not have been entirely comfortable with this arrangement. The story goes on to say that Matilda had the graves covered with concrete to discourage anyone intent on re-enterring Margaret elsewhere. I have no knowledge of these events, but it certainly seems to explain the unusual burial.”

Members who live in or around McCloud may be contacted about bringing something made with pumpkin to the chili cookoff on Oct. 15. So, put your pumpkin thinking cap on and plan to help with this annual fundraiser.

DON’T WAIT TO BE CALLED!

VOLUNTEER AT 964-5169 OR STOP BY THE MUSEUM DURING OPEN HOURS

Small gatherings, baby showers, wedding showers can now meet in the lobby area of the McCloud Historical Society Museum and Heritage Center. Ask for details

**MASONIC BLOOD DRIVE
WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 17, BEGINNING
AT 11 A.M., AT THE MCLOUD MASONIC
LODGE ON WEST BROADWAY IN MCLOUD.**

Presidential Notes

Since reopening up in August, a steady stream of visitors have made their way past displays, asking questions and finding familiar faces among the features. The museum closed after July 4th weekend until August 16 to allow volunteers a much needed break.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the successful yard sale during the Independence Day celebration and parade. Around \$700 was raised on the project. It took a lot of hard work and lots of quarters and nickels to accomplish this. An additional approximate \$300 was given in donations and items sold during the weekend. Thanks again.

Marilyn Logue recently joined Sylvia Metcalf for a full day of working on display cases and contents. Thanks, Marilyn. We always count on your artistic eye to advise and assist. For those of you who do not know Marilyn, she usually face paints during the chili cookoff. As an art teacher, she is especially gifted with anything art.

The annual Chamber of Commerce Chili Cookoff is set for October 15 downtown McCloud. With city plans to renovate sidewalks set sometime this Fall, it is hoped all festivities will remain in the old town center. The idea for "Everything Pumpkin" by the Society has grown out of having delicious pumpkin cinnamon rolls, pumpkin cookie decorating and other pumpkin related items being sold at the Society booth. This year we hope to have pumpkin bread, pumpkin roll cake, pumpkin cookies, and more, along with the now famous pumpkin cinnamon rolls. I will be calling members asking for baked items and help with the booth. Please say yes for the one-day a year fund raiser.

A batch of bricks are headed for El Reno for etching the last week of September. This may be the last batch before landscaping. Get your order in soon. (See back page)

Family stories are coming in. Please compile something on your own family. A file cabinet has been set aside for these personal family stories. With permission, many of these will be printed in our newsletters. Reading them may provoke memories of your own that you would like to share.

McCloud Historical Society needs about \$1,000 more dollars before a new roof can be put on the front bay of the building. Think about honoring your family with a Tree of Life leaf (\$1,000), or adding a donation to your membership. If you are not a member, please consider becoming one. Memberships keep utilities paid and other operational expenses paid. Donations help build funds to maintain and continue restoration of the building. Everyone is needed and everyone is welcome.

Join the Society for meetings the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. If there is a holiday on the first Monday, the meeting is held Tuesday evening.

Glenda Kuhn

EVERYTHING PUMPKIN



Visit Your Museum at the McCloud Chamber of Commerce chili cookoff.
Come early for crafts and pumpkin cinnamon rolls

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Visit the museum and get a taste of Fall.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011 DOWNTOWN MCLOUD

*At the McCloud Historical Society booth
421 W. Broadway
it's*

Everything Pumpkin

(and a little more)

***cinnamon rolls**

***bread**

***cakes**

***cookies**

***pies**

***Surprising Recipes**



Volunteers Needed! Call 964-5169 to volunteer.

FAMILY FILES

Thank you, families, for sending in your files. Families who give permission will be printed in the newsletter as space allows. Please send in history on your family with or without a form. Forms to assist in recording significant facts on families are available at the museum.

McClain Family Settled in 1929

Information provided by Elizabeth McClain, Dallas, Texas

A.C. (Cleotis) McClain of Shawnee wanted to farm and raise livestock. He and his wife, Elnora, purchased a farm between Dale and McLoud in 1929 where the young couple raised their two children, Vance McClain (born 1927) and Elizabeth McClain (born 1928).

A.C. and Elnora became involved in the McLoud community. A.C. served on the McLoud School Board. He was a 33 Degree Mason, as were his father, son and brother. All were members of the McLoud Masonic Lodge. A.C. served as Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star. Elnora was a Worthy Matron of McLoud Eastern Star. She was also active in McLoud school functions and the Farm Women's Club. The family was a member of the McLoud First United Methodist Church, where Elnora taught Sunday School.

Both Vance McClain and Elizabeth McClain graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

Vance and his wife had two sons and a daughter. He retired from Conoco Oil Company and died in 2005. Both of his sons also work for oil companies.

Elizabeth moved to Dallas in 1954 where she has made her home.

Schoenecke's Bought Russell Homestead in 1973

By Ruth Schoenecke

Charles Schoenecke was born and raised at Sparks, Lincoln County, Ok., and graduated from high school there in 1945. Ruth was born and raised in Garfield County, Ok., graduating from Hayward High School as valedictorian in 1950. We are blessed with three children, ten grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

We moved from Norman to north of McLoud to the homesteader Bill Russell farm in 1973. Our children attended McLoud Schools and all graduated with honors. Kelvin Lee (b. 11-18-64) has worked for OG&E since 1984. Charlotte Ruth (Durkee) (b. 5-1-66) graduated from UCO, Edmond in 1988. She now home schools their four children in Wichita, Kansas. Marvin Ray (b. 6-7-68) became an Eagle Scout in 1983. He graduated from OBU, Shawnee in 1990, earned a Masters at Western Kentucky

GREAT BEGINNINGS

McLoud established June 21, 1895 began where a train depot had been constructed for the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company. That company was leased to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company in March 1904. That lease continued through the years until it was terminated January 1, 1948. The new company, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, was authorized as part of the reorganization plan to dissolve the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company, and in a session of congress, June 1948, a special act was passed voiding the congressional charter of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf. Consequently, the east-west line through Oklahoma was then a part of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company.

The original town site of McLoud was owned by Edward J. Kelly and deeded to McLoud Townsite Company June 21, 1895. The town site was surveyed by J.C. Wilkinson, and it is interesting to note that the certificate of survey was acknowledged by Cash Cade, an 89'er pioneer of Kingfisher County, and later resident of Shawnee, Pottawatomie County. The original plat was filed June 22, 1895; the Craddock Addition filed December 3, 1901; Mendonca Addition, April 14, 1902; Rosedale Addition, January 30, 1918; High School Addition, February 25, 1947 and amended plat out lot addition, filed April 4, 1947.

A petition for a city election was filed June 2, 1896 and the election held June 30, 1896; incorporation was declared July 7, 1896. The Town of McLoud actually started with the Indian village on the Kickapoo side of the North Canadian River.

George Rose started the First National Bank in 1896 (the large two-story building at Main and Broadway). The town's only bank, The Bank of Commerce, was organized September 12, 1901. The first directors were Charles E. Billingsley, president; M. Laupheimer, vice president; H.E. Green, cashier; J.C. Hodges and P.O. Sullivan. It was chartered for fifty years on May 1, 1907 as the Bank of Commerce. Directors were J. Edd Craddock, Emmett Craddock, A.H. Young, secretary, George Boggs was President, and Sam Whitson, Cashier. According to the minutes, the president was allowed a salary of one hundred dollars a month. January 5, 1918 Willard Johnson, Shawnee, became president and J.C. Miller, McLoud cashier. Ike D. Barrett, managing officer of the bank since 1926 was elected President, January 7, 1937. On April 11, 1949, there was \$792,429.20 on deposit in the Bank of Commerce, McLoud. Directors were Ike Barrett, Essie Barrett, Edgar Ellsworth, Jr. and Lee Melton.

GREAT FOR YOUNG READERS

"Great Beginnings in McLoud, Oklahoma" and "When I Was Ten"

Available at McLoud Historical Society Gift Shop.

University, Bowling Green, Ky. In 1995, and earned his Doctorate at OU, Norman, Ok. in 2005. He presently is Dean of Administration at College of the Ozarks, Branson, Mo., since 2006.

Charles and Ruth took their three children into all 48 continental states seeing the many, many sites. Charles and Ruth also went to Hawaii in 1970 and to Alaska in 1994. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October 2009 at First Baptist church, Newalla, Ok.

On our 80 acres north of McLoud, we had a cow and calf operation, which was the main reason for buying the property. We belong to the Shawnee Tractor and Engine Club. Charles rode his 1968 Minneapolis-Moline Jet Star Tractor in the McLoud 4th of July parade, and also competed with it in the tractor pull contest.

Charles worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 27 years, 20 years as a letter carrier in Oklahoma City, and seven years as a rural mail carrier on Route 1, Harrah, Ok.

Charles and Ruth have belonged to the Kickapoo Sam Club since 1990, and have enjoyed going camping in a Sportsmen 5th wheel travel trailer and Chevrolet 2500 pickup. We have been to 44 Good Sam State Samborees, and many other destinations. We have attended 19 of Ruth's Ward Family reunions; mostly at Fort supply Lake in Oklahoma. We also held Charles's mother Bierman reunion in our garage here from 1982 through 1991, at which we had 168 people attending.

Depression moved Stockton Family to McLoud

By Jeannie Cooper Rhodes, July 2011

My grandfather, Elmer Stockton and Velma Jones Stockton, his wife, were from southeastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas. Elmer operated several sawmills there. He even owned one in Pushmataha County Oklahoma. When the depression hit, the lumber was not selling and was sitting on train cars in Oklahoma City. Elmer was out of work with not much opportunity to find any, so he moved his family to McLoud. I don't know why they settled on McLoud, but maybe because he had a sister and her family in Oklahoma City. He probably did not want to live in a city and wanted to farm. This was in the 1930s sometime.

My mother, Helen, remembered coming to McLoud on the train and seeing it for the first time and thinking what a beautiful town it was. Also, there was the hope of a better life. It took a while for them to get a farm. They rented one for a while and eventually bought one 1 1/2 miles west of McLoud. They started raising blackberries and were members of the (McLoud) Blackberry Association for several years until it dissolved. I'm not sure if the blackberry cannery was still operating at the time they started or not.

My mother, Helen, was the oldest child and went to school in McLoud, but quit in the 11th grade so she could go to work at Tinker Field. World War II had started. She met my father, Warren Cooper, in Norman, Oklahoma where he was stationed in the Navy. He was from central Missouri. When they got married, they settled in McLoud, where she was from. Warren and Helen were members of the First United Methodist Church and Warren helped build the present day church. Warren held almost all of the offices in the church and Helen was a member of WSCS and a president for a while. She also was the teacher for MYF. They lived in the west end of town while their children were growing up and eventually moved south of McLoud close to Dale.

Thanks for the Donations!

To go along with a new television donated by LG Electronics, Jim and Sylvia Metcalf have donated a DVD player.

Anyone who has DVDs of past Blackberry Festival parades, Little League games, Senior Trips, etc., please consider sending a copy to McLoud Historical Society. It is planned that these can be played during special events and student programs.

McLoud Alumni Association, current President Phyllis Campbell, has donated DVDs of the 2009, 2010, and 2011 Alumni Reunions, as well as a copy of each 50-year memory book compiled for the classes of 1959, 1960 and 1961.

Thank you, McLoud Alumni, for keeping the memories alive and recorded!

McLoud High School graduate Melanie Sparks donated a hand-made podium, small display case, large wall corked back hanging display, three lattice free standing dividers, and a neon OPEN sign. These are deeply appreciated and will be used in the museum.

Thank you, Melanie!

