

Dear Readers
Marty Robertson
Editor

Letters To The Editor

First I would like to please stress to everyone to have a Safe 4th of July. BE CAREFUL! Fireworks can be fun, but can also be dangerous. Be cautious.

Please take time to read Letters to Editor column. The two in this weeks really apply to all citizens in this community. We should be proud.

Plan to be at the City Park, Saturday, July 3rd for the 4th of July celebration. Sounds like lots of fun and activities and food.

Remember ARREST-A-RAMA Monday, July 5, 1993. Do you have someone you want arrested, here's your chance and its for a good cause. Participate. Should be fun.

Would like to congratulate Max Plunk on his being honored. Know that Shirley is proud, and we sure know "Pinky" is.

As you can see by the last few issues of the Star, Stratford hasn't slowed down much for the summer. Busy as ever. We want to please ask that everyone is careful on their summer activities, traveling, working, etc.

Wheat Harvest is in full swing. Hope to have some information on how it's progressing in next weeks issue.

Temperatures have been to 100+. Summer has definitely arrived.

Exuberance is beauty.
—William Blake

To live happily with other people one should only ask of them what they can give.
—Tristan Bernard

Travel Safely On Your Summer Vacation

The Texas Department of Public Safety wants everyone to have a good summer vacation. Texans are very lucky to have the good highway system that we do and also the different types of geographical areas in which to vacation. This provides us a wide variety of places to go and things to do.

The Texas Department of Public Safety wants to remind all motorists to obey all traffic laws and to plan your vacations ahead of time. If you are going to be driving long distances make sure you have stops at least every two hours to refresh your minds and your bodies. Don't continue to drive when you become fatigued and don't think that an accident will never happen to you, because it can. No one is exempt.

It doesn't matter how good a driver you may be, you can never control that person that is coming at you. You have no guarantee that that person hasn't just had a cardiac arrest, hasn't just dropped a cigarette between his legs, isn't tanked up on booze, hopped up on pills, or isn't a suicidal case coming at you. Remember, to drive defensively and drive for the other guy out there. The life you save might be your own.

During the hot summer months, alcohol consumption will be on the increase. Traffic will also be on the increase, so please remember if you drink, don't drive and if you drive, don't drink. Let's all have a good summer vacation.

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To The Citizens of Stratford and Sherman County:

On behalf of the Texas Highway Patrol in this area, and the Department of Public Safety, may I offer this as a small measure of thanks to the folks of Sherman County, for their many acts of kindness and assistance following the death of Trooper Steve Booth. For those of us who worked closely with Steve, he was more than just a co-worker and fellow Trooper; he was a special friend. Therefore, your outpouring of care and concern were so very meaningful to us.

There is no way, with only pen and ink, that we can adequately convey our appreciation. Our people who came in from out of town, were absolutely amazed at the response, from seemingly everyone in Sherman County. There was excellent food in abundance, cold drinks and water at all times, the air planes, the four wheelers, the horseback riders, and the many of you who walked side by side with the law enforcement officers in the search for evidence or other items pertinent to this case. These things said to us very simply, "you are a special people." Anything and everything we could possibly want, you either furnished or made available for our use. Above this, there were always the firm handshakes, the touch on the shoulder, the words comfort and support. For this you will always be remembered. Again, a heartfelt "thank you" is all we can offer, and it seems so terribly inadequate. During a very tough time, you made the path a little easier.

Thank you and God bless you all!
John T. Hood
Sergeant
Texas Highway Patrol
Dumas, Texas

Dear Editor:
On Wednesday June 16, our community was shocked and saddened by the shooting death of our State Trooper, Steve Booth. Steve was a fine, dedicated, compassionate, family man, community citizen, and state officer. He was also a fine dedicated Christian man. I had the privilege of baptizing both Steve and his lovely wife, Renee.

The wounds to Steve's family, friends, our town, and our church, are deep and will probably never be healed completely. We will not forget this good man who touched all of our lives.

Out of tragedy often comes some good. I have never seen a town rally together to minister to hurt as did Stratford in those days. We had approximately 300 + peace officers at the funeral, from at least nine states. During the time from the tragedy until the funeral, our town banded together to feed about 40-50 officers each meal each day. Assistance crossed denominational lines and involved the entire town. I have never been prouder of our town than I was at their response to need. I have seen that happen before as this town has worked together to meet needs of people.

I would also like to commend our law enforcement officers from the surrounding towns, the state, and various sheriff's offices, for their help to Steve's family and to ease the pain in our town. They are a dedicated lot who put their lives on the line everyday, to make our areas a safe place to live. Under all the shock and hurt, we take pride in our town and in all the officers in our area and state. May God bless them and keep them safe.

Sincerely
Derrel D. Lewis

July 4th celebration, will be July 3rd at the City Park. County Barn if bad weather.

Sherman County Development Newsletters

Periodically the Sherman County Development committee, Inc. sends out newsletters containing various information. Some of the topics covered are current events, financial resources, SCDC Services, business plan and marketing information, incentives, surveys, educational/training data, area seminars and business opportunities, and more.

If you have not been receiving this newsletter, and would like to, please call the SCDC office at 396-2897 to get on the mailing list.



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You must have your ice cream to the park by 6 p.m. for Judging On July 3, 1993.

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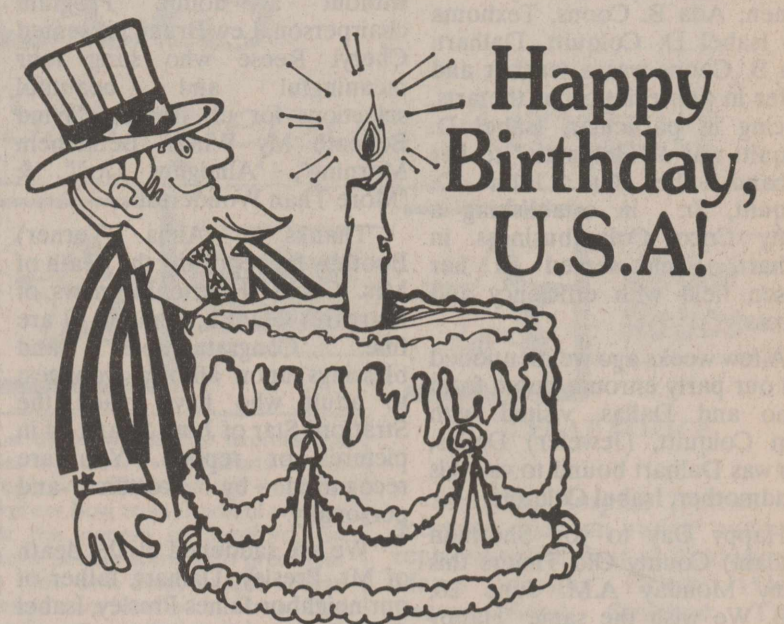
A bridal shower was held for Sami Oakley Sunday, June 27th in the home of Oline Caraway. Pictured are her mother Nancy Oakley, Sami, her sisters, Toni Johnson and her children Alissa & Brady of Thousand Oaks, California and Leah Oakley of Stratford.



A bridal shower was held Sunday, June 27th in the home of Alice Ellison for Monique Smith. Pictured are her grandmothers Joy Maddox of Texhoma and Sherry Smith of Stratford, Monique, her mother, Sharon Zeleny and her stepmother Dana Smith both are from Amarillo.

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Happy Birthday, U.S.A!

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Your Right To Know

By Sandy Baskin

North American summers are hot; most summers see heat waves in one section or another of the United States. East of the Rockies, they tend to combine both high temperature and high humidity, although some of the worst have been catastrophically dry.

Heat kills by taxing the human body beyond its abilities. In a normal year, about 175 Americans succumb to the demands of summer heat. Among the large continental family of natural hazards, only the cold of winter—not lightning, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, or earthquakes—takes a greater toll. In the 40-year period from 1936 through 1975, nearly 20,000 people were killed in the United States by the effects of heat and solar radiation. In the disastrous heat wave of 1980, more than 1,250 people died. And these are the direct casualties. No one can know how many more deaths are advanced by heat wave weather—how many diseased or aging hearts surrender when under better conditions would have continued functioning.

Follow these safety tips when out and about during a heat wave:

Slow down. Strenuous activities should be reduced, eliminated, or rescheduled to the coolest time of the day. Individuals at risk should stay in the coolest available place, not necessarily indoors.

Dress for summer. Lightweight, light-colored reflects head and sunlight, and helps your body maintain normal temperatures. Put less fuel on your inner fires. Foods (like proteins) that increase metabolic heat production also increase water loss.

Drink plenty of water or other non-alcohol fluids. Your body needs water to keep cool. Drink plenty of fluids even if you don't feel thirsty. Persons who (1) have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease, (2) are on fluid restrictive diets or (3) have a problem with fluid retention should consult a physician before increasing their consumption for fluids.

Do not drink alcoholic beverages.

Do not take salt tablets unless specified by a physician. Persons on salt restrictive diet should consult a physician before increasing their salt intake.

Spend more time in air conditioned places. Air Conditioning in homes and other buildings markedly reduces danger from heat. If you cannot afford an air conditioner, spending some time each day (during hot weather) in an air conditioned environment affords some protection.

Don't get too much sun. Sunburn makes the job of heat dissipation that much more difficult.



Margaret Reed, Top of Texas District President and Marylou McDaniel enjoyed some of the possible Prospectus Study Club fundraiser cakes at Summer Workshop June 26 in Amarillo. Also attending the workshop were Linda Haynes, club president, D'Lynn Reed, ViAnn Reed and Patti Vincent.

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Saenz Arrives For Duty

Kunsan Air Base, Kunsan City, South Korea-Air Force Sgt. Jaime Saenz has arrived for duty here.

Saenz, a law enforcement specialist, is the son of Felix R. and Betty Saenz of 219 N. Poplar St., Stratford.

The sergeant is a 1987 graduate of Stratford High School.

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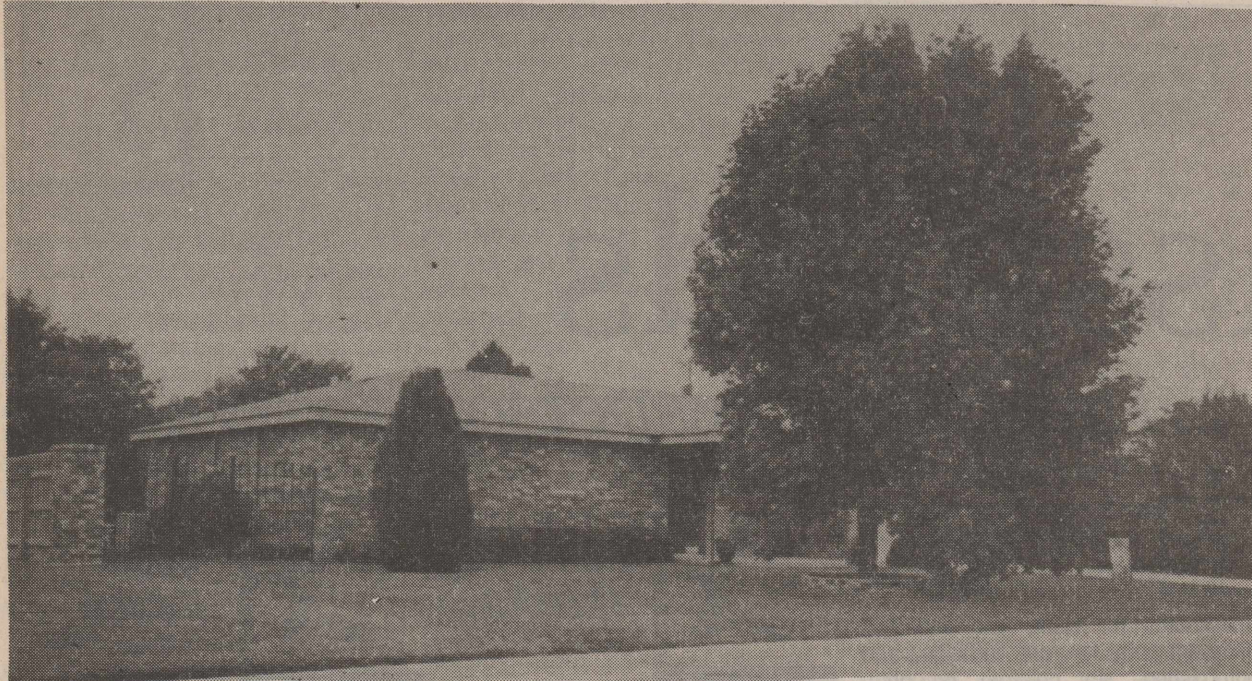
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Yard of the Month

The Ladies Division of the Chamber of Commerce has chosen the Yard of the Month, belonging to LaVell Haggard, 618 S. Fulton. Go by and look at the work she has done and for your information the back yard is as perfect as the front.

Imagination Station To Offer Courses

Imagination Station offers two Developmental Courses for Children this summer.

Paula Williams, a Developmental Certified Gymnast, will be instructing gymnastic skills to develop coordination, to improve large and fine motor skills, and to build self-esteem. The following classes will be offered:

1. Age 3 to Pre-K
2. K to 3rd Grade (This class may be divided if needed).
3. 4th grade and up or experienced and up

Please send in \$12.00 to P.O. Box 1126, Stratford, Texas. Fees of \$12.00 will cover the gymnastic courses offered this summer on the following dates: July 8 and 9th and July 15th and 16th.

Keil Frates, an Art Instructor from Dalhart, Texas, will be tutoring children in various art programs. Listed below are the classes and dates. Please call 806-396-5831 or 806-396-2462 for more information and to enroll in the classes.

1. The Art Sampler (ages 4-6) drawing/painting uses of paper mache/clay.
2. The ABC's of Architect Building Making (ages 9-12)
3. Drawing & Painting (ages 7-9)
4. Drawing & Painting (ages 10 and up)

Dates will be July 5th and July 7th, July 12 and July 14 July 19 and July 21.

Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

Summer Reading Program at the Sherman County Library will meet two more times this summer on July 12th and July 19th.

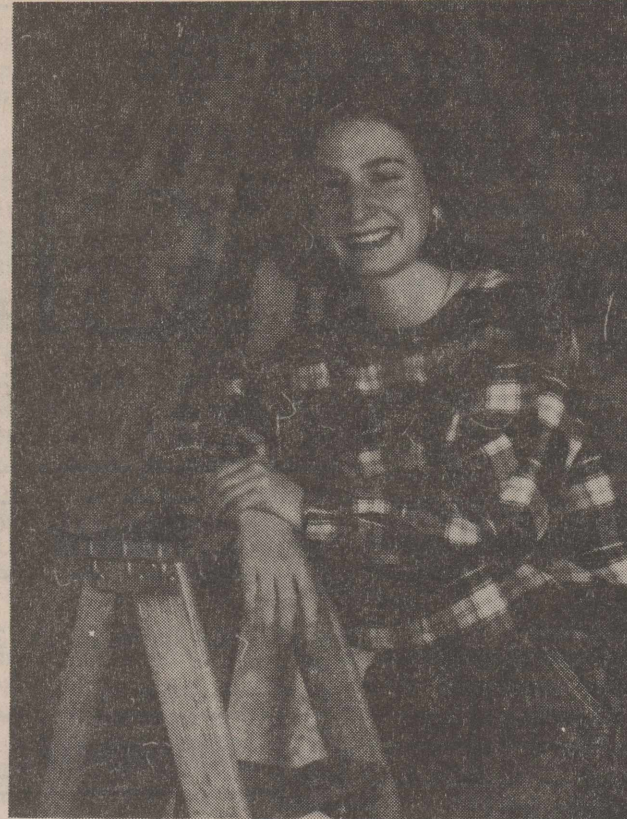
The Read-To-Me Club has 42 children enrolled. The program for the 2nd through 4th grade has 38 participants. The themes for the afternoon programs are based on classic literature.

One of the purposes of the reading program is to encourage children to read during the summer vacation. Each child is to keep a reading log noting the minutes spent reading or being read to by a parent or older sibling. Last week 64 children read a total of 5620 minutes.

Dorothy of Wizard of Oz fame, and Raggedy Ann are always here to entertain. The Tin Man, Cowardly Lion and Scarecrow add to the fun.

The programs are free. If your child cannot come every week, that is alright since each program is unique.

Library hours are Monday 1 - 8 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 1 - 5 p.m. Friday-closed, Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Hollie Husmann

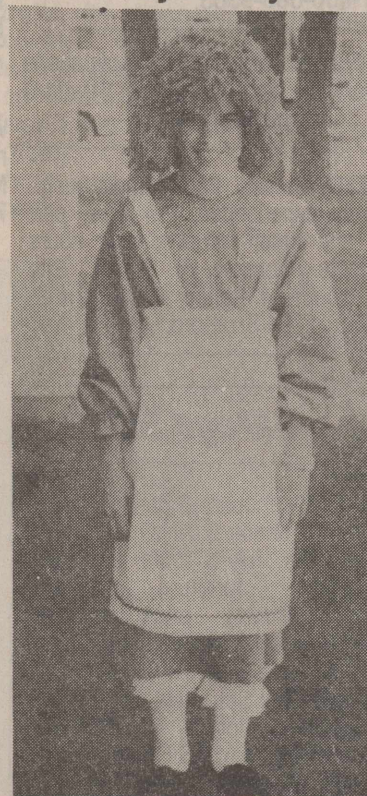
Hollie Husmann Wins Bausch & Lomb Science Award

Hollie Husmann, daughter of Johnny and Lois Husmann, was named winner of the annual Bausch & Lomb Science Award at Stratford High School. The Science Award, a handsome bronze medal, is presented each year to winners at approximately 6,500 participating schools throughout the United States, Canada and several foreign nations. More than 385,000 medals have been awarded to outstanding science students since the program began in 1933.

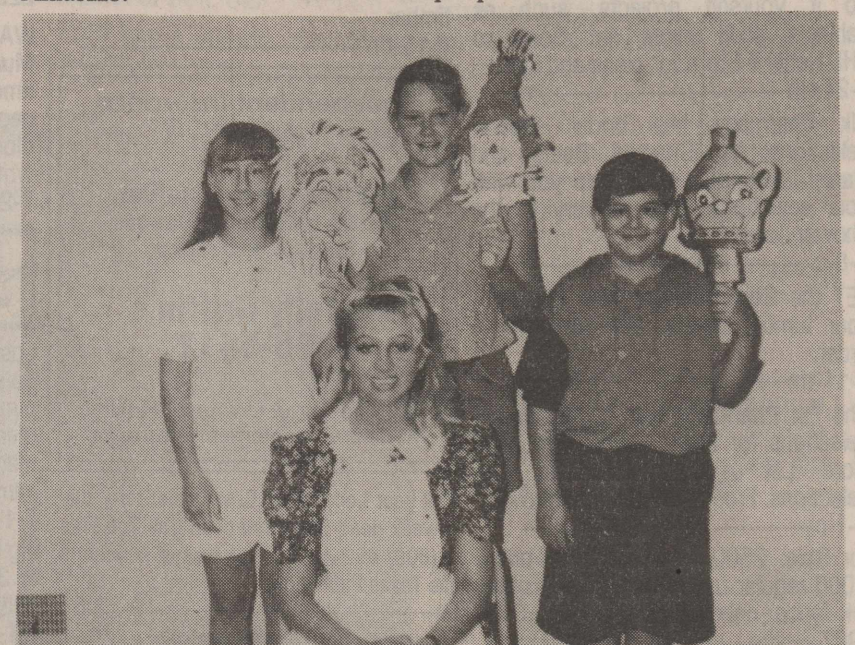
As winner of the award, Hollie is eligible to apply to become a University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Scholar. The designation carries with it scholarship funds which Hollie is now eligible to apply for.

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Julie Kimball played Raggedy Ann for Kindergarten and 1st grade.



Summer Reading Program helpers are Lion, Joy Burkhalter, Scarecrow, Mandy Bell, Tin Man, Cody Hamilton and Carrie Switzer as Dorothy. This program was presented to 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders.



Refreshments were served outside to all these youngsters participating in the Summer Reading Program

The Imagination Station 1993 SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM

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Some activities may be messy, so please dress your children in play clothes. Return completed registration form to **The Imagination Station**, P.O. Box 1126, Stratford, Texas 79084. You may also register by calling (806)396-5691 and leaving a message.

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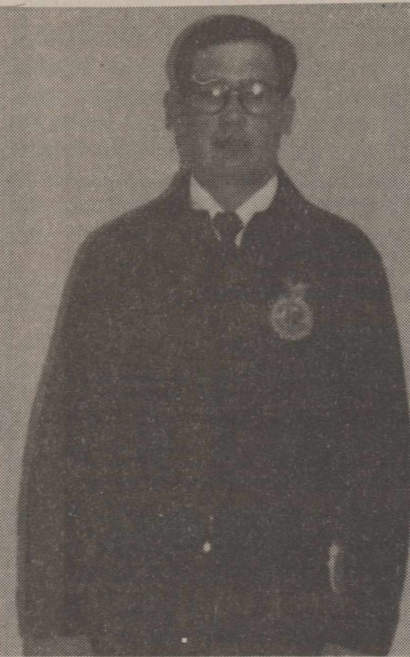
Spirit Camp



The Stratford Cheerleaders conducted a Spirit Camp for area youngsters at the Stratford High School last week. Shown above are all the cheerleaders and the participants that came. Each participant who completes camp will be invited to help lead cheers at a home football game next fall, and will participate in the first pep rally.



Shown above is just one of the groups that attended the Cheerleaders Spirit Camp last week.



Wheeler Attends Conference

Stratford FFA member, Clay Wheeler, attended the Area 1 FFA Leadership Conference held June 14-16 at Clarendon College. Pictured is Wheeler. The three-day leadership workshop, entitled "Navigating New Waters," attracted approximately 200 FFA members from 50 different chapters. State FFA Officers Lysia Jordan, Follett; Cherie Shelton, Lamesa; and incoming officers Holly Nichols, Anson and Laurie Masterson, Guthrie assisted the Area 1 FFA officers with the workshop activities.

Obit

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called "The Cutest Kids in Town." Earlier in the '30's Ada had been offered a singing contract on KGNC in Amarillo but declined because it would take her away from her family too much. All-in-all, she taught over 1600 students in her career and, with the support of her husband & many friends, gradually evolved her yearly recitals into Broadway-type extravaganzas that drew overflow houses in the towns where she taught. She also helped with musicals at the Texhoma High School, at Panhandle State College and with the Guymon Band Boosters Fun Follies. In addition, she was widely sought after by study groups in the region for her one-man-show reviews of current plays and musicals.

She counted as some of the

high points in her career the fact International" in Hollywood and that many of her students went on was the Oklahoma supervisor of to win honors in various beauty "The Chicago National pageants and talent contests. In Association of Dance Masters." In particular, she was in attendance 1965 she was honored by the and thrilled when Jane Hitch of Guymon Chamber of Commerce Guymon became Miss Oklahoma for her contributions to the of 1963 and participated in the community and in 1973 was Miss America contest. In named the Woman of the Year by Texhoma, she belonged to the Guymon chapters of Beta contract Bridge Club, the Sorosis Sigma Phi. These honors were Club, the Eastern Star, and to the topped only by a subsequent note First Christian Church which she to her husband from the judge of often assisted in staging its the 69th Judicial District of Texas Christmas and Easter plays. She was a founding member of "Dance

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Safe Place Hotline

By Phyllis Melton

1. Rape is believed by law enforcement administrators to be one of the most unreported crimes in the nation. Studies show that 1 out of 10 rapes are reported to the police. This low ratio is due to fear or embarrassment on the part of the victim. This fear and embarrassment is often supported by society's attitudes that continue to perpetuate certain myths about rape and the rape victim.

2. A common misconception surrounding rape and one that shows up repeatedly in court hearings, is the belief that the woman provokes the crime through her actions or dress. Convicted rapists report that their major consideration in selecting a victim is on the basis of her availability and vulnerability NOT physical appearance.

3. Another myth is that women "cry rape" to get even with a man or to protect their reputation. The process of reporting a rape is a long, tedious and sometimes humiliating experience and therefore makes a very unsatisfactory means of revenge. False reports exist in the reporting of all crimes.

4. One myth about the rapist is that men rape because of an uncontrollable sexual impulse and unavailability of sexual outlets. In reality, over 1/2 of convicted rapists report having a willing sexual partner. The typical offenders motivation is to express power, dominance, and control. Numerous studies have shown and professionals agree that rape is a crime motivated by violence, misdirected hostility, and aggression-NOT SEXUAL DESIRE.

5. Some believe that most rapes occur in dark back alleys. About half of all rapes occur inside a resident. Over-1/3 of rapes are committed by a man who forces his way into the victim's home. Most rapists are known to the victim before the attack, which increases vulnerability and availability of most victims. This also deters a victim's willingness to report the crime.

6. Another myth is that black men rape white women. Interracial rapes are rare. Study indicates that 93.2% of cases occur involve persons of the same race.

7. Many women are unwilling to report a rape to the police because of the belief that their past sexual history will be brought out openly in the courtroom. There have been some television movies that have enacted this scene quite dramatically. The questioning of rape victims about their sexual history was allowed in the past. However, in 1975, the State of Texas passed a statute making it illegal to bring up a rape victims past sexual history in the courtroom unless it is relevant to the particular case at hand (example; if a woman used to be married to or lived with the offender). The treatment of rape victims has improved in regard to this matter but many victims who are unaware of this change may be

unwilling to report the crime to the police.

8. Another misconception include that a women is the property of a man, therefore rape is excusable. This is an attitude that has deep roots in our society and may account for many rapes and cruel treatment of rape victims. A woman is the owner and controller of her own body. She had the right to say no to any man, at any point in time, under any circumstances, in any given situation. She has the right to deny anyone an invasion of her privacy, and these rights should be protected by laws.

If you are a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence, Safe Place can help! Call 935-2828 in Moore County or 1 (800) 753-7553 in Dallam, Hartley or Sherman Counties. This is our 24-hour crisis hotline which is answered by trained staff or volunteers.

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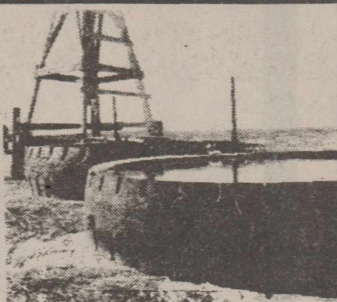
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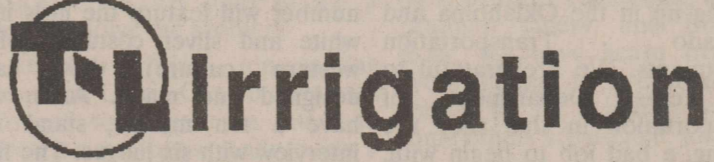
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