

Operation Identity Logo was designed in April 1980 by Judy Jones, an adoptee, and member of Operation Identity.

The Operation Identity Logo is made up of various Indian symbols from many different tribes representing persons with aspirations, and long long thoughts ready to meet the challenge of inevitable difficulties; we know we'll meet and overcome, regarding our creation and roots. With many things unknown along the path in our desire to seek happiness, and a feeling of belonging, by helping each other in our whirl wind search.

## 81 Successful Searches

Operation Identity had a large number of firsts involving search in 1980.

An adoptee found birthmother in Germany.

Both a Birthmother and an adoptee were searching and found

Birthparent found a daughter.

Parents helped sons find birthparents and a Mother found both parents.

66 Adoptees, 13 Birthparents and 2 Adoptive Parents have been involved in a successful search. 22 states and 1 European country were involved in these searches.

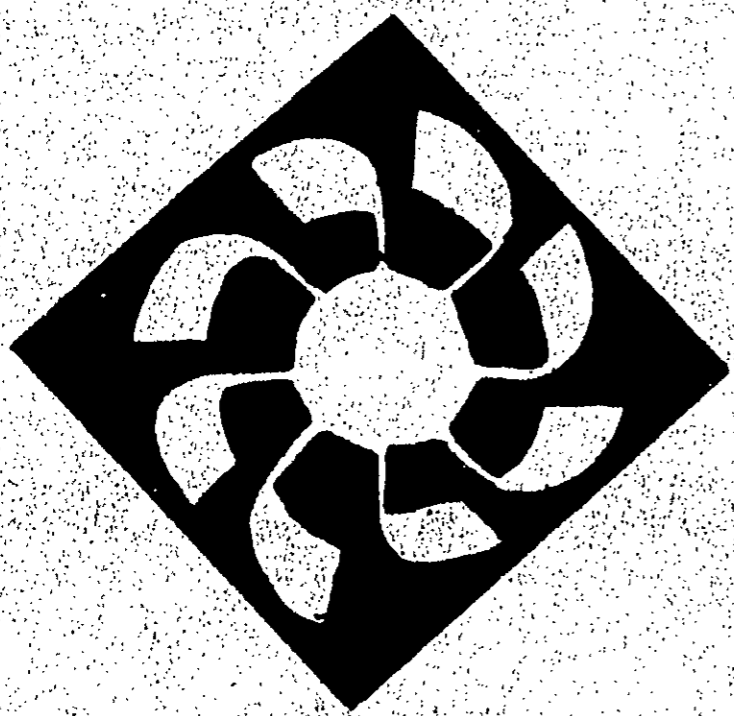
Watch for a more extensive break down in future issues.

### BOOK REVIEW

I Would Have Searched Forever, by Sandra Kay Musser, and BirthMark, by Lorraine Dusky (Evans Press, 1979) are both books by natural mothers. I read an excerpt from BirthMark. I found it to be a moving account of what it must be like to give a child up for adoption, then live with that decision for the rest of your life. It gave me a new perspective.

Many thanks to all who contributed information for the articles in this issue. Your input is essential for a successful newsletter!

Ideas and suggestions are most welcome! Be thinking of topics for future rap sessions. Also, shall we name our newsletter? Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at The City Centre, the Statesman Club 6400 Uptown Blvd., N.E., the gold room.



*"He who  
careth not  
from whence  
he came,  
careth little  
whither  
he goeth."*

*Daniel Webster*

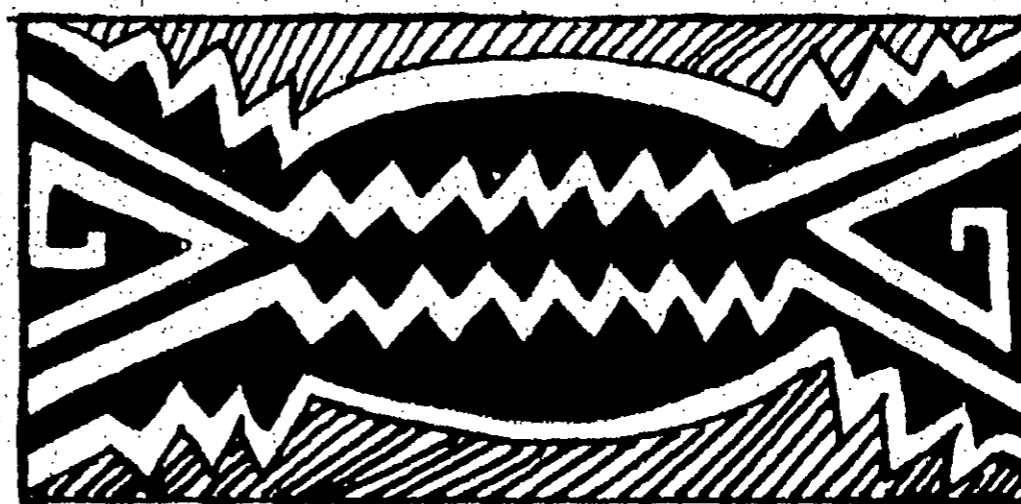
## Rap session

Our April Rap Session has been  
RESCHEDULED

It will be Saturday, April 25th  
Time: 12:30  
Place: Judy Jones' House  
7002 Elna Court, N.E.  
Phone: 884-3755

(Directions) Go north on Louisiana to the 1st street past Comanche, which is Edwina, turn right on Edwina then turn right immediately at the first court. It's the second house, peach colored with white trim.

The topics to be discussed this month will be "THE LET DOWN" and "HAPPILY EVER AFTER??"



Margaret Bailey's reunion with her half sister, Gloria, and brother-in-law, Joe Dowd, from Mohar, Utah, was very successful. After the first hour they were like old friends.

They talked so much they almost got laryngitis. Gloria is the first relative with any resemblance to Margaret. She shared many pictures and much meaningful information with Margaret.

One picture was of their father taken when he served in the Italian Army during World War I, in uniform on a horse. Margaret is looking forward to meeting other family members in June.







