

Off The Beaten Path

"Where do you live?"

"Ashley."

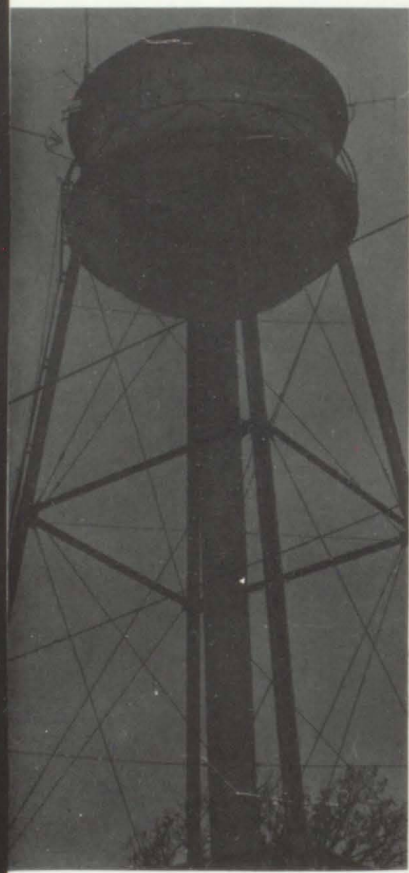
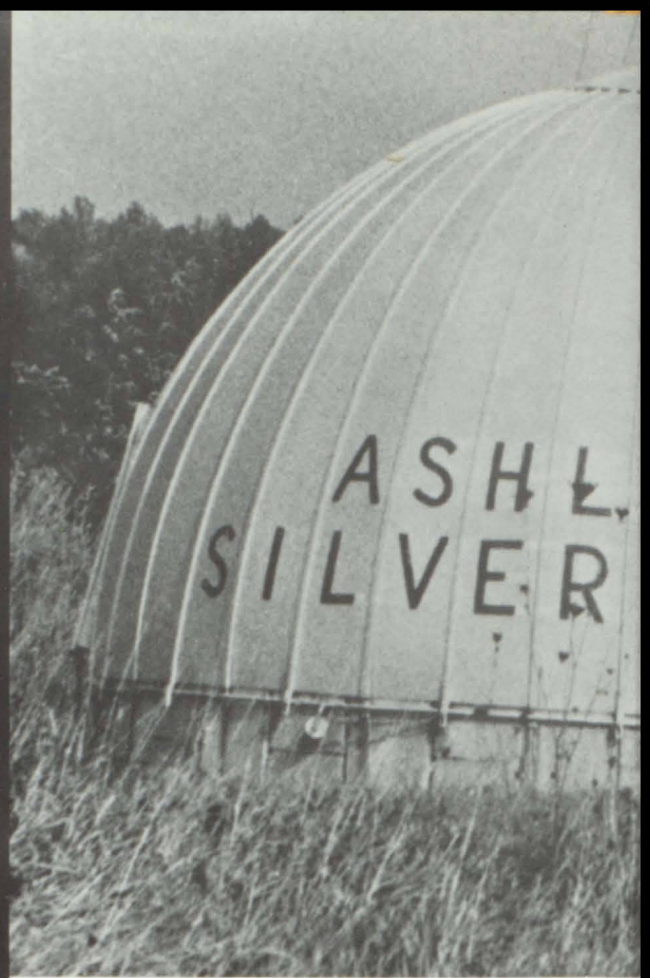
Where's Ashley?" is the common reply that we all hear from city dwellers who choose to live in a more metropolitan area. They don't seem to mind locking their doors every night and keeping valuables bolted down or hidden from their neighbors' sight. They don't understand the fact that we choose to live where we do, in the town of Ashley.

Ashley is earmarked as "offbeat" for its unusual size and out-of-the-way location, but there's more to it than meets the eye. Although we've won recognition with the 1983 Centennial celebration and through our girls' varsity basketball team, there's more to the town of Ashley that we can

credit ourselves for. We are a team on our own. We've learned to put our unsinkable determination into action and beat the odds despite our size . . . or perhaps, because of it. Ashley may stand alone, but its people have the strength needed to survive the downfalls — we get right back on our feet again.

AHS principal, Mr. Carl Wayer, remarks that instead of looking at what we don't have, we should always ask ourselves, "What do we have?" and work with that.

Perhaps varsity basketball player, Jamie Plesko, best sums it up with her comment. "Everything is close together and everyone knows everyone — it's a close community, and everybody gets involved."



HERE'S A LANDMARK that will always be one step above the rest. "ASHLEY BEARS" is proudly displayed on the highest structure in town.