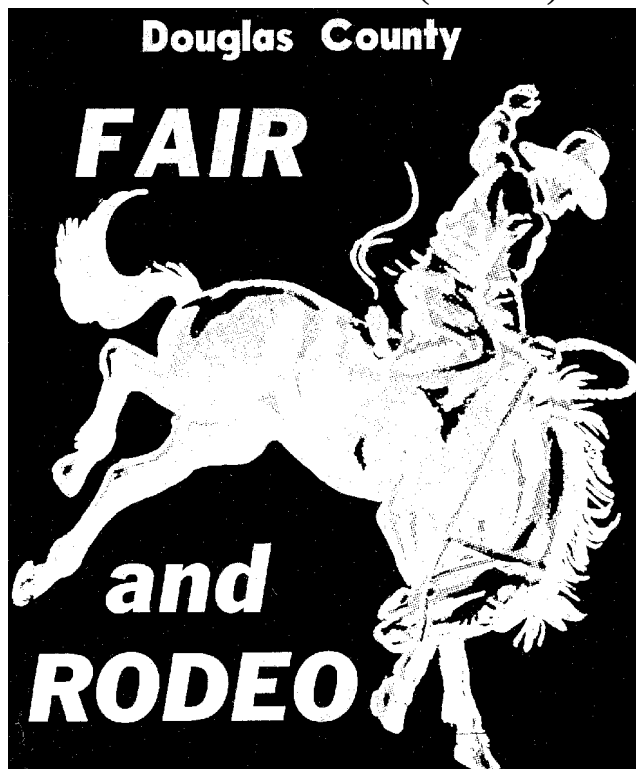


Ranae Rantanen (Box 2)



**Douglas County Fair Books and Ephemera
1935-1992**

**Douglas County History Research Center
Douglas County Libraries
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104-1911**

Accession Number 1992.013

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Description of Collection Origination

Ranae Rantanen

Title

Ranae Rantanen Papers: Douglas County Fair Books and Ephemera, 1935-1992.

Physical Description

15 x 12.5 x 10 inches; 146 items in 1 cf.

Repository

Douglas County History Research Center
Douglas County Libraries, 100 S. Wilcox St., Castle Rock, CO 80104-1911.

Location of Collection

For current location of this collection, please consult the archivist.

Collection identification

Acc# 1992.013

Administrative Information

Restriction on Access

There are no access restrictions.

Restrictions on Use

The collection is used in the presence of the Douglas County History Research Center staff. Some items may be fragile and may only be duplicated with permission of the archivist.

Acquisition Information

Donation.

Custodial History (Provenance)

Donated to the DCHRC by Ranae Rantanen, who was the secretary of the fair board and worked in the extension office.

Note (Abstract)

Collection includes Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Program Books from 1935, and 1950-1992. Other items in the collection include judging materials for poultry and rabbit categories, as well as newspaper articles.

Preferred Citation

Ranae Rantanen Papers, 1935-1992. Fair Books. Owned by the Douglas County History Research Center-Douglas County Libraries.

Processing Information

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Arrangement

Ephemeral material is at the front of the collection, fair books are organized chronologically.

Historical Note

- 1950 - Photographs of the members of the Fair Board and the Douglas County Commissioners were included in this program.
- 1952 - The collection contains two copies of this program. One has hand written corrections for 1953. Admission was twenty-five cents.
- 1954 - The program had a few notes on a ruled page inserted inside the front cover.
- 1956 - This program contained the first photograph and mention of the Douglas County Fair Queen; her name was Jan Sue Campbell.
- 1957 - This is the first program that included the poem *Little Town*. This poem was part of programs through the 1950s and 1960s. It was used again in the 1997 program.
- 1960 - Tabs were inserted for each department letter. The program included a page on the Democratic candidates for election, p. 32, as well as individual advertisements for Republican candidates.
- 1962 - This is the first program to include an advertisement for a development in Douglas County. The advertisement is for Castle Rock Heights, at the head of Third Street.

- 1966 - This is the first year that some photographs are captioned with the name of the person pictured.
- 1969 - The program is titled *The Douglas County - Free - Fair and Rodeo*. There are several full page advertisements in this program; including one for Perry Park, Colorado Western Development Company.
- 1970 - A table of contents, “index page,” was included in this program.
- 1975 - This program had business advertisements in a separate section.
- 1976 - The first Dog Trial, a 4H event, was held at the 1976 Fair.
- 1977 - Esther Noe was a member of the Fair Board. She was the first woman on the board since 1932 (this was the last *verifiable* year).
- 1983 - The Town of Castle Rock logo was similar to that used today [1998].
- 1984 - The format of the program changed greatly. It was larger, made of newsprint and advertisements were again interspersed throughout the book. The names of towns in Douglas County were listed on the front cover. This was the first year that the Fair offered grandstand music entertainment, and “big time country music.”
- 1988 - This is the first program with an advertisement for Mission Viejo Company and Highlands Ranch as a development. The program also advertised “The Meadows.,” Walmart, La Petite Academy, Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken.
- 1989 - The Douglas County Library began to advertise regularly in the fair program.
- 1992 - This was the first program in which the Fair Ambassador was mentioned. The ambassador for that year was Jodi Jackson.
- 1994 -1995 - 4-H categories included Ecology and Natural Resources, Range Management, Community Development Service and Cultural Understanding.
- 1996 - The program for this year included a *History of the Douglas County Fair*, p. 50.

Scope and Content

Items in the collection include fair materials from 1935, and 1950-1995. Judging items in the collection are for the poultry and rabbit categories. The books contain information about businesses, schools, people, events and interests in Douglas County, Colorado. The programs include photographs; business advertisements and listings; lists of those

competing for and/or those donating prizes; changes in the types of competitions; biographical information about local people connected with the Fair; as well as histories and other types of information.

Adjunct to Descriptive Data (Related Material)

Douglas County Fair Books Collection

Ephemera File

Douglas County Fair Books Index and other Clippings Notebooks

Subordinate Components (Box/Folder list)

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Newspaper Articles	1966-1975
1	2	Suggestions for Improving the Fair	1967
1	3	Douglas County Fair - Rabbit and Poultry Notes and Judging Remarks	1976-1977
1	4	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo – Poultry Assignment and Awards Records	1976
1	5	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo – Rabbits Assignment and Awards Records	1976
1	6	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo - Entry Forms	n.d.
1	7	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book and Photocopy	1935
1	8	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book	1950
1	9	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book	1951
1	10	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book	1953
1	11	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book	1955
1	12	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book	1957
1	13	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book	1960
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1	15	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book	1964
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1	40	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book	1989
1	41	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book	1990
1	42	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book	1991
1	43	Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Fair Book	1992