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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 724 SOUTHERN Kentucky Fair – Warren County, Kentucky

1 box. 11 folders. 241 items. 1952-1958. Originals, carbon copies, photographs.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

While fairs have long been a part of Warren County social life, the tradition lapsed after the 1940 fair. In 1952, the Bowling Green-Warren County Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) sponsored a revival. The 1952 and 1953 Warren County fairs attracted 5,000 and 11,000 visitors and were held, respectively, at the National Guard Garage on Morgantown Road in Bowling Green, and on the Warren County High School grounds. In 1954, the Jaycees led the effort of several civic and fraternal organizations to present an expanded fair at the Moose Lodge grounds on Louisville Road. By 1955, the renamed “Southern Kentucky Fair” at Beech Bend Park featured a parade, circus acts, farm and home exhibits, livestock shows, a beauty contest and other entertainment. The 1956, 1957 and 1958 fairs were held, respectively, at Beech Bend Park, the Moose Lodge grounds, and C. W. Lampkin Park.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES

The Collection.

Park City Daily News (Bowling Green, Ky.)

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of records relating to the planning of the Southern Kentucky Fair by the Bowling Green-Warren County Jaycees, with the participation of numerous other civic clubs and organizations. The materials cover 1952-1958, with the bulk dating from 1955 and 1956. Included are committee and participant lists, correspondence, financial summaries, schedules, promotional mailings, contracts, committee reports, and other organizational materials. Much of the correspondence relates to the procurement of equipment and arrangements for entertainment—rides, bands, circus and novelty acts, livestock shows, etc.—as well as for concession booths and exhibits (including military). Of particular interest is correspondence covering negotiations with talent and booking agents promoting a variety of performers and animal acts for the fair.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Southern Kentucky Fair	1952-1958	241 items
Folder 1	Inventory; clippings		5 items
Folder 2	Correspondence and records	1952	3 items
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Folder 4	Correspondence and records	1954	31 items
Folder 5	Correspondence and records	Feb.-June 1955	36 items
Folder 6	Correspondence and records	July-Dec. 1955	29 items
Folder 7	Correspondence and records	n.d. [1955]	11 items
Folder 8	Correspondence and records	Jan.-Apr. 1956	25 items
Folder 9	Correspondence and records	May-Oct. 1956	71 items
Folder 10	Correspondence and records	1957	2 items
Folder 11	Correspondence and records (oversized in C1,D9,#2)	1958, n.d.	5 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Bowling Green-Warren County Junior Chamber of Commerce
Chandler, Albert Benjamin "Happy," 1898-1991 B1,F6
Circus performers

Circus performers – Photographs B1,F5,8,9
 Exhibitions and fairs – Hopkins County – Contracts, 1953 B1,F3
 Exhibitions and fairs – Warren County
 Exhibitions and fairs – Warren County – Contracts, 1953, 1955, 1956 B1,F3,4,6-8
 Honesty insurance B1,F5
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