

Information Sheet

R East Prairie Lions Club.
682 Booklets and photographs, 1947-1996.
Two folders, photocopies.

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These are program booklets for annual rodeos (1947 and 1948), minstrel shows (1952, 1955-1958, 1960-1962, with photographs), "Jubilee" (1973), and the 70th Anniversary (1996) of the Lions Club chapter in East Prairie, Mississippi County, Missouri.

The first two items in this collection are program booklets from rodeos sponsored by the East Prairie Lions Club on 4-5 July 1947 and 4-5 July 1948. The events were co-sponsored by East Prairie Post No. 7053 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and by local merchants. The booklets contain mostly advertising for area businesses, but also include some community history and information and schedules of events.

The third through tenth items are program booklets for annual minstrel shows presented by the East Prairie Lions Club. Programs are available for 1952, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1961, and 1962. The shows featured local performers, many of them in blackface, in a traditional "minstrel revue" musical-comedy format. Again, the bulk of each booklet consists of advertising for area businesses. The accompanying transparencies are copies of black-and-white photographs of the performers, probably from the early 1960s. Some of the performers are identified.

By 1973 the East Prairie Lions Club's annual show was styled as a "Jubilee," but it apparently continued the practice of musical and comedy presentations in a "revue" format.

The East Prairie Lions Club's "70th Anniversary Celebration" was held on Saturday, 7 December 1996. The program booklet includes an account of the founding of the club in 1926, brief biographies of the first elected officers, and historical and current membership rosters.

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Folder 1

Booklets

<u>Year</u>	<u>Event</u>
1947	Rodeo, 04-05 July 1947
1948	Rodeo, 04-05 July 1948

1952	Annual Minstrel, 04 April 1952
1955	Annual Minstrel, 01 April 1955
1956	Annual Minstrel, 09 February 1956
1957	Annual Minstrel, 25 April 1957
1958	Annual Minstrel, 20-21 March 1958
1960	Annual Minstrel, 22 April 1960
1961	Annual Minstrel, 06 April 1961
1962	Annual Minstrel, 06 April 1962

Folder 2**Booklets**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Event</u>
1973	Annual Jubilee
1996	70 th Anniversary Celebration, 07 December 1996

Photographs

#1	Unidentified blackface performer; vertical format.
#2	Unidentified blackface performers; horizontal format.
#3	Unidentified performer (emcee?); vertical format.
#4	Performers: Front row includes LaWanda Douglas and Bob Hunter; middle row includes Corky Shelby and Noonie Bruce; back row includes Maxine Davis, Dick Reed, Hunt Wellborn, Ed Felts, and L. B. Presson ["one-eyed"].
#5	Performers, left to right: Homer Oliver, Hunt Wellborn, Noonie Bruce, and LaWanda Douglas.
#6	Ensemble; horizontal format.

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