

# Flood

The best-known flood on the Arkansas was in 1921. In fact, they had flooding here from the same storm. Manitou and west Colorado



Springs suffered from high water on Fountain Creek. I discovered a story about an earlier flood on Fountain Creek in a Pueblo newspaper.

In May 1914 there was a big rain storm in the area from Monument and Palmer Lake south to Fountain, not at all that unusual! The storm dumped heavy rain in this area, and Monument Creek and Fountain Creek below the junction in Colorado Springs rose rapidly. The low area south of Colorado Springs saw high water, but no serious flooding. At Fountain there was some flooding, mainly in the Jimmy Camp Creek drainage. The flooding caused a lot of damage south of Fountain, mainly bridges over the creek. By the time the water hit Pueblo it was quite serious.

The only known casualty of the flood was a fellow named William Cassidy who worked at a Zinc smelter near the junction of the Fountain and Arkansas River in central Pueblo. He had been working on the shore of the river when the area vanished! The flood had damaged the bridges on the Fountain River from Fountain all the way to Pueblo. It was thought that Mr. Cassidy was caught up in rushing debris. His body was found two miles east of Pueblo, where it had not even rained.

The railroad bridges in eastern Pueblo were washed out, as were two bridges near Buttes a few miles south of Fountain. It took several days to get trains running again and the rest of the summer to replace the bridges that were lost. A most curious problem was a number of automobiles stranded on the Pueblo Road, south of Fountain, mainly in the area near Buttes. Many of you know this is the area northeast of the race track, just north of the road to Hanover. Even today this area can be dangerous in a big storm. Teams of horses from local ranches spent the day after the storm rescuing stuck cars!

This storm was quite the talk of the area until the flood of 1921, or even the flood of 1935 hit! Storms like this saw future roads built on higher ground too!

# Pages of the Past

(1958 - Present)

## Sixty Years Ago (1962) GIRL SCOUTS COMMUNITY SERVICE



Carol Gollis and Kim Winterintz were patients from the Children's Ward. They accepted a scrapbook from Scouts Sharon Harmon, Deloris Kyles and Kay Taylor in a ceremony that was held on a Friday in February of 1962 at Penrose Hospital. Fountain Girl Scouts of Troop 92 assembled the books as a service project to their community.

(Photo by Ira Hoagland)

## Fifty Years Ago (1972) MODULINE INDUSTRIES

Breaking ground in 1972 for Moduline Industries, Inc building. Doing the actual shovel work was Bud Merta, president of Moduline, Inc. Others that were present (left to right): Derek Hogarth, R.D. Von Engl, Mayor Sigurd Aga, John H. Bunck and Dan Quigley.



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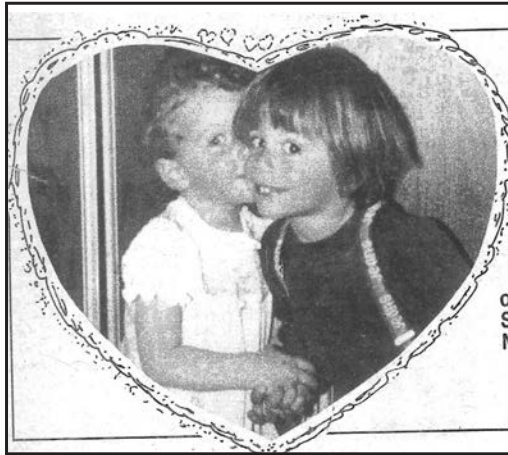
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## Forty Years Ago (1982) HOW SWEET!



Jerad Simon got a kiss from his favorite playmate Jenny Hughs. They are the children of Michael and Carman Simon and Albert and Monika Hughs.

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## Thirty Years Ago (1992) CUP OF CHEER

Pam Noble, an employee at the Fountain Valley Senior Center, cheerfully helped Bob Beadles to a cup of punch at a fundraiser in February 1992.

(Photo by Patricia St. Louis)



## Twenty Years Ago (2002) DESTRUCTIVE WINDS

On Sat., Feb. 9, 2002, high winds wreaked havoc all over the Pikes Peak Region, with some of the highest wind gusts being reported in the Fountain area. Pictured to the left is a large tree limb that was balanced perfectly on the rear fence of Aragon Elementary School.

(Photo by Jerry Bahner)