STAMM
PROJECT CBT PROGRAM

APPROXIMATE TIME

12:00 CALL TO ORDER HATAWAY

12:01 INVOCATION D. ANDERSON

12:02 LUNCH

12:45 CALL TO ORDER HATAWAY

12:46 WELCOME GAINES

12:48 INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE GAINES

Ted Thompson, Pres.
Loveland-Big Thompson Centennial Commission

Bob Anderson, Pres.
Loveland Chamber of Commerce

Ben Nix, Pres.
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Gilbert Stamm, Commissioner
U. S. Bureau of Reclamation

Joe Hall, Regional Director
Lower Missouri Region, U.S.B.R.

Hal Smith, Principal and
ONLY actor of Project CBT

Denny Anderson, Executive V-P
Loveland Chamber of Commerce
APPROXIMATE TIME

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INTRODUCTION OF OTHER GUESTS

HATAWAY

Mrs. Jim Johnson

Rep. Carl Showalter

County Commissioner
John Michie

County Commissioner
Warren Wollaver

Mr. Earl Phipps

Mr. Bob Barkley

Mr. Bob Berling

Mr. Bill Turnbull

Mr. Dick Wood"a

12:58

INTRODUCTION OF MOVIE TASK FORCE

HATAWAY

Denny Anderson

Ray Patterson

Ted Thompson

Bob Berling

Zenas Blevins

Earl Phipps

Bob Smith

Don Hataway

1:00

INTRODUCTION OF G. STAMM

HATAWAY

REMARKS BY STAMM—USBR-BT ROLE

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Ben Nix has been a name of prominence for many years. I knew the name long before I met the man. His efforts and accomplishments in service to his fellow-man have been great. This gathering tonight is testimony to that. I'm sure that he and Dr. Lory must have teamed up in developing ideas and strategy for the Colo Big Thompson project long before it was finally authorized. Some of the provisions in the authorizing legislation reflect considerable foresight on the part of the project supporters. Ben has been good for the people of this rich agricultural area. His efforts and accomplishments have been good for the State as a whole, and indirectly, the Nation as a whole.
Evidence of the esteem with which he is held by his fellow-citizens are the numerous public assignments and offices that have been placed upon him over the years.

Ben attended Aggies (CSU) in the mid 20's. Dr. Lory was president at that time - in fact he was President for about 25 years as I recall. He was a strong advocate of water resource development and conservation.

Philosophically, Ben & Dr. Lory had to have had much in common.
J. Ben Nix

Grew up on an irrigated farm near Eaton (Weld County), Colorado. Attended Colorado Agricultural College (CSU) in the mid 1920's.

Began farming in 1925 and added lamb and cattle feeding operations. In recognition of his exceptional ability in progressive agricultural operations, he received the W. G. Skelly "Superior Achievement Award" based upon his 1944 crop harvest record of over 3½ million pounds of produce.

He received the Colorado Agricultural Extension Service "Certificate of Merit" award for his expertise in production and promotion of Colorado seed potatoes. He has been a member of the organized "Certified Seed Potato Growers" for many years.

He has been appointed to and served as a member of the Weld County Planning Commission for several years. When the Larimer-Weld County Regional Planning Commission was created in 1969, he was selected Chairman and served as such for two years.

He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Greeley National Bank since 1953; is a member of Eaton Rotary Club for 25 years; and long been an active member of the Eaton Baptist Church.

In 1945 he was appointed director of Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and reappointed every two years until 1951. Reappointed in 1953 and has served continuously to date. Elected President of the Board in 1955 and still holds that position. His service to the District has spanned the major portion of Colorado-Big Thompson construction period by the Bureau. This presidency has encompassed the entire time period since project completion and water distribution works transfer to the District for operation and maintenance. He has been a major contributor to the excellent relationship which exists between the district and the Bureau as partners in the Colorado-Big Thompson Project.

He is a strong supporter of the Colorado Water Congress and has long been a member and active participant in the National Water Resources Association.
Several years ago, the Bureau of Reclamation decided that a few private citizens like Ben Nix, who have served exceedingly well in the advancement of water resources development and conservation, should be recognized for the lasting benefits that their efforts have produced, and will continue to produce for generations to come.

Therefore, it is my great pleasure to present Ben Nix with Reclamation's Citizen Award.

Congratulations, Ben.

Now to put a little frosting on the cake, I have another momento to deliver. But before I present it to Ben, Hal Smith asked me to deliver an autographed picture to Ben. Let me show it to you what it says.

Ben.
Lara Mix Bang

Larry Bridge

Gill Stanley

Peter Jones

Mark White

Bob Smith

Peter Jackson

Joe Walker

Harry Wilson

Peter James
MC-Bob Barksby

Honored guest J. Ben Mix

Distinguished relatives and friends of the George

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Bob retired you so ago; his Bob says her short quote a few yrs ago.

It is always good to get back home.

Among good western people especially those who are familiar with

and appreciate the benefits of

wise development and management

of our vital, important, western

water resources.

It is a particular pleasure for me to join

with others here tonight to pay tribute

to J. Ben Mix. BEN is an outstanding

example of the type of people one

who had foresight to recognize

both the need and benefit of water

control, regulation, and conservation and

with that foresight, to give a

lifetime of support to plans

and programs to bring about

beneficial development and use

of water resources.

This was a recent Editorial in the Denver Post

Concerning the Colorado, the project with which

Ben has been especially and intimately associated for many

years.
Big T Proves Its Worth

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has taken its lumps because of the Teton Dam collapse in Idaho in June. Thorough investigation of the causes is justified and the bureau has been arrogant and abusive in withholding its investigation processes from public scrutiny.

But this hot, dry summer is an excellent occasion to recollect the bureau's basic role—which is to supply irrigation water to the arid West.

One of the best possible examples of the bureau's good work is the Colorado-Big Thompson Project in northern Colorado. This $162-million diversion project, for a quarter-century has carried water by tunnel through the Continental Divide from the Colorado River to eastern Colorado.

Hydroelectric generating stations on the project will pay for 80 per cent of that cost, but the farmers and other users in northeastern Colorado are paying $25 million of the cost for ongoing irrigation benefits from the Big T's reservoirs.

While these benefits—supplying supplemental water to several northeastern Colorado counties—are available every year, it is in a dry, hot summer such as the present one that the Big T additions are most dramatic.

Because its reservoirs save water in wet years for dry ones, the project this year will dispense to farmers' ditches 310,000 acre-feet of water (that is enough water to cover 310,000 acres to a depth of one foot).

With the farmers' own regular reservoirs dropping rapidly, the Big T reserve will make the difference—for many—between another good year and a financial loss.

The areas served—in Larimer, Weld and Morgan counties—constitute the state's richest farming section. Last year they yielded $265 million in crop production. About 200,000 people depend, in part, at least, on this agricultural outpouring for their economic health.

It was significant, therefore, that the board of directors of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (which administers the Big T water) was able to vote to deliver its full allotment of 310,000 acre-feet to the irrigators.

This is what Western dam-building is all about: saving up water in reservoirs from the wet years to fulfill the needs when the mountains collect little snow and the rains fail. The drawdown of the reservoirs (such as Horseshoe near Fort Collins) will be the heaviest in at least 10 years of recent Big T history.

The success of the Colorado-Big Thompson project raises the old question: We may carp about the encroachment of technology on our lives but would we really rather be without it?
Present award
general remarks
appreciation
Support of people

positive attitude

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Belmonte