Mr. M.J. Ray Patterson
President Bailey -
Distinguished Rotarians & Guest
Friends & Associates Red Thompson
& his lovely wife Mabel

What can I say after
all that has been said.

This occasion is as
much a pleasure for me
as it is for Red -
It's home - After
many years pass 100 - Home
look mighty good -
Since people have taught
that with whom I went
To Grade School Higher
Ray Patterson - Gay M.C.

Mr. President Bailey

Distinguished Rotarians & Guests
ladies & Gentlemen
Friends and associates of Ted Thompson

A real pleasure to join with the many friends of Ted to pay honor & tribute to him.

Those who have preceded me have spoken eloquently of Ted's years of service to this community.

He came here in 1935 (Egrand, CA)

The Saga of Ted Thompson is one of which he can be proud - and you can be thankful.

His efforts have benefited the entire Front Range.

My life work - dev H2O resources have been spread thinly over entire west.

Ted has also had an interest in H2O der - He has concentrated in depth on the Colo Big Thompson.

Enthusiastically, consistently, and effectively.
He has worked in its behalf enthusiastically, consistently, and effectively.

Another who had an early, deep, and effective interest in the C.B.T. was Dr. Long for many President E.S.U. (1957-60)

I wonder if Ted got to know Dr. Long as their respective efforts overlapped.

I'm sure the answer must be affirmative.

Let me list a few incidents and accomplishments to demonstrate what I have said about Ted's activities.
Ted came to Loveland in 1935 soon became active in community affairs. He joined Chamber of Commerce.

In 1947 was elected Pres. of GC.

Same year (1947) he was instrumental in planning celebration for the dedication of Alva B. Adams Reedy First Day of H2O West Slope to East.

The imported water was to supplement in-basin supplies to benefit thousands of farmers and others in a broad area from No. of Ft Collins to well south of Loveland and east to Greeley, the area H2O benefit now extends to half a dozen municipalities as well as all areas served by the No Colo Can Div.

Power benefit from broader geographic area.
Ted was

In 1952 - Chairman, Chamber<br>Committee that helped<br>Reclamation celebrate its 50th<br>Golden Jubilee.

That parade was something else.
Consisted of 8 bands
100 vehicles
500 Community
leaders & dignitaries.

The greatest ever put together to honor Reclamation.

In 1953 - Again Pres. Ege
Instrumental in getting
Reclamation Proj. Hdpts
establish in Loveland.

In 1953-54 - Created a<br>Building Fund Drive to finance construction of<br>an office bldg for Barco project hdpts.

We were unable to accept<br>the community's hospitality<br>and generosity, but the<br>money collected was put to good use - Industrial
The Goodwill of the Community undoubtedly was influential in the decision to locate the Project Holts in Homeland.

Construction was essentially completed in 1986.

Ted assisted in arrangements for the celebration—which was attended by Secretary Steve Seaton, and then Congresswoman Denny Heck.

Numerous events have been held due to Ted's efforts.

Currently, Ted serves on our Citizen Task Force to help with producing a new movie of the CBT.

He has been and still is a vital link between Reel & the Community.

We appreciate his fine efforts over the years and his donation much of his time to the Community Sec both by and after retirement.
To give you some idea of what the Colb Big Thompson project has meant to this area, I checked on a couple of figures:

- The total cost of the project was $163.7 million.
- The cumulative gross crop value of the project is $2 billion, or 12 times the cost. And the benefits will continue virtually in perpetuity.

Ever had an idea whose time has come?
Ted—would you please step up here for a minute?
The Bureau of Reclamation has instituted a Citizen's Award to recognize people like you.
It is a great honor and pleasure for me to present you, Ted Thompson, with the Bureau's Citizen Award.
It is well deserved.
Congratulations!
Sedg Feige
Ashland Creek - 1828
Buffalo 1828

Water Resq our health
my life -
It does so much
good for so many people
in board.
Story - Ministers.
February 22 - Born Clarinda, Iowa; Baptized in Christian Church

Age 12 started working to help his mother to support his needs.

Moved to Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Was graduated from Scottsbluff High School - age 16.

Manager "Egyptian" Theatre, Scottsbluff, Nebr. (Ostenberg, owner)

Moved to Denver, Colo., worked as Film Shipping Clerk - Paramount Exchange.

Student Manager Denver Rialto Theatre for Paramount-Publix Corporation.

Par-Publix transferred Ted to Grand Junction, Colo., as Manager "Avalon".

February 22 (Ted's birthday) married Miss Mabel V. Kuhre, Grand Junction.

Mr. "Sterling" Theatre, Greeley, Colo., for Par-Publix.

Mr. "Bluffs" Theatre, Scottsbluff, Nebr., for Wm H. Ostenberg (owner)

Gibraltar Enterprises, Inc. (8 theatre owners) was formed and Ted was first employee and sent to:

Alamosa, Colorado as relief manager of "Rialto" Theatre for six months.

Also served as construction consultant for theatres (in the chain) being rebuilt as well as new construction for Gibraltar in New Mexico and Colo.

Denver offices of Gibraltar Enterprises, Inc., awaiting move to Loveland.

January - sent to Loveland by Gibraltar; took over management Febr. 1, '35, Rialto Theatre (4th Street)

Established and owned "FALLS INN" restaurant at Big Dam (near city filter plant) while still Rialto Mr., but not active in its operation. Wife Mabel was Operator of "FALLS INN" until World War 2 when gas and good rationing went into effect.

Purchased 2½ acre cherry orchard corner Colo. Ave. & U.S. 34.

Constructed DUDE CORRAL complex with first released materials after end of war.

June - resigned as Rialto Theatre Manager.

July 4 - Grand opening day DUDE CORRAL restaurant, gift shop, motel and service station.

Sold DUDE CORRAL complex (due to wife Mabel's illness)

MEMBERSHIPS

1935 - Loveland Chamber of Commerce.
1938 - B.P.O.E. Elks - Loveland Lodge No. 1051.
1938-39 - President Loveland Lions Club.
1938-37 - Member Lions - Loveland club.
1951 - 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason - Consistory No. 2, Denver, Colo.
1965 - Rotary International - Loveland Club.
1966 - "Red Coats" (Past Pres. Club Loveland C. of C.)
1966-73 - Loveland Chapter "Service Corp of Retired Executives" SCORE -(S.B.A.)
1969-71 - Director Loveland Rotary Club.
1967 - Listed "Outstanding Civic Leaders of America".
1970 - Listed "Personalities of the West and Midwest".

(Civic Activities listed on additional pages)
The following activities are augmented by newspaper clippings from 40-year file kept by wife Mabel V. Thompson.

1935 + 20 years served on Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
1935 + C. of C. various committees as a member and/or chairman.
1947 President C. of C. - first time.
1952 Vice-President C. of C.
1952 President of C. of C. when Richard Finn resigned and moved to Denver.
1953 President of C. of C. for third time.
1953-59 President Loveland Lions Club.
1939-57 Originator and general chairman Lion's Club "Pet and Poll" annual kids' parade.
19 Chairman Lion's Club "Special Events" committee for several events such as Rodeo, Athletic events, contests, etc, etc.
1944 Chairman City's public "Service Men's Plaque" (Otto Timpke corner 5th & Lincoln)
1946 Finance Chairman Loveland Boy Scout Drive. Continued several years in various positions to promote Scouts.
1946 Chairman C. of C. committee Airport - purchasing 80 acres for $20,000 west of Loveland.
1947-74 Served 26 years on Larimer County Fair and Rodeo Board - originated 1947.
1947-74 Originator & Con'l Chr. Larimer County Fair's "Kid's Night Rodeo" carried title of "Father of Kid's Night" (26 events)
1947 C. of C. Chairman VALENTINES Committee since its inception 1947. This entailed mailing of tens of thousands of valentines from Loveland, each year, (over 151,000 in 1975)
1947 Author of all 4-line verses stamped on all Valentines mailed from Loveland 1976 will be the 50th year.
1948 Active member C. of C. Transportation Committee. Recent years Chr. "Highway and Transportation" Committee.
1950-60 First "Loveland Planning Commission" (member)
1950-60 Appointed "one-man committee" to name Loveland's streets.
1956-57 Loveland's new "Regional Planning District" (Established 1956)
1956-57 Chr. Lion's club committee for construction of "Council Meadows" (Ted's idea) a non-denominational "Outdoor Chapel" built in 1957 in cooperation with Loveland Council of Churches. (on former old airport site west 14th st.)
1952 Participated in creation of non-profit "Loveland Development Fund, Inc.," totaling $90,000.00 to be used to bring new firms and industries to Loveland area - resulting in 2,467 jobs. Served several years on this committee.
1953 Since 1946 - had worked on efforts to interest the BUREAU OF RECLAMATION in locating some of its offices in this area. Campaign that created the above $90,000.00 - part of which was to be used for land and to build Bureau building for their leasing.
1956 Chairman "Rededication Committee" to arrange celebration of completion of "Colorado Big-Thompson Trans-Mountain Water Diversion Project" (city & C of C)
1947; 1949; 1952; 1953; 1954 Ramrodded BUREAU OF RECLAMATION celebration events - complete details in scrapbooks.
1958 Director of "Colorado Visitors Bureau"in Denver, representing Northern Colo.
1958 Received "Loveland Citizen of the Year Award for 1958" (1959 C.o.C. Banquet)
1959 Chairman c. of c. committee "Colorado's Gold Rush to Rockies Centennial" Celebration.
1959-60 Chr. C. of C. "Special Events" committee coordinating the activities of Colorado State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Larimer County Commissioners and City of Loveland in creating "PORT NAQUA STATE HISTORICAL WAYSIDE PARK".

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1960
July 21 - Chair, Dedication of "NAMAGUA PARK".

1960
July 21 - Coordinated celebrating 100th Anniversary of PONY EXPRESS, with
enactment of Pony—mail run with letters carrying special commemorative
postage and special cachet - from LaPorte, Colo. to site of Namagua dedication
1961
Participated in establishment of first "Tourist Hospitality Center" in a
covered wagon at north-west corner of 14th and Lincoln ave.
1962-65
Chair, Loveland's Airport Steering Committee for new Airport site.
1965 - ?
Assisted Mrs. Dorothy Black (first few years) with "Christmas Star" east of City.
1966
Board member of Joint "Two-City Airport" board.
1966-67
Elected first Chairman of first "Fort Collins-Loveland Airport" board.
1967
Received special recognition in form of "Resolution" from city councils of
both Loveland and Fort Collins for -- quote: "His untiring and devoted service
to the city in making it possible for the two cities to establish the present
airport" (end quote).
1967
Manager of new U.S.34 "TRA-VEL TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER" established by a
Fort Collins firm of "Tra-Vel".
1966-73
Active member of Loveland Chapter "Service Corp of Executives Retired" (SCORE)
1967
Listed "Outstanding Civic Leaders of America".
1968-69
Received two "Special SCORE Awards" for public service to SCORE.
1969-71
Director of Loveland Rotary Club.
1970
May 20 - Appointed by Colorado State Highway Commission to be a member of a
special "Advisory Committee" of Colorado Department of Highways to conduct a study
of a route for a main highway from East Slope of Colorado to West Slope at
some location between Route I-70 and Wyoming state line, called "E-W Proposed
 Toll Road".
1970
Listed in "Personalities of the West and Midwest".
1973 --
Mgr. of C. of C. "Visitor Information Center" - (east U.S.34)
1974 --
Elected President "Loveland Big-Thompson Valley Centennial Commission, Inc."
for Loveland's Centennial in 1977 (year after Colo. State Centennial)
1974
Presented to City Council idea of converting old city dump into a park, and
named "Centennial Park" to be dedicated in 1977 during the celebrations.
1974-75
Chairman of committee for new brochure - "Tourist Circle-Trip Map" for Loveland's
surrounding area. Prepared the portion of brochure with points of interest,
mileages and timing of trips out of Loveland and return to help visitors
enjoy the wonders of Northern Colorado.
1974
Initiator of updating of 20 year old BUREAU OF RECLAMATION film "The Barrier
Between" to retell the story of Colorado Big-Thompson Project and to be used
as part of Loveland's 1977 Centennial activities.
1975
Appointment by Loveland City Council to "Citizens Committee" to name and
rename Loveland's many parks. (totaling 54 in 1975)
1976
February 14 - 50th year to promote mailing of Valentines & 4-line verses,
1976; 1974; 1973; 1967 and 1964 designed and authored verses for special valentines
sponsored and printed by C. of C. for resale in Loveland's card outlets.
1976
1969-72
Employed as Sales Representative for SANBORN POSTCARD CO. of Denver with
territory in Wyoming, Eastern and Northern Colorado and local areas.

The above activities of Ted Thompson were compiled by Mabel Thompson and
I am responsible for any errors in dates, etc., but newspaper clippings
were the source of facts. There were many activities I found, but not included.

Signed

Mabel V. Thompson
Mrs. (Ted) Mabel V. Thompson