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Pastor Home from 2 Marches With Negroes at Selma, Ala.

Arapahoe Sertoma to Cite Bemis for Service to Man

Edwin A. Bemis, honorary mayor of Littleton, will be honored at 5 p.m. Saturday when the Arapahoe Sertoma Club presents him with its Service to Mankind Award, President Ralph B. Hargreaves announced today.

The award, to be an annual affair, is the first such honor bestowed by the Arapahoe Sertoma Club.

Ben Gvirtz, chairman of the awards committee, stated that this year's judges were District Judge Marvin Foote, Lloyd J. King, John Jameson, Glenn R. Combellic, and Harold H. Rust.

"Mr. Bemis was chosen because of his many human contributions to Littleton and Arapahoe county," Gvirtz said this week. "Born in Littleton on July 27, 1887, he has enthusiastically supported every worthwhile movement in the community with his money, his energies, and thru his newspapers which he has published for more than 46 years."

Now retired, Bemis daily tries to instill a love of community into the coming generation, Gvirtz added. At times he takes busloads of children around the town and countryside, telling the students of the pioneers and their history. Several times a month, he guides groups of scouts or students thru the newspaper plant to acquaint them with the communications industry and the part it plays in community life.

Gvirtz said Bemis was selected for the dozens of contributions he has made to civic life.

"This work began a half century ago when he led a campaign to erect a flagpole on the courthouse grounds in 1916," Gvirtz said. "It continued with his work as a volunteer fireman as early as 1908 and as chief in 1920-21. He became master of the Columbine Grange in 1920. His interest in public health is best known in the American Cancer Society, as he has been a state officer for years. And he has followed his father, the late Judge Bemis in beautifying Western Arapahoe county. Ed Bemis was an early planning official and has maintained his zeal in developing an attractive region."

EDWIN A. BEMIS

Bemis showed signs of his leadership as a youth, Gvirtz added. He was secretary of the Arapahoe County Fair Assn. in 1909-10 and helped a young jockey named Ralph Moody in those early-day races—races that are mentioned in Moody's famous books, "Little Britches" and "Man of the Family." The town council also had chores for the budding young citizen, appointing him town treasurer in 1910-11.

"Here is a man who had a dream for his community and who labored night and day for decades to do his bit," Gvirtz declared. "He has won state and national fame as a newspaperman, but his heart remains in Littleton and Arapahoe county. His greatest delight is to teach children about the pioneers and the present-day leaders. When they write him scribbled penciled letters of thanks, his joy is complete. For he feels that tomorrow is in good hands."

Rev. Cowles Sees Need of New Federal Voting Laws

By Houstoun Waring

The Rev. S. Macon Cowles of 3950 E. Costilla av. returned to Stapleton Field safely at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday after twice marching in Selma, Ala., where Negroes are attempting to win the right to register as voters.

He was sent with the blessing of the Littleton Council for Human Relations and the Colorado Conference of the United Church, which will help pay his $210 plane expense.

Cowles is pastor of the United Church in Cherry Knolls.

"I decided minutes before leaving Monday evening that I had to join the Freedom Fighters," Cowles told the Littleton Independent Thursday. "I hurried to the airport and had to buy my ticket on the place. When I got to Chicago, I began to see evidence of the Alabama trouble. Students and ministers were in the air terminal, holding their sleeping bags so as to have a place to sleep in Selma."

Reaches Montgomery Next Day

Cowles left Denver at 9 p.m. and didn't reach Montgomery, 144 miles from Selma, until 7:50 a.m. the next morning. The intervening hours were mostly spent in the Chicago and Atlanta airports. Airlines rounded up extra planes to move the Selma-bound people.

Cowles was met by a Negro in a car and driven to Selma, and he was in line when the first march started at 2 p.m. That night he stayed in the home of a Negro family, as the white section of Selma took no part in the demonstration. Cowles did not have any words with an Alabama white.

"There is only one small Negro hotel in Selma, and none of us would stay at the white segregated hotels, as this would defeat our mission," Cowles said. "The weather fortunately was clear and mild."

King's Worthy Assistants

Cowles said that King led Tuesday's march which was arranged by capable lieutenants, especially Ralph Abernathy, Jim Bevel, and Andrew Young.

About 450 out-of-town sympathizers joined the Negroes in the march, Cowles estimated. The press and broadcasting stations were well representing and seemed free to take pictures.

"I am proud to have been identified with the courageous band of Freedom Fighters this week in Selma, Ala., under Dr. Martin Luther King," Cowles said. "A great victory was won when we marched four abreast in a column nearly a mile long across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, Negroes and whites holding hands and singing.

"Never before had such a massive and significant demonstration been possible in Selma.

"Clearly, this showed the importance of having white brothers from all over the nation participate in this struggle. The demonstration was orderly and there were no signs of violence under these conditions.

"This has been a week of sharpest contrast. On the one hand was the massed power of Alabama's pathetic little army, Al Lingo's brutal troopers and Jim Clark's clubbers. Frankly, I was afraid. It

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You Can Donate to Rev. Cowles' Costs

Members of the Littleton Ministerial Assn. met Tuesday while their colleague, the Rev. Macon Cowles was marching in Selma, Ala.

They released the following statement:

"The Littleton Ministerial Assn. and several ministers of Littleton are supporting Macon Cowles' trip to Selma, Ala., financially, morally and spiritually.

Anyone wishing to help, may do so by sending contributions to the Rev. Burton Smyth, 6692 S. Sherman st., Littleton."

Are You a White Anglo-Saxon Protestant?

See editorial, "A Book for Party Leaders," in this issue.

Rotary Club Prays For Selma Negroes

At the Rotary Club luncheon Tuesday, Dr. J. Russell Chandler of the First Presbyterian Church was asked to give the invocation.

Before reciting the blessing, the minister led the business and professional men in a minute of silent prayer for the Negro victims of the vote crisis in Selma, Ala.

$20 PERMANENT $10
Turn to Page 2 for Spring treat.

Junior College; Needed for Vote

By Houstoun Waring

Education Wednesday unanimously Sheridan Junior College proposal, Pine Ridge av. announced after

ce Building with Kinghorn to Dr. James N. Pepper of Littleton, Sheridan, City Manager Howard

e at least 500 names on petitions

ed" seniors why they aren't going to college.

Here are their answers:

Fourteen said they don't have enough money.

Fifty-three said: "My parents don't want me to go but I want to go."

Six said: "I don't know what occupation to prepare for."

Forty-five said there was no college near home.

Four said: "My parents want me to go but I don't want to."

Fourteen said they may be drafted by the army.

Twenty-four had a variety of reasons.

The 1964 graduates gave the committee some idea about the need for a junior college. Here is where they are today:

High School	4-Yr. Col.	2-Yr. Col.	Trade Sch.
Littleton	64%	7%	8%
Sheridan	28%	7%	10%
Englewood	43%	6%	9%

Mrs. Rachel Hoovestol Writes Centennial And Happy Homes News

Mrs. Rachel Rundle Hoovestol of 3567 W. Alamo av. begins this week as correspondent for the Happy Homes and Centennial areas.

She is a graduate of the University of North Dakota with a major in journalism and minor in Spanish.

Mrs. Hoovestol grew up in her father's newspaper shop and has done everything from Linotype work to bindery operations and news stories.

She is active in cub scouts, teaches Sunday School at Centennial Lutheran, and has her part in Centennial School where the three oldest of her four boys are enrolled.

People west of the river are invited to call Mrs. Hoovestol (PY-4130) and give her tips on news.

Littleton Educator, Busy Night and Day Proclaimed Public Servant of the Year

By Houstoun Waring

Littleton's Public Servant of 1965 is an educator who has found time after school hours to serve his church, his political party, his public library, his professional associations, his civic club, and his city government.

He is Victor J. Ross of 3529 W. Alamo pl.

Ross is coordinator of Secondary Curriculum, serving under the director, Kenneth D. Baker. Prior to achieving his present post, he was a teacher of English and journalism at Euclid Junior High School for 4½ years.

Went to Byers and South

Born in Salina, Kan., Ross grew up in Denver and attended Byers Junior High School, South High School, and the University of Denver where he received his A.B. in English and his M.A. in school administration.

- Ross is a past president of the Littleton Education Assn. and is now on the board of directors and a member of four LEA committees.
- He is president of the Teachers' Investment Group, which jointly invests savings of local educators.
- He has been treasurer of the Denver Area English Council.
- He was formerly co-sponsor of the Junior High Youth Group at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.
- He is a member of the City of Littleton Citizens Budget Committee for 1964-65.
- He serves on the Littleton Board of Adjustment.
- He is a member of the Lions Club and edited the club's news letter in 1964. He is on the club's publicity committee and on its bowling team.
- He is president of the Friends of the Littleton Library.
- He has lately been working on the Littleton Committee for a Junior College.
- He has worked in Precinct 68 as a committeeman of the Democratic party.
- He has been a Colorado Education Assn. delegate for four years and a National Education Assn. delegate for one year.
- With Lyle Johnson he compiled a huge scrap book that won the CEA's "School Bell Award" for the Littleton newspapers in 1962 when Garrett Ray was education editor.

VICTOR J. ROSS

Victor Ross is married and has two children Victor III is 4 years old and Diane is four months.

The Public Servant of the Year Award goes each year to a person on the public payroll who has served far beyond the call of duty.

The Littleton Independent and Arapahoe Herald will present Ross with a handsome framed certificate to commemorate his selection in 1965.

Three Honorable Mention

Three public servants were chosen for Honorable Mention this time. They are:

Harold Shull, letter carrier, has made his patrons happy day by day with his kindness, patience, and promptness. He serves the Happy Homes and Centennial areas.

Joe Foster, custodian at Highland School, goes out of his way to help children and to see they are not hurt. Teachers find he does chores for them beyond normal expectations. He's just a man "who can't say No."

John MacIvor Littleton police chief, is recognized thruout Colorado as a high and knowledgeable type of officer. A few days ago the Kiwanis Club recognized him for his service.

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Pastor Marches in Alabama Parade

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was an unforgettable experience, moving past those armed men, knowing they might attack at any moment. On the other hand, there was the gallant band of Freedom Fighters, gay in spite of their determined mission, insisting on love, not hate.

"I hold for them the profoundest respect. While they sang, 'We Shall Overcome,' Sheriff Jim Clark wore a defiant button that said, 'Never.' Even Jim Clark must know that he is wrong."

Second March Went 100 Yards

Cowles said the demonstrators wanted to march to the courthouse Wednesday morning, the second day he was there. After the column had gone 100 yards, the mayor halted the Negroes, ministers, and students. He was backed by the Selma police and the state troopers.

"These Negroes want the right to vote," Cowles said. "Selma is in Dallas county which has 36,000 people, 57 pct. Negro. Yet only 300 Negroes have been permitted to register. In three nearby counties, not a single Negro has been registered to vote."

Cowles has no plans for returning next week when 10,000 marchers may start for Montgomery if the federal court will remove an injunction against the proposed move on the state capitol.

To Tell Governor 3 Points

"The Negroes wish to lay before the governor three things," Cowles stated. "They want to tell him of (1) police brutality, (2) their inability to register at the courthouse, and (3) their right to assemble and demonstrate peacefully."

Cowles said he will never forget his experiences of this week. He talked to one of the Unitarian-Universalist ministers shortly before the minister and two colleages from Boston were beaten by five Selma Whites. One of the ministers was near death at press time.

A Negro minister from Colorado was reported in Selma at the time Cowles was in the South, but the two men did not get to meet each other.

"The Alabama situation," Cowles said, "should remind us that we have a struggle going on here at home. We are trying to get the legislature to improve the fair housing law. I'm supposed to go to the capitol on this today."

Federal Help in Registering

As far as Alabama is concerned, Cowles feels that federal legislation must be enacted to get the Negroes registered.

"Such a flagrant denial of human rights will take some major break-thru," he declared. "Another lesson I have learned is that America is in danger when well-meaning people keep silent in times like these."

Mr. and Mrs. Cowles have shown their interest in helping Negroes from other parts of the world, too. This winter they have an African student as their houseguests while he attends high school here.

PERCENTAGE OF ALL DEATHS FROM HEART AND BLOOD VESSEL DISEASES, BY STATES

SOURCE: U.S. Public Health Service, National Vital Statistics Division, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare

HEART AND BLOOD VESSEL DISEASE are the leading cause of death in each of the 50 states, as shown in map. In the nation as a whole they are responsible for 54 per cent of all deaths. Differences among states can be explained to some extent by such factors as age, sex and ethnic composition of their populations. The nationwide attack against these diseases is spearheaded by your Heart Association, supported by your contributions to the 1965 Heart Fund.

Human Relations Group Wires President and Other U.S. Officials

The crisis which developed this week in Selma, Alabama over harassments suffered by workers in demonstrations for voting registration rights, led the Littleton Council for Human Relations to send the following wire to President Lyndon B. Johnson and to Attorney-General Nicholas Katzenbach:

"The Chairman of our Human Relations Council, Macon Cowles, left tonight for Alabama with our personal support and involvement. We urge you to use all available federal resources for the protection of these lives dedicated to obtaining civil justice."

THE LITTLETON COUNCIL
FOR HUMAN RELATIONS
Littleton, Colorado

Copies of this wire were also sent to Sen. Gordon Allott, Sen. Peter Dominick and Rep. Roy McVicker.

JAMES H. FORD HOME FROM NAVY TRAINING

James H. Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Ford of 774 W. Longview av., is now on a two-week leave from the navy which he is enjoying spending with his folks.

On March 19, he will report for schooling in the Aviation Electronics Technician School in Memphis, Tenn.

Remember PY 4-1555 to report a FIRE.

Sawyer Hearing Scheduled April 2

Littleton District Judge Marvin W. Foote has scheduled a hearing on a motion for a new trial for Stella Sawyer April 2, at 3 p.m., according to court records.

Mrs. Sawyer, 2195 S. Downing st., was convicted Feb. 2 of second-degree murder in a traffic death case—unprecedented in the history of Colorado.

A 12-member jury also found the 54-year-old woman guilty of inflicting bodily injury while under the influence.

Mrs. Sawyer's attorney, C. Charles Buchler, in a motion asking Judge Foote to set aside the verdicts or grant a new trial, said the vast news coverage of the Sawyer case could not afford a fair trial.

Buchler also listed 15 other reasons why a new trial should be granted in a motion filed with the court Feb. 26. Here are four of those reasons.

"The jury was obligated to return a total of five verdicts, but returned only three," Buchler continued.

There was "no competent evidence" presented during the trial to prove the charge "while under the influence of intoxicating liquor," he explained.

Even though the jury was instructed to disregard testimony about X-rays given by John Wood, M.D., the testimony inflamed the jury, Buchler said.

The attorney also claims the multi-count indictment return against Mrs. Sawyer Aug. 10, 196 was wrong and not supported the law.

The indictment included t counts of second degree murd two counts of causing death whi under the influence of intoxicati liquors, two counts of causing jury while under the influenc and one count of manslaughter.

The indictment was return following a Valley Highway ac dent June 13.

Three persons died in the a cident.

The only U.S. vice-president to take the oath of office in a foreign country was William R. D. King, who was elected with President Franklin Pierce. A special Act of Congress permitted King to be sworn in by an American consul in Havana, Cuba, where he was convalescing. He died six weeks later, without ever serving as vice-president.