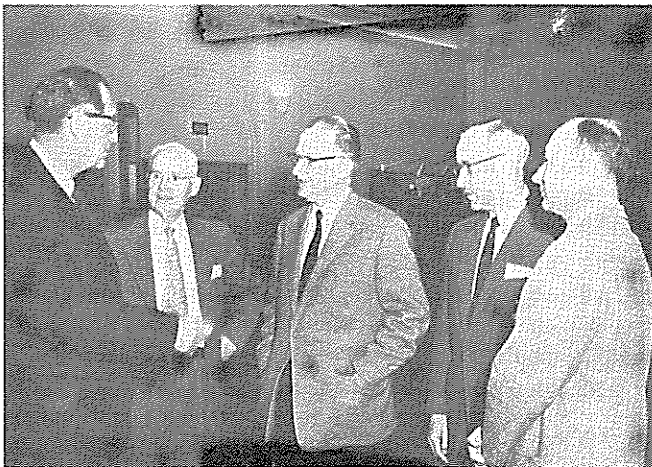


Elmer G. Bennett, right, undersecretary of the Department of the Interior, receives a scroll of appreciation for the department's work on saline water reclamation from Rogers Aston of the Southspring Foundation, Roswell, N. M.



Rogers Aston, second from left, Southspring Foundation, Roswell, N. M.; and Dr. H. R. Stucky, conference chairman, examine some of the many newspaper clippings about the conference, as Jim Cole, left, NMSU ag economist, and Albin Dearing, executive vice-president, Water Resources Council, New York, N. Y., look on.



New Mexico Senator Clinton P. Anderson, left, is welcomed by Dr. Roger B. Corbett, center, president of New Mexico State University. Left to right, Senator Anderson; John P. Murphy, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Albuquerque, N. M.; Dr. Corbett; Dr. H. R. Stucky, head of NMSU's agricultural economics department and chairman of the conference; and Dr. Robert H. Black, dean and director of the college of agriculture and home economics at NMSU.



W. P. Stephens, second from left, New Mexico State University economist, points out a stream gauge model in one of the exhibits at the Water Conference. At the left is C. L. Forsling, Pack Foundation, Albuquerque, and at the right, David Miller, Water Resources Council, New York, N. Y.



Jack Wentworth, left, of the New Mexico Economic Development Commission, explains the functions of the organization. On the speaker's platform are, left to right, W. B. O'Donnell, dean of New Mexico State University; Ivan F. Rice, president of the Rice Engineering and Operating Co., Hobbs, N. M.; and Randall F. Montgomery, manager of the Hobbs District of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.