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Water is the life-blood upon which the agricultural and industrial development of New Mexico is founded. As our New Mexico population increases and as agricultural production is intensified, water will become increasingly important. Recognizing these facts, an annual state-wide Water Conference was instituted in 1956 by the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. These conferences are open to every interested person and are designed to permit and encourage a free and constructive consideration of New Mexico's water problems. The first two conferences were held in Milton Hall on the A and M Campus in early November of 1956 and 1957. The Third Annual Conference is planned to be held at the College in the fall of 1958.

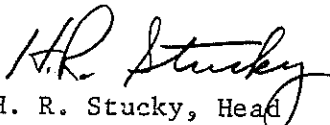
The Conferences are attended by leaders in business, agriculture and government from many areas of New Mexico. The exchange of ideas and the bringing together of the papers presented at each Conference into a report such as this one, has helped focus the attention of all people of the state to the need for a definite program of water development and conservation. New Mexico is becoming more aware that water is one of its most valuable and scarce resources and that conservation and beneficial use of our limited water is vital to all of the people of the State.

The papers appearing in this publication are in the order in which they were presented. The program which follows this statement will serve as an index to the papers.

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