

Sixteen Annual New Mexico Water Conferences

Sixteen Water Conferences are now history. These conferences originated from a 12-week staff-graduate seminar held in the Department of Agricultural Economics in the spring semester, 1956 at New Mexico State University, A & M at that time. That seminar was organized to have various leaders from the state and federal agencies and the University explain the water program being carried on in New Mexico. H. R. Stucky organized and served as Chairman of the seminar.

As these seminars were being held, inquiries were received from numerous individuals of the public asking how they might hear these discussions. Since it was impossible to invite individuals into the class sessions, it was suggested that if the seminar speakers would agree, a session would be arranged to re-run the seminar over a two-day period. The re-run was held on October 1 and 2, 1956 with about 75 individuals participating.

At the conclusion of the re-run session, it was agreed that it should be designated as the First Annual Water Conference. There was a concensus of opinion that there was a lack of opportunity for the public to become informed about New Mexico water problems and programs, and that an annual conference would assist in correcting the situation.

The Sixteenth Annual Conference had the largest paid registration of any of the conferences. The overall attendance was not as large as some recent conferences, since the dates set a year in advance, fell on the spring vacation. Many students usually attend but they do not pay fees.

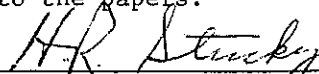
It has been the privilege of the writer to have served as Chairman of the Water Conference Planning Committee and of the Conference through each of the sixteen conferences. It has been a real pleasure to see the conference gain stature during this period, in New Mexico, the Southwest and the Nation. Senators, Representatives, Governors, Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture, University Presidents, a Supreme Court Justice, many prominent private citizens, many leading state and federal officials, Deans, Directors, and Professors, have participated in the conference programs. The proceedings of the conference go into the Library of Congress, many state and university libraries and to all of those who register for the conferences. University professors, students, and many others use the conference proceedings as a ready reference. Also, numerous foreign libraries and foreign citizens purchase the proceedings and many send continuing orders for future issues.

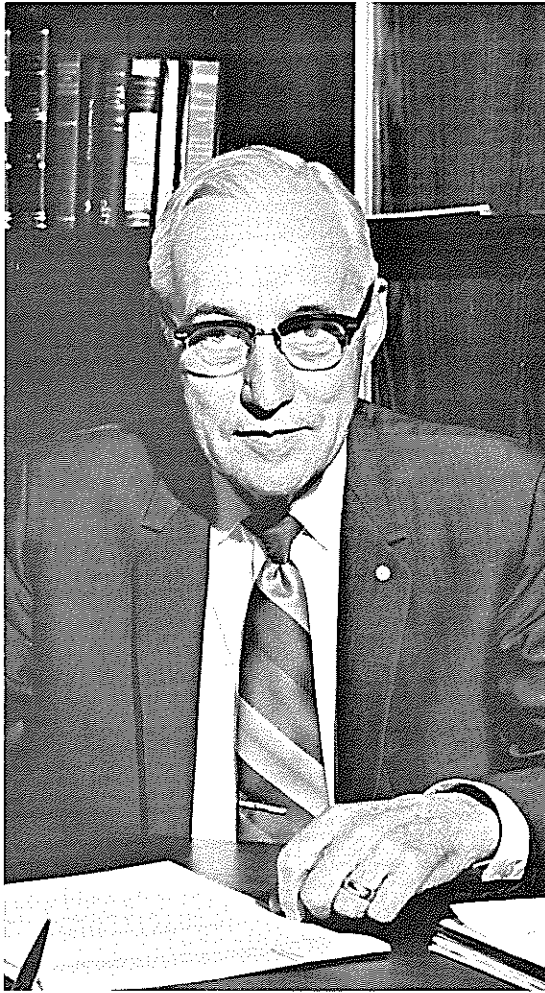
I want to express my deep appreciation to all who have participated in the planning and conduct of these annual conferences and to those who have attended and carried the information from the conference on to further consideration and action.

The Seventeenth Conference is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7, 1972. Professor John W. Clark, who will become Director of the Water Research Institute on July 1, 1971, has been elected as Chairman of the Water Conference and the Conference Planning Committee. The conference will be in good hands under the leadership of Professor Clark.

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The program which follows will serve as an index to the papers.


H. R. Stucky, Chairman
Water Conference Committee



DR. H. R. STUCKY, CHAIRMAN

ANNUAL WATER CONFERENCE

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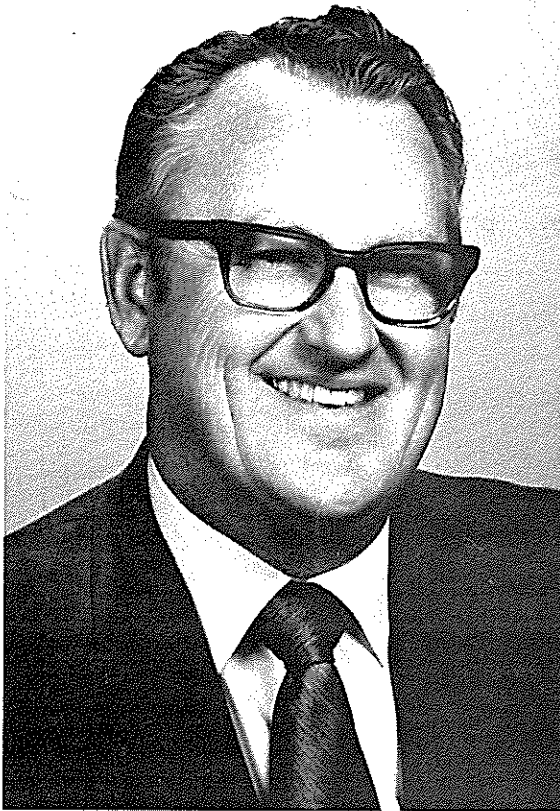
FIRST DIRECTOR - WATER RESOURCES

RESEARCH INSTITUTE

1963 - 1971

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- 1954-1965 Professor and Head - Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business, NMSU. Established the Undergraduate curriculum in 1964 and developed the Masters Degree program for the department in 1966.
- 1955-1971 Chairman - Annual New Mexico Water Conference
- 1962 Organized the Water Resources Research Institute at NMSU.
- 1963 February - Board of Regents officially approved the Water Resources Research Institute.
- 1963 October - named as Director of Water Resources Research Institute.
- 1965 New Mexico Institute was the first of the 50 State Institutes approved for funding under the Water Resources Research Act of 1964-88-376.
- 1965-1971 Director - Water Resources Research Institute.



PROFESSOR JOHN W. CLARK

INSTITUTE DIRECTOR

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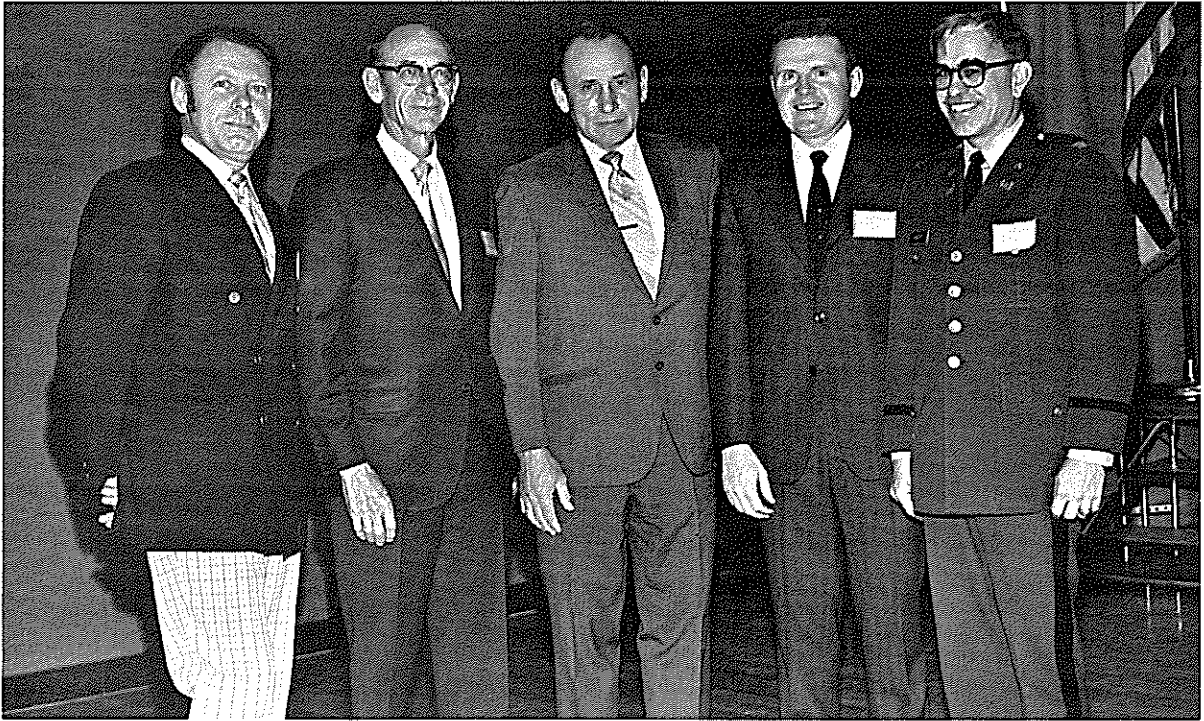
JULY 1, 1971

John W. Clark, professor of civil engineering at New Mexico State University since 1953, has been appointed director of the Water Resources Research Institute effective, July 1, 1971.

Clark, long active in water control organizations, was president of the Water Pollution Control Federation-Rocky Mountain Section in 1965, chairman of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Water Pollution Control from 1956 to 1966 and currently serves as a representative of environmental engineering appointed by the Surgeon General to the Regional Health Advisory Committee.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering and a professional degree, C.E., in sanitary engineering from the University of Missouri.

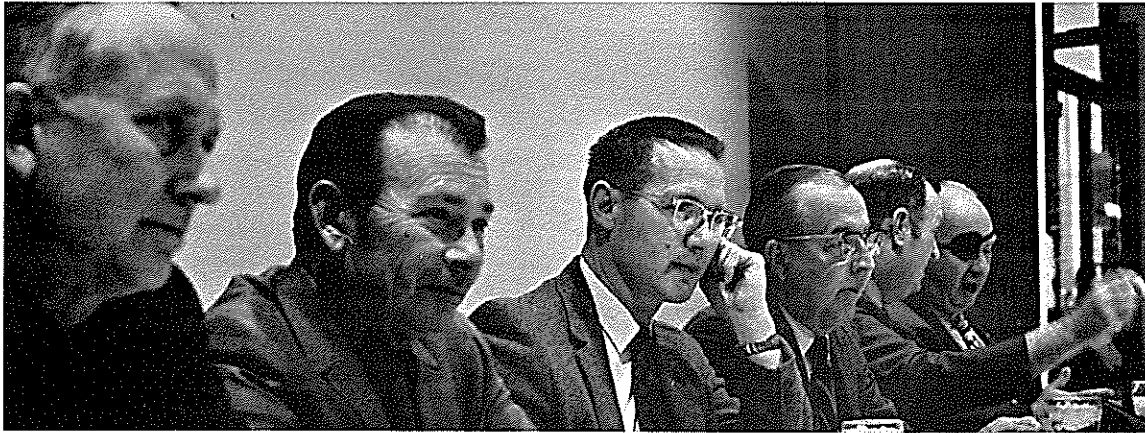
Clark organized the first New Mexico Water and Sewage Works Short School in 1955 and directed the first National Science Foundation Summer Conference on Water Resources to be held at NMSU. Since he joined the NMSU faculty in 1953, he has been principal investigator or project director on several hundred thousand dollars worth of grants and awards for such organizations as the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Public Health Service, Department of the Interior, and other state and private groups. Professor Clark will also become chairman of the Water Conference Committee on July 1.



Speakers Group: (L to R) William P. Stephens, Agricultural Experiment Station, served as session Chairman. Ira Clark, Historian, NMSU; Ralph Bell, River Basin Planning, SCS; William Gorman, Agricultural Economist, NMSU, and Colonel Richard West, Corps of Army Engineers, were speakers in this session



(L to R) James Kirby, Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso; John W. Clark, Wayne Cunningham, Elephant Butte Irrigation District; George Mosley, El Paso Water Improvement District No. 1, and S. E. Reynolds, New Mexico State Engineer.



(L to R) James W. Kirby, Extension Economist; M. L. Wilson, Associate Director, Agricultural Experiment Station; James R. Gray, Agricultural Economist; Frank Bromilow, Dean of Engineering; Carrol Hunton, State Director, Farmers Home Administration; Philip Crystal, County Extension Agent, Clovis. Note - Phil is emphasizing his point.

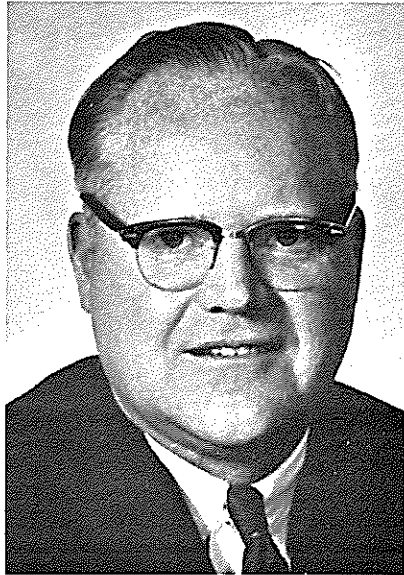


(L to R) Ralph Fegley, President, Student Engineering Council, NMSU; Mrs. Fred Ribe, League of Women Voters; H. Ralph Stucky, John W. Clark and W. P. Stephens.



(L to R) Colonel Richard L. West, Fred A. Thompson, State Department of Game and Fish; Lloyd Calhoun, New Mexico Electric Service Company, Hobbs; Professor Jesse Lunsford, Civil Engineering, NMSU, and Ray Cauwet, Publicity Department, NMSU.

These shots taken of the 35 people attending the meeting of the Conference Advisory Committee Meeting with the University Committee.



DR. ALLEN AGNEW

Dr. Agnew spoke on the subject, "Solutions to Water Problems - The Time is Now".

Dr. Agnew is Director of the State of Washington Water Research Center and Chairman of The Water Committee of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

DR. HERMAN BOWER

Dr. Bower spoke on the topic, "Renovating Sewage Effluent for Agricultural and Industrial Uses".

Dr. Bower is Chief Hydraulic Engineer and leader of a research group in sub-surface water management and waste water reservation at the U.S. Water Conservation Laboratory at Phoenix, Arizona.





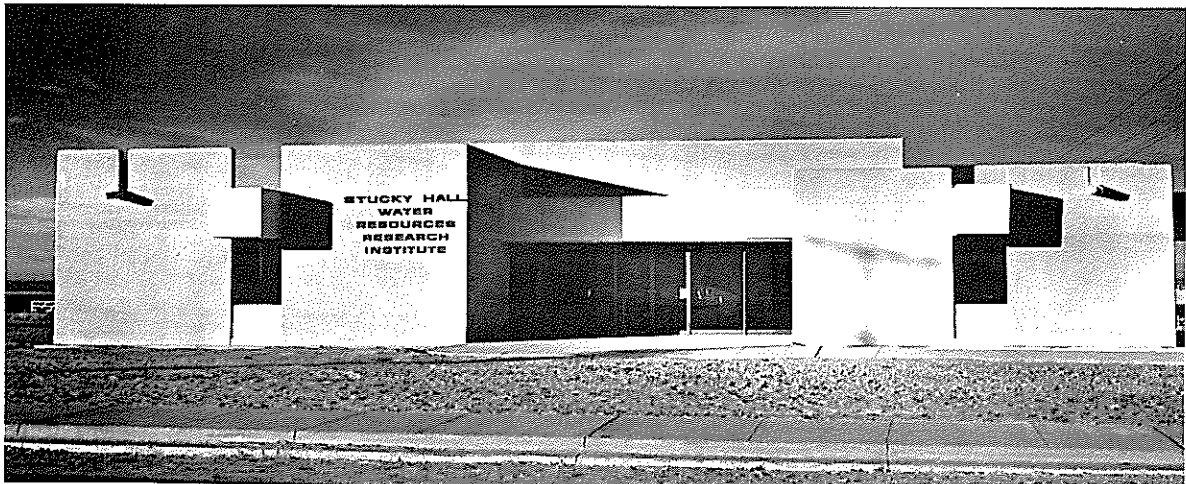
Registering for the Sixteenth Annual Conference are John R. Wright, Environmental Engineer, New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission and to his right, George B. Mosley, Manager, El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1. With them, L to R - unidentified, Joe Pierce, Dona Ana County Sanatarian, and James W. Kirby, Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso.



Robert Brasier, Engineer, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, one of the early registrants and one who has attended most of the recent conferences.



Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. Melton, Hatch, New Mexico. On their left is O. D. Knipe and on their right is George Garcia, both of the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station in Albuquerque.



The home of the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute on Espina Street on the New Mexico State University campus. It is also the headquarters for the Annual Water Conferences. Numerous conferences on water research and development have been held in the building since it was occupied in late March 1970.