

SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS

The following persons attended the very first New Mexico Water Conference in 1956 and because of their long support of water research in New Mexico, they are our special guests at the 30th Annual New Mexico Water Conference.

Odelio F. Baca a rancher from Las Vegas, New Mexico, attended the 1956 conference representing the Storrie Project Water Users Assn. He now lives in Los Lunas.

Ira G. Clark, who in 1956 was a professor of history, is a history professor emeritus at New Mexico State University. His book, Water in New Mexico: A History of its Management and Uses, will be published in early 1986.

Philip E. Crystal, the Curry County extension agent in 1956, is now retired and living in Clovis, New Mexico.

Eldon Hanson, in 1956 was department head of New Mexico State University's agricultural engineering department, ended his university tenure with a three-year assignment to Egypt. He lives in Las Cruces.

Stuart Meerscheidt in 1956 attended the conference representing his company, Butte Pump and Machinery. Today he owns the Jornada Water Co. and farms in Las Cruces.

Claude A.L. Pilley was a civil engineering student participant in the 1956 conference. Today he is the chief engineer for the city of Alamogordo.

Lewis T. Putnam in 1956 was the State Engineer Office district engineer for the Deming area. He still holds that position.

Steve Reynolds in 1956 was in his first year as the New Mexico state engineer. He is now celebrating 30 years in that position.

H. Ralph Stucky, organizer for the first New Mexico Water Conference, went on to help establish the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute in 1963, and retired as its director in 1971. After retirement, he went on to become a founder of the Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Las Cruces.

Jacob Tejada in 1956 was the associate county extension leader. He is now retired from the Extension Service and lives in Las Cruces.