

## **FLETCHER**



### **J. L. Fletcher Graduate Scholarship**

This award was established in 1982 with funds from the recycling program.

MTSU biology faculty 1961-1981

Dr. J. L. Fletcher received his B.S. in 1937 from Southwestern Louisiana Institute, M.S., 1940, and Ph.D., 1955, from Texas A&M University.

Dr. Fletcher taught a range of courses including genetics, advanced genetics, speciation, economic biology, histology, and several versions of introductory biology. He played important service roles within the department. He coordinated the scheduling of courses and teaching assignments and served as graduate advisor/coordinator during a time when that responsibility also included supervision of graduate teaching assistants.

As a teacher, he was thoughtful, insightful, and absolutely authoritative in his command of subject matter. He had a special gift for distilling a complicated concept into a limited number of understandable points. Dr. Fletcher set an example by being understanding and kind in his dealings with students and colleagues alike. Dr. Fletcher was an honorable gentleman, an excellent teacher, and never in a hurry to get "there." He, without doubt, fit the mold of professor and philosopher.