

## **PARCHMENT**



### **J. Gerald Parchment Biological Field Station Scholarship**

MTSU Biology faculty: 1949-1989

The award was established with funds from the recycling program and first awarded in 1979.

Dr. J. Gerald Parchment received the B.S. degree in 1944 from Middle Tennessee State College with a major in general science, his M.A. degree in 1947 from Peabody College and his Ph.D. in 1961 from Vanderbilt.

Dr. Parchment's distinguished career was spent entirely at Middle Tennessee State, teaching many courses in general biology, ecology, and comparative anatomy of the vertebrates. Known for his relaxed, joking manner, Parchment was a first rate scholar and a master of the teaching craft. His work affected the lives of generations of students, including many who went on to become physicians, teachers, and professional scientists. During his teaching career, he was honored on a number of occasions and enjoyed many professional successes. He was president of the Tennessee Academy of Science, the MTSU Faculty Senate, and the MTSU chapters of MUP and Sigma Xi. He was listed in American Men of Science and was an elected Fellow in both the Tennessee Academy of Science and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In addition, he was recognized for outstanding service by joint action of the Tennessee State Legislature and was twice honored by the MTSU Foundation, once for outstanding teaching and once as a distinguished alumnus.