

## **RUCKER**



### **Ellis Rucker Scholarship**

MTSU Biology faculty: 1946-1979

The award was established with funds from the recycling program and first awarded in 1983.

Dr. Ellis Rucker received his B.S in 1935 from Middle Tennessee State College, the M.A., 1938, and the Ph.D., 1946, from Peabody College.

Dr. Rucker taught plant biology courses. Dr. Rucker's knowledge of Tennessee flora was second to none. His knowledge matched or surpassed that of any botanist in the state. It was virtually impossible to find a plant in the area for which he did not know the scientific name and life history. Straightforward and upfront, with minimal nonsense, Dr. Rucker will always be remembered as a student-oriented instructor.