The Florida Entomological Society honors Dr. Milledge Murphey, who passed away February 15, as its ENTOМОLOGIST OF THE YEAR. Dr. Murphey was born 15 December 1912 in Augusta, Georgia. After graduating from the Junior College of Augusta in 1932, he entered the University of Florida where he earned the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1935. Employment with the USDA, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine followed and continued until 1937.

Milledge was employed by the Georgia Department of Entomology from 1937 until 1942. He was Entomologist and Assistant State Entomologist. His duties included writing bulletins, making educational films and exhibits, and developing the insect collection. From there he entered the U.S. Army where he served as an officer until his discharge in early 1946.

In February 1947, Milledge joined the faculty of the Department of Entomology at the University of Florida as Assistant Professor. He earned the rank of Associate Professor in 1953, the year he received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Oklahoma State University. He was promoted to Professor in 1965.

Dr. Murphey conducted research, wrote publications, presented papers at scientific meetings, and prepared exhibits, but he is known foremost as a teacher. He dedicated his life to teaching and a master teacher he was! The infectious enthusiasm in his instruction was a source of marvel for students and colleagues alike. His teaching philosophy encompassed lecture and laboratory methods, testing and measurement methods, visual aids, edu-
cational psychology, lecture notes, curriculum organization and counseling—to mention some of the more important.

Milledge especially excelled in the area of visual aids. He was responsible for constructing more than 80 charts that are applicable to entomological instruction as well as numerous film strips. His work in photography has resulted in slides unsurpassed for visual aids.

Not only was Dr. Murphey a great teacher, he was a man of exceptional ethics, high standards, great compassion, and was a wonderful human being. His willingness to help students was unending. During his last few days a recent student placed the following note on the door to his hospital room.

"Dr. Murphey—
I stopped by to say hello and to wish you the best, but these darn nurses wouldn’t let me see you.

I just wanted you to know that you have been the single most important person in my education and career. I want to thank you for all the encouragement, care, and motivation you have given me during the last few years. You’ll always be the one that will stand out in my mind as the man who kept me going when I began having doubts about what I was doing and where I was going. I will be grateful always.

Thank you again for everything and remember this—I love you like a father. For the time you guided me through school, you were the father I never had.

Now you just hurry up and get out of this place, so I can come visit. I wish you a speedy recovery and keep in mind that my thoughts and love are with you always."

Milledge received the first PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD given by the University of Florida Chapter of Alpha Zeta, 1956-57. He was given the DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN TEACHING by the Southeastern Branch for the Entomological Society of America in 1974. Dr. Murphey was cited again by students when he received the TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD in the College of Agriculture by the Student Agricultural Council for the academic year 1975-76.

Dr. Murphey was a member of Alpha Zeta, Sigma XI, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Sigma, Alpha Phi Omega, the Entomological Society of America, and the Florida Entomological Society. He was a very active and hard working member of this society. He served on numerous committees, was Secretary 1949-56, Vice-President 1956, and President in 1957. He was very active in the Gainesville Area Boy Scouts and served as President of the Court of Honor for the Alachua District for many years.

The Florida Entomological Society takes pride in recognizing the contributions and faithful service of Dr. Milledge Murphey with the honor of ENTOMOLOGIST OF THE YEAR. The plaque reads, "For His Unselfish Devotion and Contributions in the Field of Entomology to the Nation, the State and the Florida Society."

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