

# resolutions of respect

**Charles A. Dambach, 1911-1969**

Charles Arthur Dambach, Professor and Director of the School of Natural Resources at The Ohio State University, died in Riverside Hospital on October 30, 1969. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 31, 1911.

An early interest and good counsel brought him to The Ohio State University where he received his B.S. degree in Agriculture (entomology) in 1937, the M.S. degree in Agriculture (entomology) in 1941 and the Ph.D. in Ecology (animal) in 1945. During this time began a blend of academic and professional activities which were destined to make him one of the best known of Ohio conservationists. From 1937 to 1942 he was Associate Regional Biologist with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, developing programs for erosion control, utilizing plant materials having value for wildlife and supervising staff members engaged in demonstration projects and Civilian Conservation camps. From 1942 to 1945 he served as Instructor in Zoology and Entomology at The Ohio State University and as Assistant Director of its Ohio Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. From 1945 to 1950 he was Associate Professor of Zoology, Director of Conservation Curriculum, and Director of the Conservation Laboratory for teachers. This involved teaching and supervising graduate research related to wildlife resources as well as organizing an interdisciplinary conservation curriculum. From 1950 to 1955 he served as Chief of the New Division of Wildlife, Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He returned to the University in 1955 as Director of the Natural Resources Institute, a position concerned with coordinating teaching and research related to natural resources in ten departments of the university, administering the Ohio Biological Survey program of about 25 Ohio colleges and universities, as well as maintaining liaison between the university and federal, state and private resource agencies. In 1967 he was requested by the university to further coordinate natural resource activities. His labors brought forth organization of the School of Natural Resources in 1969 with development of a new academic program, coordination of instruction-re-

search-cooperative extension activities, administration of the Ohio Biological Survey and, for him, the responsibility of Directorship which he filled until his death.

Dr. Dambach was unusually active in professional societies: past president or chairman of Columbus Chapter of Friends of the Land, Buckeye Chapter of Izaak Walton League, Ohio Chapter of Nature Conservancy, Wildlife Society (1958-60), Worthington Board of Education; trustee or advisory board of: Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Researches for the Future Inc., Ohio Conservation Foundation, Ohio Forestry Association, Perry Township Board of Education; committees of White House Conference on Natural Beauty, Conservation Needs USDA, Conservation Advisory to Secretary of Agriculture, National Science Teachers Association for Conservation and Environmental Studies, Conservation Foundation on Environmental Education in American Universities, Commission on Agricultural Pests of National Research Council, etc.; fellow: Ohio Academy of Science and instrumental in formation of its Conservation Section, Society of American Foresters, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Soil Conservation Society of America, etc.; member: Ohio School Boards Association, Conservation Education Association, American Ornithological Union, Wilson Ornithological Club, Ohio Wildlife Management Association, Ohio Game Protectors Association, League of Ohio Sportsmen, Ohio Conservation Congress, Outdoor Writers of Ohio, Ecological Society of America, Ohio Section of Wildlife Society, Wheaton Club, Worthington Garden Club, Central Ohio Orchid Society, etc.

His achievements and contributions were recognized by many honors and awards: Outstanding Conservationist by Ohio Conservation Congress in 1954, Outdoor Writers of Ohio in 1955, Ohio Forestry Association in 1958, Outstanding Contribution in Conservation by Nature Conservancy in 1968, Governor's Award, of Ohio in 1969; Merit awards: Ohio Conservation Laboratory in 1959, Ohio Division of Izaak Walton League in 1969, Outstanding Key Man Award by Conservation Education Associa-

tion in 1969. Shortly before his death, the Ohio Reclamation Association extended special commendation to him for founding and directing the Natural Resources Institute and, "due to his wisdom, vision and untiring efforts," for developing and launching the new School of Natural Resources. The fact that he had always preached and practiced that "conservation is not a discipline but a way of life," was recognized

in the Ohio Conservation Achievement Day ceremonies at Columbus, Ohio on October 24, 1970 when his name was placed in the Ohio Conservation Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his widow, Christine; a daughter, Charlou E. (Mrs. Paul Howwald) of Columbus, Ohio; and two sons, George E. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Charles F. of Stillwater, Oklahoma.