Dedication

Ames Forestry Club
Manford Ellerhoff was born in West Burlington and attended college at Iowa State University. In 1936, he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in forestry. After college, his first employment was with the Soil Conservation Service from 1936 until 1949. He served first in the Ottumwa area and in 1939 in Illinois. In 1940, he was appointed Iowa's first district forester, with headquarters in Waukon. His last two years with the SCS were spent with the veteran farm training program. In May, 1949, he was named superintendent of forestry for the Iowa Conservation Commission. In 1957, Mr. Ellerhoff became the Commission's first state forester.

During his 22 years with the Commission, Mr. Ellerhoff was largely responsible for the development of Iowa's state forests, particularly, the Yellow River Forest in Allamakee County which has become one of the finest state recreational areas. Also during his tenure, state forest areas were expanded by 20,000 acres and developed for multiple use. The state nursery at Ames was also expanded to handle planting stock for state wide forestry programs.

Mr. Ellerhoff was appointed chief of the Division of Lands and Waters for the Iowa Conservation Commission in 1963. In 1969, he was named administrator of land management, where he was responsible for directing the use of lands recently acquired by the Commission, and for cooperative watershed and erosion control throughout the state.

He was a member of the Society of American Foresters and in 1966 the society's Iowa chapter presented him with the Clyde Fruden Award. Mr. Ellerhoff passed away at his home in Des Moines August 6 after an illness of several months.