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DEDICATION

HENRY H. WEBSTER

by GEORGE W. THOMSON

The direct influence of H. H. Webster, the fourth Head of the Forestry Department of Iowa State University since 1904, comes to an end this May but the impact of his personality will be felt for years and students yet to come.

Just as earlier Department Heads had each in turn guided the Department through the development days of the conservation era; stabilized and solidified the place of Iowa State graduates in industrial forestry in the post-World War II years; developed the research facilities and graduate programs of the early sixties; so did Hank Webster provide unique guidance. The direction given in these last eight years has been focused on the complex maze of legislative and budgetary affairs, on the tough apres-Earth Day in-fighting of a newly-aware, resource-concerned society and on the growing necessity to give a professional hand-up to minority races and women.

Dr. Webster has been acutely sensitive to these winds of change and his natural inclination toward the direction of these winds coupled with an innate desire to engage in the new activism has drawn unexpected attention to his concepts of forestry and education.

If the recorders of trends in conservation education search to the roots of the concept of integrated natural resource management they will find that Hank Webster's energies, convictions and organizational skills have prevailed as have those of few others in capturing the talents and visions of individual educators to mould a new curriculum and a new and more aware forest resource manager.

To Henry H. Webster, a professional forester who has added to his inborn and emerging skills the experiences of a decade of federal forestry and a decade of forestry school administration, we dedicate this 62nd AMES FORESTER and extend our best wishes for as many innings of success as he may wish to pursue in the arena of Michigan forestry. May the rain-outs be fewer than the games played and won.