



**DR. WILLIAM G. DOWNS, NEW TREASURER OF THE  
TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

William G. Downs, Jr., newly elected Treasurer of the Academy was born May 20, 1897, in Evansville, Indiana, and attended the public schools there. He entered Vanderbilt University in 1915 and withdrew in 1917 to enlist in the army. He served overseas until his discharge in 1919 when he re-entered Vanderbilt and received the D. D. S. degree in 1922. After a very short career in dentistry, he returned to college, receiving the A. B. degree from Evansville College in 1926 and the A. M. from Indiana University (Anatomy-Genetics) in 1927. In 1930 he received the Ph. D. in Medical Biology from the University of Pennsylvania. From 1927 to 1934 he served on the faculties of the University of Michigan, the University of Pennsylvania, and Yale University. In 1935 he became Professor and Head of Pathology at the Chicago Medical School; he then resigned to enter the research consultation field, serving various food and drug concerns until 1941. He re-entered the army and organized and commanded the SHAEF Psychological Warfare School and PWD units in occupied Germany, and re-organized the German Red Cross and the Catholic and Protestant Social Service groups. He then returned to serve as Publicity Chief of the Army and

Air Force in the Pentagon until 1950. He was decorated by the American, British and French Governments and is now a retired Colonel A. U. S. Until 1956 he again served as research and sales consultant in the pharmaceutical field. Since then he has been a member of the Biology Faculty at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. In 1943 he was married to Mary E. Hahn of New Haven, Connecticut. Dr. Downs is a Fellow of the AAAS, and a member of the American Society of Zoologists, American Genetic Association, the National Society for Medical Research and several other scientific organizations. He is the author of more than fifty publications in the fields of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Hematology.

### NOTICE CONCERNING POSSIBLE NEW FORMAT FOR THE JOURNAL

It has been suggested that the format of the *Journal* be changed to a larger page size with two columns similar to the format of the American Institute of Physics journals which have a page size of 8 by 10½ inches. This would reduce the number of pages per issue by 39%, and the printing costs would be reduced about 15%. It has been pointed out that the two-column page is easier to read and would allow for more flexibility in the arrangement of illustrations. This format would encourage the publication of more technical papers from Oak Ridge, since other Oak Ridge publications are in the larger format.

This matter is now under consideration by a committee consisting of the following people:

Dr. Frank H. Barclay, East Tennessee State College, Johnson City

Dr. W. B. Jewell, Vanderbilt University, Nashville

Dr. C. P. Keim, P.O. Box X, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge

Dr. J. T. Tanner, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Dr. Helen L. Ward, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Your comments are invited and may be addressed to any member of the above committee.