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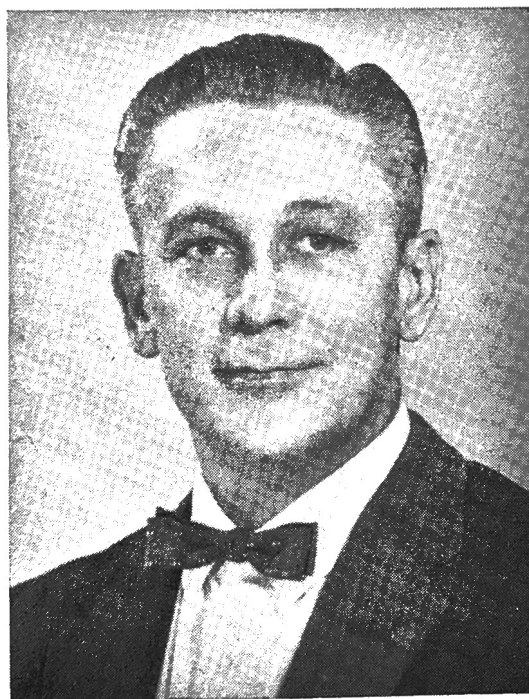
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### NEW PRESIDENT OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE



JAMES L. WILSON was born July 18, 1925, in Nashville, Tennessee. He attended grammar and junior high school in Nashville and Miami, Florida. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946 primarily in the Pacific area. After taking a G.E.D. test, he attended Watkins Institute one year, receiving his high school diploma in 1948. He attended the University of Miami in the summer of 1948 and George Peabody College from 1948 to 1952, receiving his B.S. in 1951 and M.A. in 1952. He attended Vanderbilt University from 1954 to 1959, receiving his Ph.D. degree with a major in zoology and minors in microbiology and chemistry. The subject of his doctoral thesis was The Taxonomy of Water Mites of the Genus *Arrenurus* of Middle Tennessee. Three publications, primarily on new species of water mites collected in Tennessee, have appeared in recent years in the JOURNAL. Research work continues, when time permits, on some 50,000 water mites col-

lected from streams and lakes (including those that parasitize fresh-water mussels) in all counties of Tennessee and seven other southeastern states. Most of the above collections were made with the aid of three grants from the National Institutes of Health. In September 1963 he attended the First International Congress of Acarologists held at Colorado State University at Fort Collins.

He was Instructor of Biology at Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, from 1952 to 1954, and was a guest faculty member at George Peabody College in the summer from 1955 to 1959. He taught a National Science Foundation Zoology course at Vanderbilt University in the summer of 1960. He taught at Belmont College from 1956 to 1967, going from Associate Professor to Professor and Head of the Biology Department and Chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics. He came to the University of Tennessee Nashville Center in 1967 as Associate Professor of Zoology.

While in college at Peabody he was a member of Beta Beta Beta Honorary Biological Fraternity, serving as Vice-President one year. He was awarded an Honorary Student Membership in the Southern Association of Science and Industry, and he received the Sidney Sullivan Award. While in Vanderbilt he received a Graduate Scholarship in 1954-55 and a Graduate Assistantship in 1955-56. He was offered a Graduate Assistantship the following year which he did not accept since he started teaching full time. He was made a Fellow of the Academy and the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1963.

He served as Secretary of the Academy from 1959 to 1965 and is a member of Sigma Xi, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Institute of Biological Sciences and the Association of Southeastern Biologists.

In community activities he has worked with the PTA, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, YMCA, and in various capacities in the Baptist Church.

He was married on January 2, 1948 to Dorothy Jean Inman of Nashville. They have two children, Lloyd Wayne, age 16, and James Stanley, age 10. As a family they enjoy camping, fishing and bowling.