

**DR. MOFFATT G. BOYCE, NEW TREASURER,
TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

Moffatt Grier Boyce, Professor of Mathematics at Vanderbilt University, was born February 3, 1900, near Atoka in West Tennessee, where his father was pastor of a large country congregation. His early education was received at the local Robison School and his college training at Erskine College in South Carolina, from which he was graduated with first honor in 1922. He then taught mathematics at Bryson College until 1925, attending the University of Chicago in the summers. Two full years and two additional summers in study at Chicago lead to an M.S. degree in 1926 and the Ph.D. in 1930.

He taught at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, from 1927 until coming to Vanderbilt in 1946. His research interests have been in the calculus of variations and in function theory, especially the application of complex variables to the study of curves and point configurations in the plane.

Dr. Boyce is a member of the American Mathematical Society, the Mathematical Association of America, AAAS, and Sigma Xi. In 1932 he was married to Annabel Schaefer of Galion, Ohio, whom he had met at the University of Chicago while she was engaged in graduate study in English. They have two daughters, aged eleven and sixteen.



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MARION L. MACQUEEN

DR. MARION LEIGH MACQUEEN, VICE-PRESIDENT TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, 1950

Dr. Marion Leigh MacQueen was born at Anniston, Alabama, on August 23, 1896. He received his early education in Tennessee, and graduated in 1914 from the Tate School, Shelbyville, Tennessee. In the fall of 1914 he entered Southwestern, then located at Clarks-ville, Tennessee, where, after a period of service in the field artillery during World War I, he was graduated with the A. B. degree in 1919. The following year he went to the University of Wisconsin where he taught and also did graduate work until he received the M. A. degree in 1923. He became a member of the department of mathematics at Southwestern in 1923 and has held a teaching position there since that time. He was granted a leave of absence to continue his graduate work at the University of Chicago, where he received the Ph.D. degree in 1933. He served as a research assistant in mathematics at the University of Chicago during the summer quarter of 1936, and taught in the Navy V-12 Program at the University of the South in the summer of 1944.

His research interests have been centered mainly in the field of projective differential geometry, and he is the author of more than twenty papers which have been published in the following journals: The Transactions of the American Mathematical Society, The Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society, The Duke Mathematical Journal, The American Journal of Mathematics, The American Mathematical Monthly, and the *Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science*. He is a member of the American Mathematical Society and the Tennessee Academy of Science which he serves as mathematics editor of the *Journal*. He is a member of Sigma Xi and is now president of the Sigma Xi Club of Memphis. Dr. MacQueen is also a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Gamma Alpha, Chi Beta Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Phi Beta Kappa.

He was married to Grace Gilfillan, of Memphis, on June 12, 1929. They have two sons, Leigh Windsor, age 16, and Robert Moffat, age 12.

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the News Editor of this honor until very recently, hence the delay in this notice in behalf of one who has done so much to make a laudable national publication of the JOURNAL.

In the Department of Geology at Vanderbilt University, Dr. James W. Clarke has assumed the post of instructor. Dr. Clarke received his Ph.D. degree from Yale University in June, 1950, and is teaching mineralogy and a course in petrography and petrology.

New officers elected for 1950-1951 in the Vanderbilt Science Club are: President, Dr. Ilda McVeigh, Department of Biology, and Vice-President and Secretary, Dr. Karl Seyfert, Department of Astronomy.

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