



Donald Caplenor



Harris J. Dark

**DONALD CAPLENOR, NEW SECRETARY OF
THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

Donald Caplenor was born February 10, 1922, in Smith County, Tennessee. He attended both grammar and high school in the public schools of that county. He attended Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee, for the first two quarters of his freshman year, and then transferred to George Peabody College for Teachers. At the latter institution he was awarded the B.S. in 1947 and the M.A. in 1948. In 1954 he received the Ph.D. degree from Vanderbilt University where he majored in biology and minored in biochemistry. The subject of his doctoral thesis was *The Vegetation of the Gorges of the Fall Creek Falls State Park in Tennessee*. His research was under the direction of Dr. Elsie Quarterman. His research interest continues in the fields of plant ecology and plant geography.

He was Instructor of Biology at George Peabody College from 1948 to 1951, Instructor of Biology at Vanderbilt University from 1951 to 1953, Associate Professor of Biology at Georgia Teachers College from 1953 to 1955. In the fall of 1955, he returned to George Peabody College as Assistant Professor of Biology.

In addition to his affiliation with the Tennessee Academy of Science, Dr. Caplenor is a member of the Society of the

Sigma Xi, the Ecological Society of America, the Botanical Society of America, the Association of Southeastern Biologists, Beta Beta Beta, and Kappa Delta Pi.

He was married on June 9, 1946, to Miss Sue Cooksey of Carthage, Tennessee. They have three children: Terry, 8; Debby, 6; and Donna Sue, 3.

HARRIS J. DARK, NEW TREASURER OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

WILLARD COLLINS

David Lipscomb College

Harris J. Dark was born in Maury County, Tennessee, February 8, 1905, the son of Mrs. Zilpha Ownby Dark and the late Harris Dark. He attended Maury County public schools and was graduated from Columbia Central High School. From 1926 to 1928 he was enrolled at David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tennessee (then a junior college), and he attended Vanderbilt University School of Religion from 1929 to 1930. After spending a year at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, he received the B. A. degree from Randolph-Macon College of Ashland, Virginia, in 1934. Later he was awarded the M.A. degree at the University of Richmond, and the Ph.D. degree at George Peabody College for Teachers.

The unusual combination of a liberal arts, scientific, and theological background prepared Dr. Dark for his later careers in two fields of work—teaching and preaching. He began teaching at David Lipscomb College in 1942 and was appointed professor of mathematics in 1948. In 1944-1945 and 1946-1947, he also taught mathematics at Peabody College. His ministerial service began in 1928 at the Church of Christ in Hartsville, Tennessee, while he was still an undergraduate. He has since preached regularly for churches of Christ in Richmond, Virginia; Portsmouth, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; Madison, Tennessee; and for Chapel Avenue, West Nashville Heights, and Franklin Road Church of Christ in Nashville, where he has preached since 1951.

He is a member of the Mathematics Association of America, the Tennessee Collegiate Mathematics Teachers Conference, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and is listed in *Who's Who in the Southeast*. He has published numerous articles on the Bible and in 1954 his article on Freshman Mathematics was published in the *Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science*. His doctoral dissertation at Peabody College in 1948 was on *Life and Works of H. E. Staught*.

On January 15, 1932, he married Miss Mildred Northcutt, and they have four children: Joel, 21; James O., 19; Anne, 11; and John, 9.