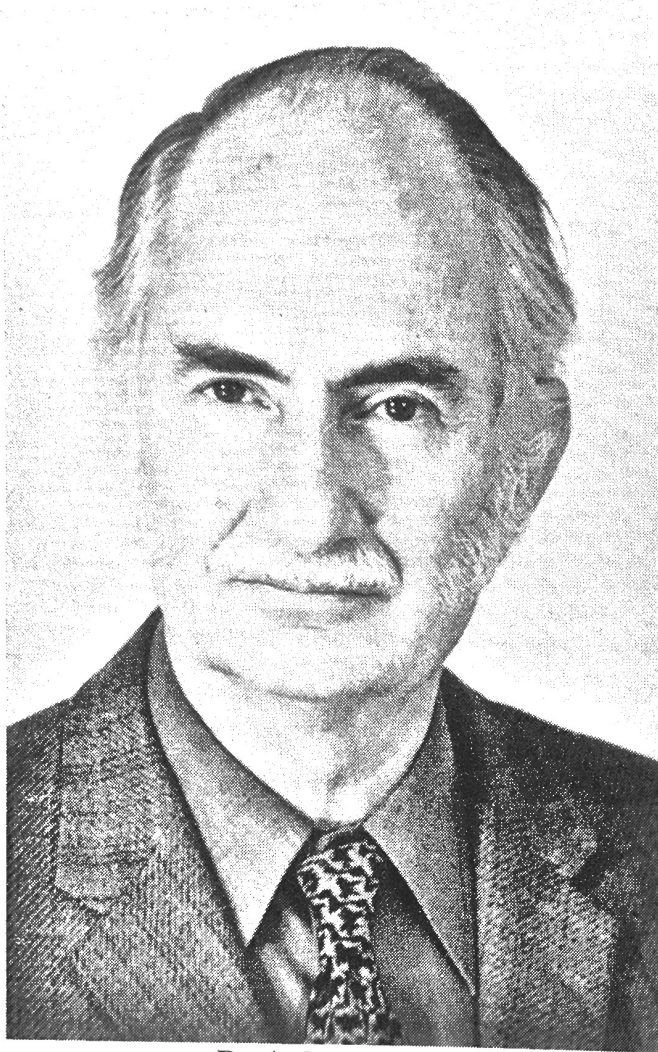


## NEW PRESIDENT OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE



**Dr. Arthur W. Jones**

With the editor's indulgence, I shall use this biographical space for a few personal comments, after some data. I was born in Washington, D.C. on December 10, 1913, and spent my youth in Hampton and Newport News, Virginia. My higher education was all at the University of Virginia, where I received the B.A. 1934, LL.B. 1936, M.S. 1941 and Ph.D. 1943. Between LL.B. and M.S. I practiced law with my father's firm, Jones, Blechman and Jones, in Newport News. I taught at Southwestern, in Texas, 1943-45, and since then at U.T., Knoxville. I joined or was elected to various organizations including Sigma Xi, Omicron Delta Kappa, the American Society of Parasitologists, and the Tennessee Academy of Science. With the help of my stu-

dents and 15 years' support from the AEC, I have managed to publish about 100 papers. "Introduction to Parasitology" my textbook came out in 1967.

In 1938 I married Ellen Sherburne of Lexington, Mass. We have four children and up to now, five grandchildren. Ellen is a well known designer craftsman, active in the Southern Highlands Handicraft Guild and four or five other craft associations. She makes beautiful jewelry, stitchery and macramé. The children, their spouses and offspring, are wonderful.

Next to my progeny, my most important "products" have been the graduate students who now teach and study in many southeastern colleges. Some of them are in prestigious research institutions. I think that very few of these former students are doing research on my favorite animals-tapeworms. They have their own interests; I wish them well.

In 1960 a group of educators formed the Tennessee Committee for Science and Education, of which I became executive secretary. This committee tried to persuade the legislature to repeal the Butler Act (Anti Evolution Law). The Academy helped in this educational effort, which eventually (some years later!) succeeded. The fact that the law was repealed by a Tennessee Legislature, and did not have to be struck down by a Federal Court, represents, in my opinion, a significant educational achievement.

It is my hope that the Tennessee Academy of Science will continue in the traditional but excellent programs it now conducts—Junior Academy, Collegiate Division, Visiting Scientist Program, Reelfoot Biological Station, and the excellent Journal—while seeking to become more active in solving the environmental, technical and educational problems now facing the State's leaders. As President of the Academy I shall, with the help of the other officers and members of the Executive Committee, strive to make the Academy more valuable to its members, more valued for its service, by the people of Tennessee.