

1975 TENNESSEE SPEECH TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Each year the Tennessee Speech Communication Association recognizes excellence in teaching through the selection of the organization's choice of an outstanding educator in the field of speech communication. This year Mrs. Helen White of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, has been named the 1975 Tennessee Speech Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. White joined the faculty of Motlow College in Tullahoma, Tennessee, in 1970. Since that time, the Speech curriculum has grown rapidly. Many of her students have participated in intercollegiate forensic competition. One of her classes, Children's Speech and Drama, has taken programs to Head Start centers, day care centers, public and private kindergartens, and elementary schools. Most of these presentations have been performed for the rural and socio-economic groups whose experiences are limited. During her tenure at Motlow, Mrs. White has organized the only honor society yet established at the college -- Phi Rho Pi, a national organization that recognizes students who make outstanding contributions in speech activities.

Mrs. White received the B. S. degree with honors from Middle Tennessee State University in 1967, and the M. A. degree from the same institution in 1970. Currently, she is working towards the Doctor of Arts degree in English and Speech. She is a member of the American Forensic Association, the Speech Communication Association, the Southern Speech Communication Association, the Southern Forensic Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensic Association. From 1972 until 1973, she served as President of the latter organization.

Mrs. White is listed in the 1974 editions of WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN WOMEN and OUTSTANDING PERSONALITIES OF THE SOUTH. As a result of her recognition by the state organization, Mrs. White was a candidate for the Southern Speech Teacher of the Year, an award given by the Southern Speech Communication Association.