

1975 TENNESSEE SPEAKER OF THE YEAR

Each year the Tennessee Speech Communication Association recognizes excellence in public speaking through the selection of the organization's choice of an outstanding speaker. This year Mr. James Neal of Nashville has been named 1975 Speaker of the Year.

Mr. Neal received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wyoming in 1951. After serving as a captain in the United States Marine Corps from 1951 to 1954, he entered the Vanderbilt School of Law. In 1957 Mr. Neal received the LLB degree and graduated first in his class. In 1960 he earned the LLM degree from Georgetown School of Law, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

Mr. Neal maintained a private law practice in Washington until 1961 when he became special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. In 1964 he was appointed United States District Attorney for the middle district of Tennessee. In 1966 Mr. Neal began a private law practice in Nashville. In 1973 he was appointed Associate Special Prosecutor on the Watergate Special Prosecution Force. Mr. Neal has now returned to private practice in Nashville.

At the fall workshop convention of the Tennessee Speech Communication Association, Mr. Neal was given the organization's award for his outstanding communication efforts in his profession.