

## TSCA AWARDS FOR 1980

TSCA was proud to present its 1980 Speaker-of-the-Year Award to the Honorable James L. Bomar, Jr., of Shelbyville, Tennessee, and a former international president of Rotary.

Mr. Bomar's many accomplishments were ably summarized in an article appearing in The Rotarian, official publication of the service organization. The article stated,

No one word, no one phrase, can fully characterize James LaFayette Bomar, Jr., the 69th president of Rotary International...Like a brilliant-cut diamond, this energetic man has many facets: he is lawyer, legislator, churchman, aviator, amateur actor, teacher, farmer, community leader, humanitarian and Rotarian...His signature on more than 10,000 bills and other legislation enacted while he was speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, speaker of the State Senate, and lieutenant governor of Tennessee, is testimony to his tremendous capacity for work. The state's news media, normally critical of public officials, voted him "Tennessee's Outstanding Legislator." ...An internationalist in viewpoint, Jim has traveled and spoken in more than 30 countries on five continents and in most of the states. He strongly believes that Rotary has a unique opportunity to promote world peace and goodwill on a people-to-people basis. ...Jim and his wife, Edith Dees Bomar, are active in Shelbyville's First Presbyterian Church, in which Jim is an elder, chairman of the church expansion committee, and a Sundry School teacher. An amateur actor in his student days, Jim still enjoys dramatics... Jim's honors in civic work are numerous. For his service as 1959-60 state fund-raising chairman for the American Cancer Society and president of its Tennessee Division in 1961, he

received the society's distinguished service plaque. A member of the Middle Tennessee Council of the Boy Scouts, he holds the Boy Scout Silver Beaver Award. He is a member of the law school advisory committee at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, and in 1974 Samford conferred on him an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Tom Webb of Clarksville, Tennessee High School was selected as TSCA's Teacher-of-the-Year. In a letter of nomination to the Awards Committee, student members of the National Forensic League of Clarksville High, wrote this endorsement.

Mr. Webb has taught speech and drama in the Clarksville-Montgomery County school system for five years. Three of those years were at Greenwood Annex, a ninth grade complex. During those three years, Mr. Webb accomplished something that everyone else said could never be done. Only he and his students felt that it could become a reality, and it was that unity that made it come true. Greenwood Annex (ninth graders, remember) captured two District III Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League sweepstakes titles, numerous state awards including a second place One-Act, a second place Readers' Theatre, and a Best Actress award. Mr. Webb has been at Clarksville High for two years. In his two years as an NFL coach, he has sent four individuals to National competition, captured the District III sweepstakes both years in 1979 and had six first place awards at state competition and in 1980 captured first place in eight events at the state tournament.

Tom Webb also serves as student council sponsor, cheerleading sponsor, parliamentarian for the Education Association, state director for the International Thespian Society and as chairperson of the Broadcasting Interest Group for TSCA. The Tennessee Education Association has also recognized his work by naming him a Distinguished Classroom Teacher.

---Richard Dean