MOUNTAIN EMPIRE FRESHMEN AT TECH — A dozen ex-Mountain Empire high school football stars — nine from Upper East Tennessee and three from Southwest Virginia — are among the freshmen reporting for drills at Virginia Tech Monday. There also is an even dozen from this area on the Tech varsity. In front, from left, are quarterback Johnny Norris of Elizabethton, back Steve Scott of Erwin, lineman Keith Gibson of Church Hill, linebacker Dwight Presnell of East, back Johnny Goodwin of Elizabethton, and lineman Doug Blake of Greeneville. In back, from left, are lineman Ron Davis of Elizabethton, lineman Steve Tapp of Erwin, lineman Milton Ross of Abingdon, back Richard Widner of Virginia High, back George Heath of Tennessee High and lineman Bill Housewright of Gate City. Tech has signed more area schoolboy stars than any other major college.