

Maurice E. Bennett, Jr.
Advertising Federation of Greater Hampton Roads
1969 Silver Medal Award Honoree



Maurice E. Bennett, Jr. was honored as the 1969 recipient of the Silver Medal Award, presented by the Advertising Federation of Greater Hampton Roads.

A native of Portsmouth, much of Bennett's adult life was spent in newspaper and related work. Prior to his stint as advertising sales promotion manager for *The Virginian-Pilot* and *The Ledger Star*, he was promotion manager at the *Washington Daily News* and on the advertising staff of the *Richmond Times Dispatch*.

He was a staff artist and a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun* after finishing college at Duke University in 1929. In 1933 and 1934, he was publisher of the *Suffolk News-Herald*.

From 1942 through 1945, he was with the Office of Price Administration and from 1945 to 1950 with the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

He was greatly interested in the Protestant Episcopal Church, serving as publisher of the *Virginia Churchman* in Richmond from 1952 to 1956. He also was chairman of the board of the Episcopal Radio-TV Foundation and a member of the national Speakers Bureau of the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work.

A 1925 graduate of Portsmouth's Woodrow Wilson High School, Bennett died at the age of 65 on July 20, 1972.