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**Baptists Win Most Awards  
In Religious PR Contest**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)--Southern Baptists and Disciples of Christ captured the most prizes during the Religious Public Relations Council's annual awards competition here for their public relations efforts during the past year.

Southern Baptists won six awards, and members of the Disciples of Christ won five awards, dominating the winners' circle in the competition.

TimeRite, Inc., represented by W.C. Woody of Dallas, won the grand award for television production for the program, "Me, Tom and the River" produced for the Missouri Baptist Convention. TimeRite is a subsidiary of the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission.

Clarence Duncan, administrative assistant to the SBC Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth, won the award of excellence for the series of radio spots on the Jewish High Holy Days.

Three awards went to staff members of the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

David Clanton, audio-visuals director for Texas Baptists, won an award of excellence for photography, and an award of merit for filmstrip production.

Robert O'Brien and Janice Henry of the Texas Baptist public relations department won an award of merit for the radio news program, Texas Baptist News Scope.

Miss Linda Lawson, editor of Event published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, won the top feature writing award for her article "Meet Osta Underwood" in People magazine.

In addition to the Paul C. Hinkhouse Creative Communications Awards for members of the Religious Public Relations Council, the organization presented eight merit awards to news and broadcast media representatives for outstanding coverage of religion during 1972.

Norvel Slater of WFAA-TV and WFAA-radio, Dallas, a prominent Texas Baptist layman, received a special citation for 32 years of broadcasting and for achievements in 1972 in producing outstanding religious programs.

Other merit awards went to the Dallas Morning News, the Washington Star and Daily News, the Worcester (Mass.) Telegram, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., the Columbia Broadcasting System for its network program, "The Waltons," to KYW radio in Philadelphia, and to KWTW-TV, Oklahoma City.

W.C. Fields, public relations director for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, presided at the awards dinner here.

Elected new president of the organization was Paula Becker, director of public relations for the Southern Publishing Association of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Nashville.

### Hudgins Sets Retirement From Mississippi Post

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for the past five years, will retire effective Nov. 13 of this year, it was announced here.

Hudgins announced his retirement in connection with a meeting of the convention board's executive committee here.

His retirement will be effective on the opening night session of the 1973 Mississippi Baptist Convention, at which time an "appropriate opportunity would be provided for the convention to honor Dr. Hudgins for his leadership," said Earl Kelly of Jackson, chairman of the executive committee.

The executive committee has been charged with the responsibility of nominating to the board for election a person as executive secretary-treasurer "when such vacancy occurs." Kelly asked Mississippi Baptists to observe the week of April 22-28 as a week of prayer for divine guidance of the committee's assignment.

Hudgins, a former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, became executive secretary of the convention in 1969 when he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and chairman of the board's executive committee. He succeeded the late Chester L. Quarles, who died on a 1968 mission tour of South America.

The current president of the convention board, Robert L. Hamblin of Tupelo, Miss., praised Hudgin's leadership, saying it has brought a spirit of unity to Mississippi Baptists.

Hudgins, 65, has been president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, chairman of its board and executive committee, and active in every area of the convention's life. He currently is trustee president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He is a former chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee.

He was pastor of the Jackson church for 23 years, and previously was pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston; Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth; and Radnor Baptist Church, Nashville. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and holds an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

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### Southern Baptists Top Bible Society Support

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NEW YORK (BP)--Southern Baptists gave \$233,752 to the support of the American Bible Society during 1972, an amount almost double that given by the next highest denomination, the Bible Society's annual report indicated here.

Southern Baptist contributions to the Bible Society for 1972 decreased, however, compared to 1971 gifts, by almost \$6,500, according to the report prepared by John D. Erickson, executive secretary for church relations of the American Bible Society.

With about 70 denominations reporting, 40 of the denominations decreased their support of the American Bible Society last year, according to Erickson. Overall income from churches increased by \$75,168 to a total of \$1.3 million for the year, the report indicated.

The \$322,752 given by Southern Baptists was the most from any one denomination. United Methodists and United Presbyterians were second and third in total gifts to the Bible Society, with more than \$111,000 each.

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1973 Annual Meeting  
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION  
Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention  
June 10-11, Portland, Ore.  
Theme: "All Things Are Made New"

Sunday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Memorial Coliseum

- "Sing Unto the Lord a New Song"--congregational singing and special music, directed by David Ford, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.
- "Walking in Newness of Life"--testimonies by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goad, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Vietnam
- "Language Missions in Today's West"--panel presentation coordinated by Oscar Romo, language missions secretary, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Speakers:  
--Joe Vasques, San Francisco, Calif., developer of Spanish ministries in Portland  
--Fanny and Christine Toledo, Indian singers, Gallup, N.M.  
--Willie Johnson, Eskimo pastor, Anchorage, Alaska  
--David Saludez, staff member, Kalihi Baptist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii
- "Ministry 73"--concert by singers from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Phillip Landgrave, director
- "Making Things New Again"--message by Kenneth Chafin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston
- Benediction--Porter W. Routh, Executive secretary-treasurer, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.

Upon adjournment of this session  
Woman's Missionary Union and  
the SBC Home Mission Board  
invite you to join the  
Silver Anniversary Celebration  
of the Northwest Baptist Convention  
in the adjacent Exhibit Hall

Featuring entertainment by:

- Jerry Clower, humorist, Yazoo City, Miss.  
--The Spring Street Singers, stars of the television series, "Spring Street USA"

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## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION CONVENTION, continued

Monday, June 11, 9:30 a.m.  
Portland Civic Auditorium

"Just Ask a Woman"--call to meditation by Mrs. T. Marshall Collins Jr., Baptist Young Women director, Calvary Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song"--directed by David Ford, annual meeting music director

"There's a New World Coming"--address by Marjorie Jones, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil

## Business

"Giant Steps Cross-Country"--panel report by:

- Mrs. I. W. Bowen III, Forsyth, Ga., president of Georgia Woman's Missionary Union
- Mrs. Hughes Scherff, Clarksburg, Mo., president of Missouri Woman's Missionary Union
- Mrs. Lamar Jackson, Birmingham, Ala., president of Alabama Woman's Missionary Union
- Mrs. Gilmer Cross, Lexington, N.C., president of North Carolina WMU
- Mrs. Lee N. Allen, Birmingham, Ala., public relations director, SBC Woman's Missionary Union

"Language Missions in Today's West"--coordinated by Irvin Dawson, language missions, department, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Speakers:

- Harold Heiney, Southern Baptist home missionary among Indians, Pine Ridge, S.C.
- Mrs. Irene Stark, leader in ministries for the deaf, Renton, Wash.
- Mrs. Huron Polnac, Southern Baptist home missionary, Boise, Idaho
- Mrs. Fern Powers, leader in ministries for international seamen, Olympia, Wash.

"Look What You Started"--address by Nilson do Amaral Finini, pastor, First Baptist Church, Niteroi, Brazil

"Prayer for a New Day"--Mrs. Robert Fling, former SBC Woman's Missionary Union president, Pleasantville, N.Y.

Monday afternoon, 2:00 p.m.

"Just Ask a Woman"--call to meditation, Mrs. T. Marshall Collins Jr., Dothan, Ala.

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song"--David Ford, Nashville, Tenn.

## Business

"There's a New World Coming"--address by Mrs. Carlos Owens, Southern Baptist missionary to Tanzania

"Language Missions in Today's West"--Chinese Baptists in California, presentation coordinated by Harold Hitt, Southern Baptist home missionary, Clackamas, Ore.

--Concert by choir of Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C.

"Lifting the Veil of Yemen"--address by Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.

"As New as Tomorrow"--message by Jesse Fletcher, director, Missions Support Division, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board

"Prayer for a New Day"--Wendell Belew, director, Missions Division, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Monday evening, 7:30 p.m.

"Just Ask a Woman"--call to meditation by Mrs. T. Marshall Collins Jr., Dothan, Ala.

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song"--David Ford, Nashville, Tenn.

"There's a New World Coming"--address by Mrs. Charles Love, Southern Baptist missionary to Guyana

"Language Missions in Today's West"--multi-media presentation by the language missions department, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta

"Rising from War Ashes"--address on Baptist women of Vietnam by Mrs. R.L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, and director, Student Union, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

"Listening to America, 1973"--address by Bill Moyers, public affairs commentator, Public Broadcasting System, Garden City, N.Y.

"Prayer for a New Day"--Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.