

Joseph Unobskey dies in Bangor

Joseph H. Unobskey, an eastern Maine businessman, died Tuesday at a Bangor hospital. He was 49.

Among leaders in the the business community of Washington County, and later among the first to boost the Bangor Mall project, Unobskey operated quality women's wear shops in Calais, downtown Bangor, and later, the Bangor Mall.

Remembered by friends and close business associates as a man who held a deep commitment to Maine people, Unobskey donated many hours to fund raising and worked dilligently to promote the activities of the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, the St. Stephen, N.B., Skating Arena and the Calais Jaycees.

Unobskey was graduated from Peekskill Military Academy of New York in 1948, the first in his class. He received his bachelor's degree from Colby College in 1962 and was the youn-

gest recipient of a master's degree in 1964 from the Harvard School of Business at the age of 22.

Exhibiting an early interest in administration, Unobskey was a delegate to several political conferences in Chicago as a young man. He was a member of the Maine Small Business Advisory Council in 1968 and a member of the Mark Maine Committee trade mission during the early 1970s.

During this time, he would tell friends from "away" of the beautiful sunrises in Maine and how Washington County residents had the pleasure of seeing the sunrise before anyone. To prove his point to a small group of skeptics, he once chartered a DC-8 to fly over Quoddy Head to view the dawn.

A former owner of the St. Croix Hotel, Unobskey was a former director of the Calais Federal Savings Bank, a board member of the Bangor Mall Association and a chairman of the mall's advertising committee.