



**ALBERT SCHIRO**

**BANGOR** — Albert Schiro, 91, died Jan. 23, 1995, at a Bangor health-care facility. Born March 12, 1903, in Bangor, to Cyrus and Sarah (Wolf) Schiro. As the oldest of five children, he graduated from Bangor High School in 1921 and attended the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. With his brother, Sidney, he founded Standard Shoes in 1925. He was the first chairman of the Bangor Merchants Bureau and served in that capacity from 1932 to 1938. He served as director of the Bangor Chamber of Commerce. During the polio epidemic, 1948 to 1950, Albert served as vice chairman and then chairman of the local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Polio Fund, which paid all the expenses of the 108 polio cases in Penobscot County. He was director of the Maine Merchants Association and president from 1958 to 1961. Also, chairman and innovator of the Maine Merchants Insurance Trust. In 1984, the Maine Merchants Association voted Albert their "Retailer of the Year".

He served as chairman of the Bangor Housing Authority, 1968 to 1973. He was a director of the Merchants National Bank and a former director of the New England Bankcard Association. He was a member and former director of the Beth Israel Synagogue. He was an enthusiastic member of the Bangor Rotary Club. He was the oldest member of the Masonic Order, Rising Virtue Lodge No. 10 AF & AM of Bangor. Albert was on the first board of directors of St. Joseph's Hospital. He was interested in politics and was instrumental in many political appointments. He helped establish the Jewish Funeral Chapel on Center Street. He enjoyed golf and was a former member of Pinewood Club, Lucerne and Penobscot Valley Country Club. He is survived by his wife, Ida (Cohen) Schiro, and were married for 64 years; a son, Lawrence and daughter-in-law, Rachel Schiro; a daughter, Connie and son-in-law, Jack Kelsey, all of Bangor; four grandchildren, Daniel Kelsey and his wife, Judy of Lawrenceville, Ga., Susan Schiro and her husband, James Hatch of Rockland, Richard Kelsey and his wife, Gail of Bedford, N.Y. and Jeffrey Schiro of Los Angeles, Calif.; also five great-grandchildren, Rebecca, Hannah, Jessica, Samantha and Douglas Kelsey. He is also survived by a brother, Sidney Schiro of Bangor; a sister, Elizabeth Bensley of Riverdale, N.Y.; five nephews and three nieces. He was predeceased by a sister, Julia Levine and a brother, Dr. Harold Schiro. Funeral services will be held 12 noon Tuesday at the Jewish Funeral Chapel, Center Street, Bangor, with Rabbi Joseph Schonberger officiating. Interment will be in Beth Israel Cemetery. Memorial week will be observed at the family home, 428 Garland St., Bangor. Gifts in his memory may be made to the Beth Israel Synagogue, 144 York St., Bangor 04401 or to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements by Brookings-Smith, Bangor.