

Businessman S. Tabenken is dead at 74

Samuel Tabenken, president and chairman of the board of H. Tabenken and Co., Inc., for 33 years, died Monday at the age of 74 at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Tabenken was born in Portland and attended Portland University before starting out on his business career. He founded H. Tabenken and Co., Inc., distributors of wine, beer and beverages in Bangor, and also founded Tablease, Inc., an automotive equipment leasing firm in Bangor.

In 1978, Tabenken received an honorary doctoral degree in business administration from Nathaniel Hawthorne College in Antrim, N.H. He was recognized by "Who's Who in the East," "Who's Who in Business and Finance," and the "Dictionary of International Biographies."

He was a patron of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, the Opera New England of Northern Maine, and other arts and civic groups. He was active in trade organizations, including the Maine Wine and Beer Wholesalers Association, Maine Advisory Board of U.S. Brewers Foundation, and Wine Marketing International.

In 1964, Tabenken was appointed to the Advisory Council of Small Business Administration for the State of Maine. He was to be honored on Tuesday, June 17, by the Maine Beer and Wine Wholesalers Convention in Kennebunkport.



SAMUEL TABENKEN

BANGOR — Samuel Tabenken, 74, died June 16, 1980, at a local hospital following a brief illness. He was born in Portland May 1, 1906, son of Harry and Leah (Marcus) Tabenken. He attended Portland University. He was the founder, president and chairman of the board of H. Tabenken & Company, Inc., Bangor, a wholesale wine, beer and beverage company organized in 1933 which he sold in 1978. Mr. Tabenken also was the founder and treasurer of Tablease, Inc., also of Bangor, an automotive leasing equipment company. He was a charter member, Maine Wine and Beer Wholesalers Association, president of the Maine Wine and Beer Wholesalers Association, 1953-1955, director of Maine Wine and Beer Wholesalers, 1955-1965. He was appointed to the Maine Advisory Board of U.S. Brewers Foundation, 1965-1966; chairman of the board, Wine Marketing International, San Mateo, Calif., 1974 - Wholesale Wine Distributors; chairman of the board, Kennebunk Trading

Co., Inc., 1974 - wine imports; appointed to the Advisory Council of Small Business Administration for Maine, 1964; vice-president, Pan American Tile Co., Fort Lauderdale and Miami, Fla., 1965-1967; member, National Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association; member, Maine Truck Owners Association; member, Associated Industries of Maine, 1964-1966; financial consultant, Camp Pinecrest for Girls, Naples, Me., 1954-1960. He was a member of the Bangor Chamber of Commerce. He was a patron of the arts, University of Maine, the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, The Opera New England of Northern Maine. Mr. Tabenken was a member of the Masonic Civic Lodge of Manhattan, N.Y., the Scottish Rites Bodies of New York City, a 32nd degree Mason and member of Anah Temple Shrine of Bangor. Mr. Tabenken was listed in "Who's Who in the East" since 1972 and "Who's Who in Business and Finance" since 1975 and listed in the "Dictionary of International Biographies" since 1975. Mr. Tabenken was the recipient of an Honorary Doctoral Degree in Business Administration in 1978 from Nathaniel Hawthorne College of Antrim, N.H. Mr. Tabenken was to be honored June 17 by the Maine Beer and Wine Wholesalers Convention Banquet for his long years of service and legislative guidance to the industry at the Colony Hotel in Kennebunkport. He was a member of the Congregation Beth Israel. He is survived by his wife, Sally (Saklad) Tabenken, a son, James, both of Bangor; a daughter, Beth, of New York City; one brother, Gerald Tabenken, of Bangor; two sisters, Mrs. Ann Weisman and Miss Suny Tabenken, both of New York City; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Morris Tabenken, and her son, Harry Tabenken, both of Bangor; a brother-in-law, Maurice J. Saklad, of New York City, and a sister-in-law, Rosalind Pap, of Atlanta, Ga. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Jewish Funeral Chapel on Center Street, Bangor. Interment will take place at the Beth Israel Cemetery, Bangor. Memorial week will be observed at the family residence at 187 Clyde Road, Bangor. Friends who wish may contribute in his memory to the Samuel Tabenken Fund c/o EMMC, 489 State St., Bangor, Maine 04401 for the coronary care unit. Arrangements by Brookings-Smith.