

# Rev. J. R. Buck, Former Salem Pastor Dies in Portland

The Rev. J. R. Buck, 76, for 17 years pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Salem died at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. Following his retirement at St. Joseph's in 1934 he made his home at a sylvan retreat about three miles southeast of Salem which he called "St. Mary's of the Woods." In this comfortable little domicile he constructed a small chapel and there whenever his health permitted he offered holy mass.

According to his life story as recounted in "A Convert Pastor's Autobiography" published in 1941, he was born in St. Peter, Minn., February 9, 1870, his father a native of Maryland and his mother's home was in Philadelphia, Pa. Father Buck was brought up in the Presbyterian faith and following a schooling he termed "not excessive," he obtained certificate to teach and followed that vocation for several years in Dawson and Sheldon, N. Dak., and Barnesville, Minn.

In addition to many other accomplishments Father Buck was proficient in music both as a vocalist and organist and often during his ministry in the Catholic church and as a layman in the Presbyterian faith he had assisted in choir work and presided at the organ.

Following his decision to join the Catholic church Father Buck entered St. John's seminary at Collegeville, Minn., and he facetiously remarks in his autobiography, the seminary "Never had a more awkward, stupid student than I was."

Later the young seminarian came to the Benedictine order at Mt. Angel and there completed his theological studies and was ordained to the priesthood by the late Most Rev. Archbishop Alexander Christie, of the Portland archdiocese. The ordination took place on June 5, 1909.

In his first priestly years he had missions at Forest Grove, Verboort, Cornelius, Gaston and after eight years he was called to Salem in 1917, and it was during the trying period of the "flu" epidemic and the arduous work that developed upon him in caring for the spiritual and physical needs of the afflicted that Father Buck's health became impaired, later necessitating his retirement from active duty in his parish.

Among surviving relatives is a sister, Mrs. M. Sharpe, who resided with him at his country home the past few years.

Final funeral services will be held at St. Joseph's church in Salem, according to Rev. Theodore J. Bernard, pastor at St. Joseph's, who succeeded Father Buck in the pastorate in 1934. Arrangements for the last solemn rites will be announced later. The Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Portland will officiate at the ceremonies.

## Taxi Driver Fails To Collect Fare

Lebanon—Reported released from the state penitentiary on Tuesday morning, Harold Freeman, Salem, wasted no time returning behind bars, it was reported by Chief of Police Cliff Price.

Price said Freeman was arrested here Wednesday morning on a charge of drunkenness. He had engaged a taxi in Salem, and driving the Lebanon early on Wednesday morning, according to the story given by Price.

The taxi driver returned to Salem Wednesday morning, his fare unpaid.

## Trapper Gets Cougar, Spectators Gather

Lebanon—Bagged in the Mill City area, a 93-pound cougar, trapped by Francis Williams, government trapper from Lebanon, drew crowds of spectators when brought into town Saturday morning.

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who, according to Williams, said overgrown cats of this area commonly averaged 130 pounds in weight.

The cougar, caught by the right front paw in a rather small trap designed for coyotes, is worth \$60 in bounty, but Williams being a federal trapper, is not eligible to claim it. This is the hunter's first big haul in a slack summer season, with only two coyotes bagged last month.

## Ekman Gives Show At Training School

Silverton—Ernest R. Ekman, local mortician, was program guest at the Woodburn Training School for boys, Sunday evening, showing sound films in an hour's entertainment on education, historical facts, flowers, winter scenes, sports and comics.

The arrangement was sponsored by the Silverton Business and Professional Women's club.

Returns from Eastern Trip  
Macleay—Oscar Baker has returned from a visit to Boston and other eastern cities.

## No Bid Accepted On Heating Plant

Lebanon—At a meeting Tuesday night, directors of Union high school district I, opened two bids but awarded no contract for a building to house a heating plant, together with its installation and a water system including pump, well and storage tank.

Supt. King said the board is taking bids under advisement. The estimated cost of the project first in the district's long-range improvement program, was \$50,000.

The bids were submitted by P. S. Lord, mechanical contractor, and H. A. Setzer, general contractor. Both are of Portland.

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**HOT PACK METHOD**—Cover peaches with boiling syrup (1 cup sugar to 3 to 4 cups water) or boiling water, boil 3 to 5 minutes. Fill hot jars to within 1/2 inch from top with hot fruit and liquid. Work out all air bubbles by running a table knife down inside of the jar, wipe rim and shoulder with clean, damp cloth (no soap, please). Put on scalded lid. If self-seal type, tighten completely. If screw-top with rubber ring, screw tight, then unscrew one-quarter turn. Lower hot filled jars onto rack in deep kettle filled with hot water, placing jars so they won't bump during processing. Add boiling water until lids are covered by at least 1 inch of water. Cover kettle, heat to boiling. When water boils, begin timing, and allow 10 minutes for Freestones, 20 minutes for Clingstones.

**COLD PACK METHOD**—Fill jars with peeled, raw halves, cover to 1/2 inch with boiling water or syrup. Finish as directed above allowing 20 minutes for Freestones, 35 minutes for Clingstones.

**FINAL STEPS**—Remove jars from water with jar lifter, finish sealing rubber-ring jars. Do not touch self-seal lids. Set jars right side up away from drafts to cool. Leave for 24 hours before storing.

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