

## **OTTO W. BAUR** **1902 - 1989**

Otto W. Baur, age 87, a resident of Royal Oak since 1946, died Saturday, March 11 in Grace Hospital, Detroit.

He was born Feb. 4, 1902 in Pigeon. Mr. Baur earned a bachelor's degree in 1926 from Albion College, where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He worked for 39 years at Michigan Bell, and was district commercial manager at the Royal Oak office of Bell until his retirement in 1967. He also was past president of the Homebuilders Group at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, of which he was a member, elder and trustee and past president of St. John's Senior Citizens, Royal Oak.

Mr. Baur owned and published The Marlette Leader and enjoyed writing, especially as a columnist for The Progress-Advance in Pigeon, where he penned "Letters to Cousin Gus."

He is survived by his wife, Hildreth Jane, whom he married on June 23, 1928 in Detroit; one daughter, Judith Pugh, Royal Oak; one sister, Alma Willert, Lansing; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Local relatives include Aleatha Racheter, Edward Foster and Bill Buchholz, all of Pigeon.

A memorial service was planned Tuesday, March 14 at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. The Rev. William J. Rumsey officiated with burial in Pigeon.