

FRED H. VAN ALLEN

Date of birth - January 28, 1878

Residence - 200 North 11th Street, Clinton, Iowa (deceased)

Meritorious service was his category and just an outstanding individual that promoted bowling all his life.

Fred was active in bowling back in the early twenties and was the Clinton Bowling Association's first president when it was chartered in 1928. He again was president during two later terms.

He was instrumental in sponsoring the John D. Van Allen & Son's bowling team and bowled with them in many City, State and National bowling tournaments.

Fred H. Van Allen was appointed ABC Director for Iowa at the ABC annual meeting in 1949 at Atlantic City, New Jersey. He served as ABC Director for Iowa until his death in December of 1952. He traveled the entire State of Iowa at his own expense, carrying messages from the ABC to Iowa bowlers. He made it a point to attend all ISBA meetings as well as any local association meeting, when called upon. Proprietors and bowlers alike depended on Fred H. Van Allen's advice. He never failed to face up to a situation that came up in his jurisdiction.

During his tenure as ABC Director he served as leader of the movement to build the Home Office of the ABC in Milwaukee.

Fred was honored during the 1952 ABC tournament in Chicago during one of Clinton BA 40 team squads.

The Clinton BA has a "Fred Van Allen Day" every January 28th to honor and remember this outstanding bowling giant.

Fred H. Van Allen died December 11, 1952.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March of 1961.