Earl D. Van Meter

Date of birth -

Residence - 412 Stutsman,Council Bluffs,Iowa 51501

Meritorious Service was his catagory and what a shot in the arm he was for Council Bluffs bowling.

Earl first began bowling in 1931 in Council Bluffs. Within a short time he was elected secretary of theleague he bowled in and this soon followed by two more leagues. In 1935 he was elected Secretary of the Council Bluffs Bowling Association and held that position until July of 1971. He still remained as a officer of the association.

Earl,as Tournament Manager,of the Council Bluffs City Tournament ran a very efficient city tournament. He encouraged all bowlers to enter the City Tournament and the Iowa State Tournament. This paid off with good representation by Council Bluffs bowlers. His efforts were instrumental in the Iowa State Tournament and the Iowa Jamboree being held in Council Bluffs in 1963.

Earl helped a number of local associations near Council Bluffs in organizing and with other association and league problems.

Earl also helped the Council Bluffs Bowling Association set-up it's Hall of Fame and drafted its By-Laws. Earl was also elected to the Council Bluffs Bowling Association Hall of Fame as one of four charter members.

Earl was a regular contestant in the Iowa State Tournament and a few ABC Tournaments.

Earl help organize the first Deaf Tournament in Council Bluffs and after a very hectic beginning this is still a very successful tournament.

Elected to the Iowa State Bowling Association as a Director in 1960 and served as President during the 1968-69 season.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1975,Posthumously.