Franklin G. Tate

Date of birth - 9/23/07

Residence - 1341 Harrison Drive,Clinton,Iowa 52732

Bowling Ability was his catagory and his bowling achievements speak for themselves.

Frank joined his first league in September of 1928 the same year that the Clinton Bowling Association was a chartered association of the American Bowling Congress. He has been a member of the Clinton Bowling Association ever since 1928 but spent the years of 1942 thru 1945 in the US Army.

Frank bowled in his first state tournament in 1930 and has bowled in 36 of them since that time. Frank also competed in 15 ABC Tournament first being at Detroit in 1932.

Highlight of his bowling career was the 1950-51 season when he bowled 13-700 series ranging from 705 to 761. Three 279 games and a 278 game. League averages of 206 and 202. Frank was named Clinton's Bowler of the Year that season.

In 1946 he and a partner opened the Clinton Recreation Lanes a 16 lane establishment and later added four more for 20 lanes.

Bowling ability brought Frank the recognition of being one of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois finest bowlers. Some of his accomplishments include: Cornbelt Classic Tournament in Burlington 1st place with 1658 in 1947 and 1st place with 1679 in 1951 and the only man to win that tournament twice. He also had 2nd place in 1946 with 1677. Tournament is a 8 game scratch tournament. Central States Tournament in Springfield,Illinois team championship in 1951,1st place in doubles with Joe Burman in 1951 and 2nd in the all events with 2053 also in 1951. Crossing City Tournament in Clinton won the doubles event with Bill Petersen in 1948 and 1952 and the all events in 1952. First place in the Tri-State Tournament in Dubuque in the singles with 709 on November 26,1950. Rolled the first 700 series on the new DeWitt Bowling Lanes.

Frank is a charter member of the Clinton 700 Club Chapter #2.

Averaged 200 or more during four seasons,1951 had 206 & 202,1952 had 205 & 201,1959 had 201 and 1962 had 202.

Bowled in a number of Iowa State Match Game Championships his best finish being third in 1952.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1976.