RAYMOND SWANSON

Date of Birth -

Residence - 2307 Melrose Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010.

Raymond was selected for Meritorious Service.

Ray began his bowling career in 1944, starting with duckpins while serving in World War II. Folowing his discharge he came to Ames, Iowa in 1948 and began bowling in the Merchants League, a league he has bowled in for 42 straight years. He bowled in the Classic league and was secretary from 1953 until 1978. From 1960 to 1968 he bowled and was secretary in the Ames Tri Major league and was a regular in the Classic league since 1978.

His love for the game of bowling went well beyond the boundaries of league competition. He took over as secretary-treasurer of the Ames Area Bowling Association in 1955 and served in that capacity until heart surgery in 1980.

He was elected to the Iowa State Bowling Association's Board of Directors in 1976, moved up through the chairs and served as president of the state during the 1982-83 season.

Since 1951 he has missed bowling in just two association tournaments, one due to an appendectomy and one due to heart surgery. He bowled his first state tournament at Newton in 1954, when 413 teams were entered, and has continued each year with only a couple of exceptions since then. He has bowled in two A.B.C. tournaments one in Wichita and one in Des Moines and he organized a 40 team squad for Des Moines.

He has attended almost every state jamboree since the first one in Mason City.

His 269 high game and 688 high series won't rank among the all-time great scores, but his dedication and service makes him an ideal member of the Iowa State Bowling Hall of Fame.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1992.