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Since we have decided to establish a Jasper County Women's Bowling Ass'n. "HALL OF FAME", the Board has selected LEE TROEN as our first Hall of Fame member for the following reasons: In 1975 it is fashionable to be "INVOLVED." The media preaches "take an interest in and care about something, anything."

Our choice for our first member of the Jasper County Women's Bowling Hall of Fame has been INVOLVED for perhaps many more years than she would care to admit - 24 years to be exact, that's just with bowling.

She first began bowling in 1951, at least as closely as we can figure out.

She first served as President of the Newton Women's Bowling Ass'n. in 1952-53 and was a member of Jasper Lumber's tournament winning team during that season. She was also scratch all events winner with a 1477 total. She also rolled an all spare game of 175.

She served as President again during 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1959-60 seasons.

On October 24, 1957 she rolled a 622 series with games of 205, 204 and 213, the highest series rolled by a woman in Newton for 10 years. Again, on November 21, that same year, she rolled a 605 with games of 170, 225, & 210.

Under her leadership the Newton-Colfax bowling ass'n. was formed in November, 1958, consisting of Tri-County, Hawkeye, Recreational and Ten Pin Leagues.

In 1959 she won doubles with Kay Esry with a scratch total of 1081 and handicap score of 1132.

In 1960 she won singles with 629 and scratch all events with 1573. She has been a member of several winning tournament teams.

In listing her bowling accomplishments, we could go on and on - how about (18) 500's rolled in a single season? But I'm sure that, though she is proud of these accomplishments, there would be many other things that concern bowling which stand out in her mind.

I know for a fact that the many, many youngsters she has taught is probably the No. 1 accomplishment in her heart. Not only has she taught them the mechanics of bowling but the principals of sportsmanship, courtesy and self control. If you have been connected with Jr. bowling in any way, either as a parent or a coach, you have seen many, many young people sitting in her office regaining their self control after an unseemingly display of temper on the lanes. Somehow, it always seems to be the boys who lose their temper, the girls usually cry.

She has been instrumental in providing an opportunity for the residents of the Jasper County Care Facility to bowl. For many years the students of Beacon Light School were able to bowl. I'm sure you have all seen her face as she talked of them and what they accomplished.

All part of her job you say - perhaps, but how many of us work at our jobs with such dedication and love?

We feel that Lee exemplifies what a HALL OF FAME member should be. A bowler, yes, but certainly a lady in the true sense of the word, who loves people.

Since the above was used, Lee was the main organizer of the Jasper County Junior Bowling Association.

*She was nominated for the State Hall of Fame in 1977 by our Assn.*