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Salina
KSBA Hall of Fame
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Swede has been an active bowler on the Kansas scene for approximately 56 years. Here in Salina, as in most of the state, his name is synonymous with the word bowling, wherein he has willingly given of his time and money to promote the best interest of the sport and actively helped those who had an interest in it. Swede helped organize the Salina Bowling Association and became its first Secretary – Treasurer, a position he held for 25 continuous years. He became a Director (District 9) of the Kansas State Bowling BA August 1, 1949. Swede was on the board of the Kansas State Elks Bowling Tournament and its national counterpart. As a bowler, he has always been a strong contender. He has bowled in the Salina City and Kansas State Tournaments every year they have been held. In 1977 he received his pin in recognition of having participated in 25 ABC tournaments. When the Salina Bowling Association adopted its "Bowler of the Year" program, beginning in 1962, Swede was named its first recipient.