

HENNESSY TO SUCCEED BENNIE AS ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

After 32 years as secretary of the Nation's Capital Area Bowling Association (formerly the Washington City Tenpin Bowling Association), Matt Bennie is retiring from the office. Matt was President of the WCTBA in 1946 and 1947 and then began his career as secretary during which time the Association has grown from 12 teams in 1946 to over 20,000 teams in 1979. Individual membership has grown to over 55,000, making the Association the fifth largest in the nation. Matt has been the only secretary of the Association since 1948 and he is responsible for the tremendous growth of the game of tenpins in this area.

In 1963, Matt was inducted into the WCTBA Hall of Fame as a charter member along with Rod Thomas, Billy Rapp and Harry Krauss. In 1966-67 Matt was President of the American Bowling Congress and still managed to fulfill his duties as secretary of the Association.

Bob Hennessy was elected to the



Board of Directors in 1965 and has worked his way through the Vice President's offices to become the first president of the Nation's Capital Area Bowling Association in 1973. He was appointed to the Assistant Secretary's position by the Board of Directors in 1976 after he retired from the Naval Research Laboratory where he was an

electronics engineer for 32 years.

Bob has been bowling in the area since 1956 and was a league secretary for twenty years, five at NRL and 15 at BA, Silver Hill. He received the Association's Outstanding Secretary's Award in 1969.

Bob has served on just about every one of the association's committees and is thoroughly familiar with the overall operation of the association's programs and activities.

After being named assistant secretary, Bob was placed in charge of the BOWL Magazine, as Editor, and has served in that capacity for three years. During that time the one millionth copy of BOWL Magazine was published.

Hennessy, a member of the NCABA Hall of Fame, will begin his three year term as Secretary on August 1, 1979.

We wish good luck and good health to Matt Bennie on his retirement and wish Bob the best in his new venture as Secretary.