

## Fred J. Bowman Honored at Retirement Party

About 50 close business associates of Fred J. Bowman, chrm. of the board of Wilson Sporting Goods Co., River Grove, Ill. joined in an informal cocktail party and dinner at the Oak Park Arms Hotel recently in honor of the occasion of his retirement from active duty with the company on May 1.

Officers of the parent Wilson & Co., attending included Roscoe G. Haynie, pres., Chas. W. Becker, vp, G. B. Thorne, vp, George J. Binder, treas., Frank Dubach, asst. treas. and A. H. Krueder, dir. of purchases. President Haynie reviewed Bowman's 40 years of continuous service, including the presidency which he assumed upon the death of L. B. Icely in 1950. It was during this period of expansion within the firm under the direction of



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Bowman that the company moved into its new headquarters in River Grove.

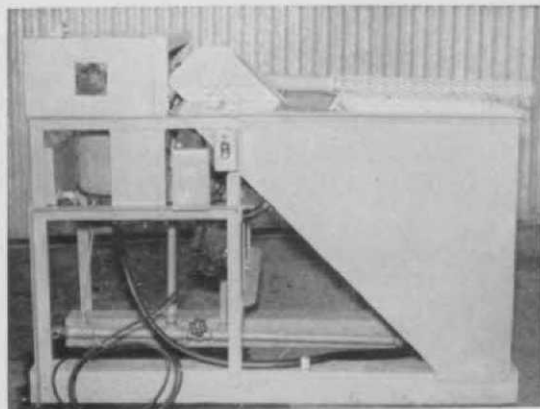
Wm. P. Holmes, pres. of Wilson Sporting Goods Co., presented Bowman, on behalf of his many friends including sales div. and factory mgrs., a platinum tie clasp with initials F. J. B. set with diamonds and a large self-portrait finished in Oils. Holmes also presented a three-piece airplane luggage set on behalf of Carl Benkert of Hillerich & Bradsby Co.

Officers of Wilson Sporting Goods Company who were present included Harry W. Colburn, vp and dir. of sales, Charles Hare, dir. of promotion, M. A. Behrendt, supt. of factories, Raymond L. Icely, special promotions, Ed Ballance, treas. and Roger Burke, asst. treas.

Congratulatory messages came from G. Taylor Spink, publisher of The Sporting Goods Dealer, and a letter from former President Harry S. Truman. The letter recounted their experiences together during World War I, when Bowman served as a Sergeant under Truman in France.

In his acknowledgment, Bowman recalled some of the incidents of the past and predicted continuous growth of the company under its present management and adherence to the policy of selecting its leaders from within the company.

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