



WASHINGTON STATE TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME



CLASS OF 1977

FRANK STOOP came to Spokane, Washington from Kalispell, Montana in 1920. He had been active in competitive target shooting for a long time and after joining the Spokane Gun Club, he was elected its President for the year 1922. He served again during 1923 but refused the office for the next year. With a handful of other men from various parts of the country, he was instrumental in the formation of a national organization of Trapshooters, the Amateur Trapshooting Association, in 1923 and was extremely popular with the nation's shooters. When Frank was chosen the first president of A.T.A. he said, "I am surprised that the committee chose me as President, and I take it as recognition of the Great West." After the first Grand American Trapshoot back in 1923, Jimmy Robinson wrote, "Too much praise cannot be given Frank Stoop, our President who worked night and day to make the first grand American a success." Robinson was asked to be the editor of the association's first magazine, but he had already started working for Sports afield and felt it was in his best interest to remain with that publication.

After all his hard work to get the national association established, Frank again became active in the Spokane Club and was its President in 1935. He was re-elected to that position on December 27th, 1935 for the next year but resigned in January, 1937 to form the Inland Empire Gun Club with its location south of Spokane at Hangman Creek. In 1942, when the Spokane Gun Club had to cease using its facilities at Fort Wright for the duration of World War 2, Frank extended the privileges of his club to the members of the Spokane Gun Club. The Inland Empire Gun Club remained in operation until his death in the summer of 1949.

The records of Frank stoop's activities in behalf of trapshooting exemplify the old saying, "the only man who does not make a foe is the man who does nothing." Honored by many, disliked by others, he was always working for the good of the national organization and his beloved sport. For many years of dedication to clay target competition and for his endeavors in developing the national structure of the Amateur Trapshooting association it is with pride that the name of FRANK STOOP is entered in the Washington State Trapshooters' Hall of Fame.