



RECOGNITION FOR FIREMAN . . .

Members of the Avoca Volunteer Fire Department presented a clock last month to members of the Harald A. Petersen family in honor of Petersen's 40 years on the fire department.

Pictured: (front, l-r), Greg, Mike and Val Petersen; Daryle Bailey, Jerry Reisch and Tim Pieken; back row (l-r), Jeff Hansen and Kenard Mertz.

See story.

Avoca firemen recognize Harald Petersen's service

AVOCA — Services for Harald A. Petersen, mayor of Avoca from 1972-'80, were Wednesday afternoon (Jan. 6) at Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca. Burial was at Graceland Cemetery, Avoca, with graveside service by Fred Funston American Legion Post No. 227.

Petersen, 77, died Mon., Jan. 4, 1988, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan.

Petersen, a native of Shelby, later moved to Avoca, where he was very active in community affairs. Besides his tenure as mayor, he served on the city water board and Pottawattamie County Compensation Board.



Harald Petersen
...former mayor,
40-year fireman

He was a member of the

Avoca Rotary Club, Community Club and the Business and Professional Club.

He was a veteran of World War II and was a member of American Legion Post No. 227. He also served 40 years with the Avoca Volunteer Fire Department, and was a member of the World War II Pottawattamie County Last Man's Club and the Avoca Housing Corporation.

He received the Inspirational Award for Avoca in 1986 for his outstanding contribution to the community. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Valora; sons, Mike of Naperville, IL., Greg of Avoca and Stan of Omaha, NE.; two sisters, Florence (Mrs. Delmon) Bornholdt of Avoca and Inger (Mrs. Walter) Dillon of Council Bluffs; a brother, Clarence of Racine, Wis.; and seven grandchildren.

Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home, Avoca, handled the arrangements.