

## *Fred Belinsky*



**F**red Belinsky pitched for five years in the New York Giants farm system in the late 1940s, after a career as one of Norwalk High School's top athletes. He played end on the football team and guard on the basketball team and was named the best athlete in the Class of 1945. He also starred for the Shorefront Park team in the Senior City Baseball League.

Signed by the Giants in 1946, Belinsky was assigned to Erie, PA. In succeeding years, he pitched for Fort Smith, AR; Knoxville, TN, and Quebec City, Canada.

During the 1950 season at Quebec City, in the Canadian-American League, Belinsky set a record for most wins with a 22-4 mark. He pitched a no-hitter and went 2-0 in the playoffs. He started the season with an auspicious 10 consecutive victories.

In 1951, his contract was purchased by the Braves organization and he was assigned to Atlanta, then a Double A team in the Southern Association. Shortly after the season started, he entered the U.S. Army. Awaiting induction into the Army, Belinsky pitched several games for the Hartford Braves of the Eastern League.

He played under several famous major leaguers as his managers, including George McQuinn, Frank McCormick, and Tommy Holmes.

With the U.S. Army, he played on service teams, including the 8th Army team of Korea in the "All Service Tournament" in Tokyo.

Belinsky and his wife, the former Sally Skinner have four children. He has been a partner in the firm of Sutherland Excavating Contractors for 14 years after spending 17 years with John Hancock Mutual Life. The Belinskys reside at 18 Edith Lane Wilton.