

John A. Dwyer



John A. Dwyer, who served for years as chairman of the Sports Committee of the Pastimes Athletic Club, is among those being honored this year by the Norwalk Old Timers.

An official with the Pastimes Club from 1928 until 1948, Dwyer worked untiringly to keep the Pastimes active in local athletics during the period before World War II. He served in a number of capacities on the Pastimes, including the board of directors.

For many years, he acted as trainer, assisting the team doctor, Dr. Harold Gorham. He was the one the players could always count on to handle most problems, whether it was taping ankles or problems of greater magnitude.

During this period he worked with coach Andy Richards and manager Jimmy Ashbrook. It was during his stint as chairman of the Sports Committee that the

Pastimes achieved some of their greatest triumphs in their competition with such local clubs as the Laurels and Spring Hill Tigers.

A native Norwalker born in 1899, Dwyer is retired from a career as a pattern maker at Nash Engineering. In civic life, he was active as manager of the Third Taxing District Electric Department and he served for 10 years as deputy sheriff.

During World War II, Dwyer served on the Selective Service Draft Board for a period of five years.

He will live in East Norwalk with his wife Cecelia. They have four children, nine grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.