

## *Carmine A. Santarella*



**C**armine A. Santarella, one of Norwalk's fine young pitchers in the 1930s, hurled three no-hit games, losing the first one 3-0 on errors as his rival, Herb Launiere, also had a no-hitter. It was a complete no-hit game. This game was at Amusement Park as Carmine pitched for the Meyers Mfg. Co. in a Twilight League game.

In the following season of 1926, Carmine pitched 43 consecutive scoreless innings in which he had back-to-back no-hitters as he took the mound for the Texas Lunch team in beating the Rangers and the Valley Brook AC in Twi-League games.

Carmine, a native of Norwalk, attended local schools. He played football in the Sunday morning Junior League at Amusement Park and baseball with area teams before working his way into the senior ranks with such clubs as the Strawberry Hill AC, Pastimes, Meyers Mfg. Co.,

French-American Club, Norwalk Alumni, and Texas Lunch. His pitching career went from 1930 through 1941.

He played seven or eight years of softball after his baseball playing days were over. He also served as an official in the Little League and was chief umpire in the Babe Ruth League.

Carmine and his wife, the former Mary LaMalfa, have two sons, Daniel and Frederick. They live at 95 George Avenue. His lifetime work was that of a machinist with Segal Lock and Perkin-Elmer, retiring in 1976. How does he spend his spare time now? He plays some golf and gets great pleasure in watching his grandchildren in sports. Grandson Fred plays softball, grandson Scott is a lacrosse enthusiast, while granddaughter Dana plays in a girls softball league.

He rates his no-hitters as the greatest thrills in his athletic career although he gets pleasure in watching his grandchildren in their favorite sports.