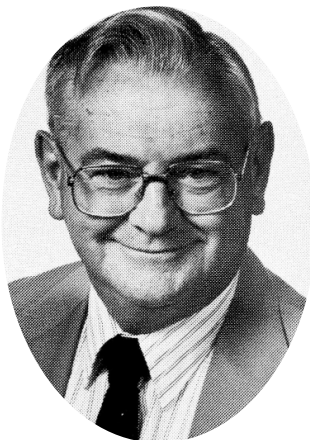


## *Gene Callahan*



Gene Callahan, who is better known by his legal brethren as State's Attorney Eugene J. Callahan, is regarded as one of Norwalk High School's top quarterbacks.

As a three-letter man in high school, Gene quarterbacked the state championship football team of 1948. He spent three years at the helm, in 1947, '48, and '49, and then went on to Fordham University, where he played defensive back as well as quarterback in 1951 and 1952, and then took over as first string signal caller in 1954 after taking a year off because of an injury. His coach at Fordham was Ed Danowski.

At Norwalk, Gene played three years at second base on the baseball team, under Coach Ike Kern, and guard for Walt Dudding's basketball team for three years.

During the same period, he played second base for the American Legion team, under coaches Tommy Price and Jack Reynolds.

Gene was to pursue baseball at a local level through 1958 in the Norwalk Recreation League as well as the Stamford Twilight League, with Phil Matregano as his coach. He played with many independent teams, including Wilton, the Laurels, Norwalk Knights, St. John's, the Stamford Knights, and Holy Name.

From 1959 through 1963, Gene played softball in the Norwalk City League with the Fairfield County Savings Bank team, along with others who qualified, as Gene says, as the "Over the Hill Gang."

He spent two years coaching the American Legion with Matregano, and added three years coaching the Norwalk AA Ramblers in the Pop Warner League.