

## *Dennis Callahan*



**D**ennis Callahan was the first Norwalker to be selected for the Connecticut scholastic football Hall of Fame, achieving this honor at the close of the 1943 season.

He grew up in the Wilton Avenue neighborhood and was graduated from Norwalk High in 1944.

Dennis was a three-letter winner at Norwalk High. He played three years of football under Coach Eugene "Ike" Kern and later under Wesley Wilson and Joseph F. Andrews, who took over the grid squad when Kern entered the U.S. Navy during World War II.

As a sophomore, Denny took over the center position on the football team the game against Stamford in Boyle Stadium, Stamford, and held this post until the last game of his senior year. Norwalk High lacked a scoring punch during the 1943 season so Coaches Wilson and Andrews

started their great center at fullback to grind out some needed yardage against Danbury.

Denny scored a touchdown and helped Norwalk score a major upset over Danbury in the season's traditional finale. For his great performance Denny was elected team captain and was picked for the All-States squad. He also played varsity basketball and baseball at Norwalk High.

Callahan went to Georgetown University where he also played football.

He continued his interest in sports by coaching junior football and AAU swimming. He also did some officiating in softball and swimming.

In the business world, Denny began a long association with the All State Insurance Company and moved from Norwalk to Hartford, then to Atlanta, GA. He is presently Regional Vice President for All State in Valley Forge, PA.

He is married to the former Barbara Kelly of Norwalk and they reside in Radnor, PA. They have four children: Timothy, Thomas, Ellen, and Terrence.