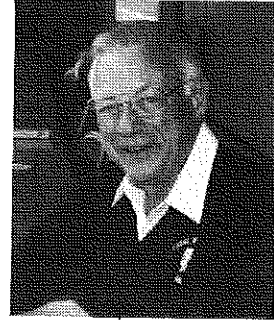


## DON JOHNSON

1964-Present

*Award of Merit Recipient*



Don has volunteered his service to Canal Winchester athletics for over thirty years. His involvement in sports began in 1964 when he began announcing for the new Pee Wee Packer Football Team. He did this for three years. He also began working the chain gang for the varsity football team, and announcing play by play of the little league baseball games played on Labor Day week-ends and appreciation nights.

In 1967 he was requested to announce the Canal Winchester varsity football games. Between working the chain gang and announcing, he has worked over thirty years with the varsity football program. He also began a five year stint as a coach for the Packers, and began coaching Little League baseball, which he continued to do for eight years.

In 1968 he was asked to be the timer for the varsity basketball team. He has now served for twenty-six years, eighteen of those years he was also the announcer. In 1976 Don served as the timer and announcer for the girls sectional basketball tournament games, and did this for several years. Don has been honored by being selected as a state tournament official to serve as an official timer for the 1990-91 boy's state basketball tournament.

Don and his family came to Canal Winchester in 1958. He was employed by AT&T, retiring in 1984 after thirty-five years of service. A veteran of World War II, Don spent four years in the navy before attending college. In 1951 he married Dorothy and they have three children, Linda, Jim and Paul. All of their children attended the Canal Winchester school system.

He was also deeply involved in the community, serving several terms on the village council, twelve years on the planning and zoning commission and is a past mayor of the village.

Don is still very interested in our sports, and continues to serve as the varsity basketball timer and the varsity football announcer.