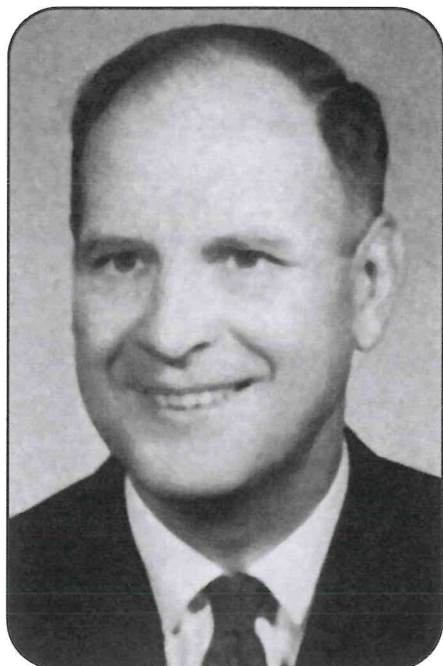


JOHN MCCORMICK

COACH



Geneseo athletics is what it is today thanks to John McCormick. McCormick was teacher, athletic director and coach. He helped introduce wrestling and cross-country to Geneseo. McCormick served as head coach of track, football, wrestling and cross-country; football and cross-country simultaneously! "Johnny Mac" was the head track coach for 29 years, head wrestling coach for 17, and the head cross-country for 29 seasons.

He began the cross-country team in 1943 and coached it until 1971. His teams were very competitive winning eight conference titles, two regional titles, and his 1952, 1953, and 1954 teams placed in the top ten in state. The 1952 team placed fourth in the IHSA, which is the highest finish of a boys cross-country team.

Coach McCormick was the head wrestling coach for seventeen years. He started the program in 1950 and his teams won more than 120 dual matches. His track program was a conference champion in 1946 and district champs in 1945. John McCormick made such an impact on the track program the boys' track invitational is called the John McCormick Invitational. The GHS male-athlete-of-the-year is named after John McCormick.

