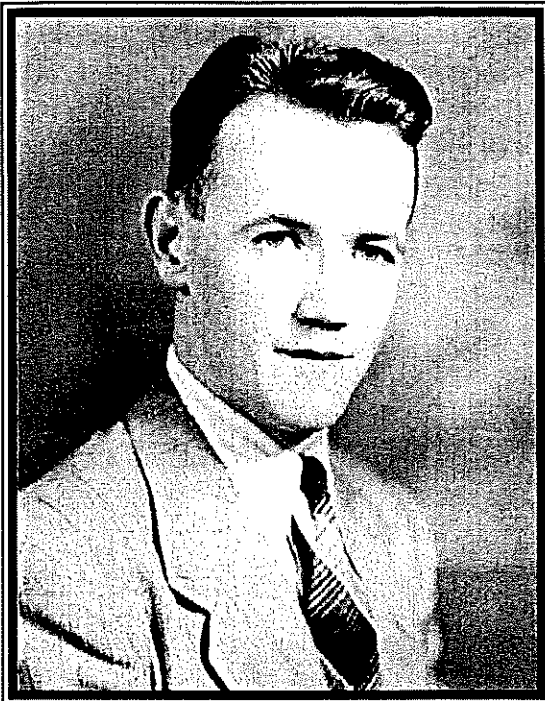


Richard James Carey



Richard, "Dick" Carey, began his distinguished career in Lunenburg as a junior high school teacher in 1946, at Lunenburg's first Jr. Sr. high school, located in Lunenburg Center. He taught at the high school level, and, in 1958 became the assistant principal. Three years later, he was appointed Principal of Lunenburg Jr. Sr. High School, a position in which he served from 1961 to 1981. That twenty year term is the longest held by any high school principal in Lunenburg's history.

Prior to his retirement in 1981, Dick had established himself as a major force in the administrative, academic, and athletic arenas of LHS. He left impressive records as a boys' varsity basketball coach, and a boys' varsity baseball coach. During this time, he earned a reputation for his loyal support of, and numerous contributions to, the LHS athletic programs.

Helen Brockelman, an English teacher at LHS throughout Dick's tenure there, said that during all of his twenty years as principal, Mr. Carey was extremely supportive of the school's athletic programs. She stated, "I was there to witness his enthusiastic presence at virtually every athletic event. He gave his support to the coaches, to the teams, and to the individual athletes. He always made a point to reach out to the kids before and after a game. He would seek them out in the corridors or in the cafeteria to congratulate (or console) them!"

Richard Carey was at the helm of LHS when Lunenburg started its first football team. Having appointed Athletic Director Richard, "Dick," Mulligan, and Football Coach Richard, "Dick," Garvey, and coordinating personnel, funding, and other details, the needs for an "inaugural" program were then in place.

The success of athletic teams can often be attributed to fine coaching and loyal support. Dick Carey principal and former coach understood this better than most; he did his best to provide both for LHS.

Upon his retirement, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) recognized his efforts as a Charter Member of that organization, and presented "Dick" with a Lifetime Pass, "with deep gratitude," for his many years of service to the MIAA Family.

Richard Carey was highly respected and loved by the kids in his classes, the athletes on his teams, and the staff and student body who knew him as teacher, coach, and administrator. A reflection of the esteem in which he was held has been evidenced in many ways, including the countless LHS yearbooks dedicated to this fine man.

Today we remember and honor Richard James Carey, teacher, principal and coach, for his many contributions and the support he gave to the athletic programs at Lunenburg High School. We induct him, the FIRST inductee in the "Contributor Category," into Lunenburg High Schools' Athletic Hall of Fame.