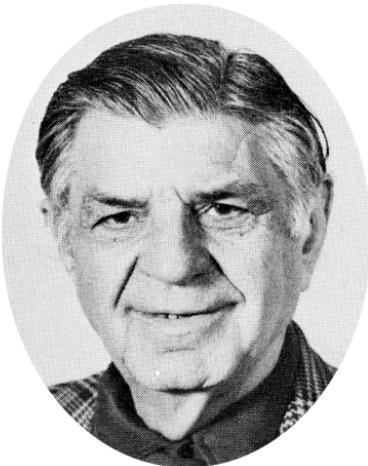


David Fromer



Football fans probably best remember **Dave Fromer**, who, as a sports writer and then sports editor of the old *South Norwalk Evening Sentinel*, used to stride up and down the sidelines of games at Amusement Park and at Dunbar Field clad in his long raccoon fur coat.

Although born in New York City, he came to Norwalk at the age of one with his parents, Nathaniel and Rebecca Fromer. His father established a successful business as a tailor.

Dave played on Franklin Junior High coach John Kane's basketball team and was Don Ruddiman's replacement at center on the NHS football team coached by Dr. David Conlon in 1925. He went to Allentown Prep where he played basketball and tennis for two years. Then it was West Virginia University and today he is the Mountaineers' No. 1 grad, fan, and booster in New

England. He majored in languages — German and French. As a member of the varsity basketball squad he saw limited action because he was 5'10" in height. He was not tall enough for full-time duty. The highlight of his cage career at West Virginia was playing against Stamford's Johnny Scalzi, a fine all-around athlete at Georgetown U. He played varsity tennis at West Virginia and served as captain one season.

After graduation, Dave played tennis in this area and with Artie Rosenbluth won the Westport town doubles championship in 1932. He was an outstanding tennis star on the 'Y' net team with Freeman 'Doc' Marshall, Bob Carse, Fred Fullin, Tom Curry, and Henry 'Hank' Lauterbach.

At the urging of the late Humphrey Doulens, Dave became a sports writer for the *Bridgeport Post*, later a regular member of the *Sentinel's* staff, eventually succeeding Cecil 'Suds' Bridge as sports editor.

During World War II, entering military service in 1942, he became a first lieutenant in the Air Force with the 459th Bomb Group of the 15th Air Group in Italy.

Completing his military duty in 1946, he wed Shirley Lobel of Brooklyn that year. They have one daughter, Rebecca, wife of James Burton of Westport. The Fromers have two grandsons, Mark 8, and Michael 2½.

Dave, retired, and his wife have been living for the past 30 years at Grumman Hill Road, Wilton.