

## T.D. NORRIS

**T**.D. WAS A THREE SPORT ATHLETE, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. He was an outstanding lineman on the Vikings football team even though he only weighed 130 pounds. He played on the 1943 Vikings team who were undefeated, untied and unscored on by all but one team that they beat earlier in the year 26-0. His basketball team went 12-2 and won the Walker County Championship.

He was an extraordinary baseball player and signed a scholarship to play both basketball and baseball with the Auburn University Tigers. However, an injury to his father in 1944 caused him to make a choice, pursue a promising baseball career or come home to help his family. True to character, he chose to help his family through this very trying time. He later played Junior College Basketball and has the distinction of playing on the only Walker College football team in history. This team was undefeated.



He officiated football, baseball and finally basketball. Little did he realize that this would lead to a lifelong association with SEC officiating. He holds the distinction of being the first SEC official in Walker County, the official with the longest tenure in the SEC, and Walker County's only C.C.A. official (NCAA's highest officiating organization), as well as the County's only retired SEC official.

He was instrumental in organizing the Jasper Quarterback Club and youth football, basketball and baseball in Jasper.

He has been married to the former Hallie Brown of Jasper for 65 years.