

## **DAVE DEDRICK**

Dave Dedrick was known as the "Voice of Huset's Speedway", being the track's first public address announcer, continuing in that position until 1975. When the track first opened, Dedrick announced the races from a couple of rural electric wooden spools he used for tables, along with a small portable public address system. The few fans that were on hand to listen to him lounged on blankets and lawn chairs on a hillside that was without bleachers. Through the years, as Huset's and the Sioux Falls Stock Car Association became more successful, the crew at Huset's began promoting races in other Midwestern cities. Dedrick traveled with track officials each year to announce races and demolition derbies in the South Dakota cities of Huron, Parker, Vermillion, Madison, Hartford, the Iowa cities of Spencer and Rock Rapids, as well as Minot, North Dakota and Worthington, Minnesota. Dedrick, who became the state's first television broadcaster when KELO-TV signed on in 1953, continued with his career in television at the station until retiring in 1997. His Captain 11 children's television show was the longest show of its type to run in the nation, spanning 44 years. Dedrick was previously elected to the S.D. Hall of Fame and the S.D. Broadcasters Hall of Fame.