

HARLAN B ROGERS (PHS 1905)

Harlan "H.B." Rogers was born in Portage in 1887 and graduated from Portage High School in 1905 before establishing himself as a distinguished and influential attorney in the City of Portage and the State of Wisconsin. While in high school and during his college years at the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Rogers was also an outstanding athlete. At PHS, Mr. Rogers played football, basketball and baseball for four years and captained all three sports as a senior. He carried his athletic abilities on to college where he lettered the maximum nine times at UW in football, basketball and baseball. Mr. Rogers was named captain of the UW football and basketball squads and was named All-Western Conference in both sports. In 1909, Mr. Rogers earned his degree from the UW School of Law and in 1910 he returned to Portage to join his father's practice. Mr. Rogers served as the Columbia County District Attorney from 1913 to 1917 and as Portage's city attorney in 1921 and again from 1944 to 1946. He served as President of the Wisconsin Bar Association from 1939 to 1940 and spent 18 years as special counsel for the Wisconsin Board of Bar Commissioners. Despite his busy professional career, Mr. Rogers was instrumental in establishing both the Portage Country Club and the Portage Curling Club. The Portage Country Club is located on land once owned by Mr. Rogers and he facilitated the origins of the club by selling the land to PCC for \$1. He was a lifetime member at Portage Country Club and an original stockholder of the Portage Curling Club. Mr. Rogers passed away in 1981. Prior to his death, he was a 1961 inductee into the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame. Posthumously, Mr. Rogers was inducted as part of the inaugural class to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991.