

## Hans Rohwer Class of 1907

Hans Rohwer was born in 1890 and was the eldest son of six sons raised by Jacob and Lena Rohwer. He was also the older brother of 2011 Hall of Fame inductee Ray Rohwer as well as this year's co-Hall of Fame Inductee Claude Rohwer. It is clear that the Rohwer family was a dominating early influence on baseball in Dixon.

At Dixon High School, Hans played basketball, baseball and track. However, Hans excelled at baseball. He was wan outstanding hitter and pitcher, considered one of the best pitchers to come out of Dixon High. During and after high school, Hans also played baseball on the two local town baseball teams, Dixon's Golden Poppy Flour team and the Dairy City team. Baseball was very popular in Dixon and nearby towns during this time period and intense baseball rivalries developed between towns. All the local towns had their city teams. Hans played for Dixon's, and later Woodland's, team. Around 1916, Hans moved to Alberta, Canada to farm and play baseball. He later moved back to Dixon.

After returning to Dixon, Hans first went into the hardware business and later the insurance business. He volunteered as a referee for high school basketball games as well as umpire for baseball games. In 1944, Hans Rohwer was elected Mayor of Dixon.

Hans married Ruth Watson and had four children, Jane, Georgana, Marilee and Lester. Hans passed away in 1971.