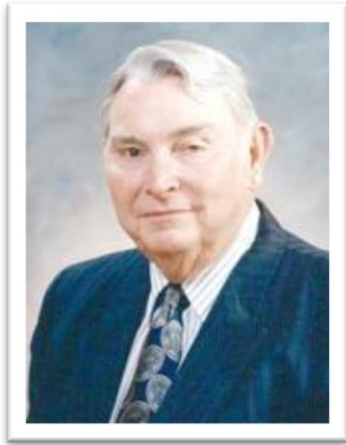


Harly Day



Harly M. Day grew up in Ada, Oklahoma where he was an All State selection in football and basketball. He was also an outstanding athlete in college while playing basketball at East Central Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma. He was a member of the OU 1947 basketball club that was defeated in the finals by Holy Cross University for the National Championship.

In 1941, Harly entered the U.S. Navy where he served for 40 months during World War II. In 1949, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma. He accepted the head basketball coaching position at Chickasha in 1950. He served as head baseball coach, golf coach, and assistant football coach as well. He led the Fightin' Chicks to the State Basketball Championships in 1953 and 1955. The Chicks were also State runner-up in 1954. Mr. Day was a member of the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame.

In 1953, Mr. Day received his Master's Degree from the University of Oklahoma and accepted the principal's job at Chickasha High School in 1958 where he served until 1977. Mr. Day's contributions to Chickasha High School have been unparalleled. His commitment to Chickasha High School as a principal and a coach has meant so much to those students who played for him and knew him as their principal. Jerry Jobe, a former student and athlete of Coach Day's, said this about him, "He was able to maintain a high morale among the faculty and made each student at CHS feel good about being a member of the high school student body."

In 1997, Mr. Day took a job at the Oklahoma State Department of Education as Assistant Administrator of Accreditation. After retiring from the State Department, Mr. Day worked at USAO as the Assistant Director of Student Services.

Mr. Day was very active in Kiwanis Club and was a member of the Chickasha Barber Shoppers singing group. He was honored by the Grady County Educators in 1993 as a Hall of Fame Member and in 1997 was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame. Harly Day Avenue, a street by the High School, was named in his honor.

Mr. Day was inducted in the Chickasha High School Hall of Fame in 2002.