

City of Chino ❖ Hall of Fame

presented on May 22, 2019 honoring

Edwin Robert (Bob) Frady

Edwin Robert “Bob” Frady, community leader and newspaper editor/publisher, played an important role in supporting public affairs, youth activities, and patriotism during the 1920s-1940s, leaving an indelible mark on the Chino community.

He was born on October 30, 1897, in Neligh, Nebraska. In 1920, Mr. Frady married Veta Bell Wagner. They had two children, Millard Van Frady and Robert C. Frady.

In 1925, Bob and his wife moved to Chino where he joined his uncle, Elmer L. Howell, and father, Charles H. Frady, who owned and operated the Chino Champion newspaper. He assumed the position of business manager and later became a partner with his father. When his father died in 1943, Mr. Frady became the full owner.

For more than 30 years, he served as a watchdog for the community. Most of his stories dealt with the positive aspects of the community and its citizens. He promoted local events, activities, and people. His column, Bob-O-Link, chronicled Chino’s history. Mr. Frady sold the paper in 1949, but later returned to write his column for Publisher Allen P. McCombs.

Mr. Frady served in the U.S. Navy in WW I; and in World War II, received a commission as a second lieutenant in the California State Guard as commander of its Chino company. Promoted to first lieutenant, he continued to command the company until the end of the war.

Bob Frady served as a Chino Fire Department volunteer from 1925-1950; and was a member of American Legion Post 299, serving as Post Commander from 1929-1930, and in the Drum and Bugle Corps. He was a member of the Chino Odd Fellows Lodge; Chino Rotary Club; and an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, serving as President in 1941. Mr. Frady was an active member of the Chino Valley Riders and in the promotion of the annual Chino Rancho Ride. He served as announcer for local horsemen’s competitions.

He sponsored baseball and softball teams, and served as an umpire. He announced Chino High School football games and the annual 20-30 Club’s high school basketball tournament. He helped form Boy Scout Troop 1 (now Troop 201), and served as Scoutmaster.

He worked to preserve Chino’s history as co-chairman of the Chino Historical Committee formed by the Chamber of Commerce in 1959.

Bob Frady died in Chino on April 9, 1961.