

City of Chino ❖ Hall of Fame

presented on May 5, 2009 honoring

Frank H. Mogle

Frank Huston Mogle, a prominent Chino businessman, World War I veteran and County Supervisor provided statewide leadership for his small rural hometown for most of his life.

He represented the Fourth Supervisorial District twenty-one years, from 1933 to 1954, serving as chairman for eight of those, from 1944 to 1952.

Mr. Mogle held state and federal appointments in the fields of water, roads and flood control, and was well known in American Legion activities following his military service in France with the Army engineers.

He was born in Cucamonga June 9, 1892, son of Mr. And Mrs. Harvey E. Mogle, who came to Chino a year later and established a farm at Edison and San Antonio avenues.

He graduated from Chino High School and attended one year at the University of California.

Released from active duty in 1920, he returned to Chino where he opened a machinery repair shop with a brother. After a short time, they added a sales line of farm machinery and pumping equipment and did contract well drilling. In 1925 he helped establish the local American Legion Post #299, and was one of its first commanders. In 1926 he married school teacher Marjorie Herricks, a union that lasted until his death fifty-six years later. The couple had no children.

Later he became the owner and operator of Mogle Brothers Pumps and Wells Company of Chino for many years. He was also engaged in raising nursery stock in Arizona.

In May 1933 he was appointed by Governor James Rolph to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, where he served until he resigned in 1954 at the age of sixty-two. During this tenure he was a leader in establishing flood control and conservation projects including San Antonio and Prado dams and channels through the City of Chino.

During World War II Governor Earl Warren appointed him to the State Commission to coordinate programs for returning veterans.

He also served on the California Water Council and was Vice President of the National Rivers and Harbors Conference. Locally he was a founder and president of the Chino Rotary Club, and a leader in the county and district American Legion organizations. He was active in the Chino Masonic Lodge and a board member of the San Antonio Community Hospital in Upland.

Mr. Mogle died June 8, 1982, on the eve of his 90th birthday.