

# City of Chino ❖ Hall of Fame

presented on May 16, 2023 honoring

## *Howard Cattle*

Howard Cattle, long-time civic leader, former mayor, businessman, and Chino sports booster, helped turn the community into modern Chino.

Howard Cattle was born December 23, 1904, in Fort Williams, Ontario, Canada. At the age of 16, Howard moved with his family to Chino in 1920, when his Dad took over the real estate and insurance business owned by Howard's uncle, Alfred H. Cooke, a prominent civic leader.

Howard attended Chino High School, where he played basketball and football. His position was Center on Chino's first football team in 1923, when they played in jeans and sweatshirts. Howard graduated from Chino High School in 1924, and was 1 of 23 graduates. His enthusiasm for the school's sports continued throughout his life. He was instrumental in forming the Chino High Sports Boosters Club, known then as the Quarterback Club. He served as President in 1949. For years, he presented a jacket to each game's outstanding football player and a blanket to the season's top athlete.

On February 7, 1932, Howard Cattle married Vera Cook, the daughter of an Ontario dairyman. A year later, they purchased Chino Cleaners. In 1938, they opened Howard's Men's Store with the Railway Express office in the back, and moved Chino Cleaners to that location. Howard would hire students to work in his store and helped others who needed work. He retired from the clothing business in 1973, and worked several years with Lew Soupene building Vet-Pack trucks for veterinarians.

His civic service included 21 years as a volunteer fireman, where he rose to the rank of captain; member and Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows; president of the Chino Rotary Club; vice president of the Chamber of Commerce; and member of the Rancho Ride Board. He also gave many years of service to Boy Scouts and Little League Baseball.

Howard served on the Chino Planning Commission; and in 1954, was appointed to the City Council. Six months later, he was elected as Mayor of the City of Chino, and served from 1955-59. In 1963, he was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the American Legion. He was an honorary life member of the 20-30 Club, a national service organization made up of men and women in their 20's and 30's who have a passion for improving the lives of children in their communities through hands-on work and fundraising. He received a community appreciation award from the Chamber of Commerce in 1966. In 1964, Chino High School's El Chasqui yearbook was dedicated to him. He was an honorary life member of the Chino PTA. He will forever be memorialized by the school, Howard Cattle Elementary, named after him when it opened in 1988.

Howard and Vera had two daughters, Marcia and Janet. Howard Cattle died February 18, 1992, at the age of 87.