

City of Chino ❖ Hall of Fame

presented on April 3, 2002 honoring

Roy H. Seidel

Roy H. Seidel, 1893-1956, educator. Few educators are as revered by his former Chino High School students as is Roy H. Seidel, teacher, dean and counselor for more than 35 years.

As recorded in his school personnel file: “Here is indeed Mr. Chino High himself—a splendid person and an excellent teacher. He has rendered valiant and valuable service to the community for many years.”

“He was the backbone of Chino High School,” said his superintendent, Levi H. Dickey. Having no children themselves, Mr. Seidel and his wife Muriel opened their home to troubled youth, and at school he always had an ear for those seeking advice or solutions. Further, he set up a “follow-through” program which kept him in contact with students after graduation.

Twice he was honored by the high school yearbook, in 1927 and in 1955. The last time the El Chasqui said in its dedication: “His effort as a teacher has been felt by countless Chino High students. Through his participation as a member of the community and his interest in youth as a teacher, administrator and advisor, he has won the respect and love of students and faculty.”

Mr. Seidel was born in Dennison County, Kansas, June 29, 1893, in a family of five children. After they moved to California ten years later, he was stricken by polio as a teenager, and coped with its effects the rest of his life. He attended UCLA, and was hired by the Chino district in 1921 as a mechanical drawing and woodshop teacher. In 1924 he was named Dean of Boys, and in 1928 Dean of Faculty. In 1937 he received his masters degree from Colorado State College.

He was a longtime member of Chino Rotary, and in 1955 the Chino American Legion honored him as Citizen of the Year. Although weakened by illness, he continued to teach sporadically until his death in July 1956.