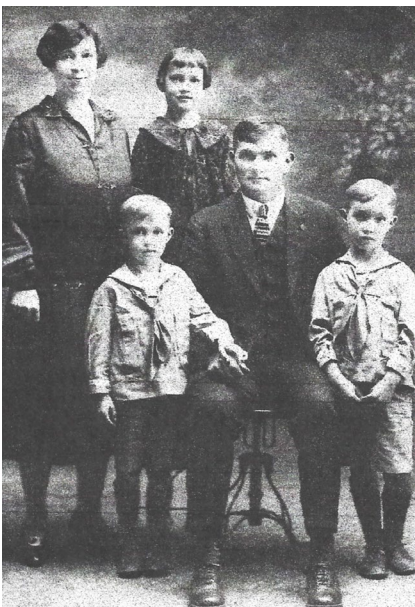




## The McCall Family - 1924 by Automobile

The name McCall is familiar to most residents of Menifee. When the active retirement community of Sun City was first being built, its main thoroughfare, McCall Boulevard was known as Grand Boulevard. In the mid-60's it was changed to McCall in honor of Fred McCall, two years after his passing on Christmas day, 1963.



In 1913 Fred McCall was 19 years old. He was a dyed-in-the-wool cowboy farming and ranching just outside of Cortez, Colorado. While attending a traditional community Independence Day picnic he met Lelia who was 16 years old. They married three years later on June 4, 1916. Their daughter Mildred was born February 1918, and the twin boys Lloyd and Floyd in October 1920.

Then in 1923 they heeded the advice "Go West, young man" and left their turkey ranch in Colorado with \$100 and set out for California in a red Buick sedan with their three children. The rough trip took eleven days.



They camped out along the road each night and wore out many tires on the rutted Yuma Plank Road. Settling at first in the Artesia area and then gravitating to the Menifee Valley where they eventually bought 1,000 acres just east of what is now the I-215 freeway.

The McCall Ranch property was roughly bounded by Lindenberger, Newport, McCall and Menifee Roads as shown below. At the time, all roads in the area were unpaved. Mr. McCall had to dig 13 wells before finding a sufficient water source to irrigate the alfalfa crop he planned.



View looking north from Newport Road.

The children attended school in nearby Winchester. Shortly after enrolling the children in school, the McCall's were visited by pastor Cooper of the Winchester Community Church and began attending in 1925. Mrs. McCall played the pump organ for more than 20 years for Sunday services.



Fred McCall served on various local farm service organizations. He also served 12 years on the County Hospital board and Planning Commission. In 1954 Fred was elected to Riverside County Board of Supervisors representing the Fifth District. He served nine years until his passing in 1963. A County Equestrian Park in Idyllwild is named in his honor.

Their son Floyd also became a County Supervisor, and their son Lloyd served as a trustee and school board president in both Romoland and Hemet, and four McCall generations have lived in the Menifee Valley area.

