

Frank Gusewelle

October 30, 1899- March 11, 1951

1946 2 years

Frank Gusewelle was born in Gilman City, Missouri in 1899. He attended the University of Missouri, where he played football. After college, he married Juanita Clark. His bride was a niece of James Cashman who was living in Searchlight, Nevada, at the time. The Gusewelles moved to Searchlight and he secured work through Cashman. He helped operate a stage line between Searchlight, Eldorado Canyon, and Las Vegas.



In 1923, Gusewelle left Searchlight for Las Vegas and began operating Cashman's garages. In 1932, he became the wholesale distributor of Texaco gasoline and helped establish service stations in Las Vegas.

During his time in Las Vegas, Gusewelle became active in a number of local affairs. He was elected as a trustee of the County Hospital Board in 1944. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge and helped organize Helldorado Days.

Voters elected Gusewelle to the Clark County Commission in 1946. He served as chair during 1947 and 1948. The commission worked at overseeing the construction and financing of the new airport during this time. Gusewelle ran for reelection in 1948 on a platform that Clark County needed him because he was a pioneer and businessman, not a politician. His ads failed to sway voters and he lost his bid for reelection.

Gusewelle died suddenly at his business on March 11, 1951.