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Fifteenth District

Wilder Hartley

Los Angeles City Council 1939-1943

Wilder Hartley was born in Reno, Nevada, April 4, 1901. His family moved to Wilmington in 1903 where his father became chief engineer for the Hammond Lumber Company. Wilder attended Wilmington High School And graduated from Stanford University. After working for a short while for the Hammond Lumber Company, Mr. Wilder entered the insurance business where he made his mark and for a time was fourth in sales out of seventeen hundred agents on the West coast.

In 1924, Mr. Hartley married Laura Mae Clark, daughter of a prosperous land owning pioneer family of San Pedro. Mr. Hartley was a Republican and was active in several local and fraternal organizations.

On May 3, 1939 the Los Angeles Times reported that Hartley defeated the incumbent Councilman, Frederick P. Buyer . He remained in Council until 1943.

Mr. Hartley died in 1969 and was buried in San Pedro.