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NAME MacAlister, Robert Stuart

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CITY:

City Council - June 11, 1934-1937
1937-1939

COUNTY:

STATE

FEDERAL:

World War Soldier

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

World War soldier
Salesman
Business executive
City official

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: (None)

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

Attached campaign handbill and clippings

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW: None: biographical material
INTERVIEWED BY: furnished by biographee

DATE OF INTERVIEW

Written by: Clare Wallace
June 29, 1937

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Biography

NAME MacAlister, Robert Stuart

Occupation Oil Well Supply Business

Address _____

Birth (Date and Place) May 11, 1897, Camden, New Jersey

FATHER Alexander MacAlister

Birth (Date and Place) _____

If Deceased, When _____

MOTHER Sarah R.

Birth (Date and Place) 1865, Camden, N. J.

If Deceased, When August 2, 1936, Los Angeles

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Iris G. Doman

Birth of Same (Date and Place) _____

If Deceased, When _____

When Married July 26, 1922

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Robert Stuart, Jr.

Glen Allan

ANCESTORS OF DISTINCTION OR LOCAL INTEREST

(Please include names of local interest as "forty-niners," or any one connected with the affairs or development of the state or city, as officials, professional men, merchants, etc.)

Lined area for listing ancestors of distinction or local interest.

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Public schools, and Camden High School, Camden New Jersey; Swarthmore Preparatory School, Swarthmore, Pa. Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Arnama Club; Jonathan Club; American Legion

Mason; Veterans of Foreign Wars.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Episcopal

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Democrat

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE June, 1930

SKETCH

(Please make this as full as possible, giving business affiliations, positions of honor or trust with dates if possible.)

Robert S. MacAlister was born May 11, 1897, in Camden, New Jersey, where he attended public and high schools. After two years at Swarthmore Preparatory School he entered Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., for the study of medicine.

In 1917 he left college and enlisted with the American Expeditionary Forces and saw service in France, during the World War. Demobilized in June of 1919 he left the east and worked his way across the continent to Los Angeles that same year.

Mr. Mac Alister's first position here was billing clerk, bookkeeper and collector for eighteen months with the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation. The six years following this he was sales manager for the Hercules Trailer Manufacturing Company; then with the Fager Hydraulic Hoist and Body Company he occupied the same position to 1933.

Between that time and appointment to the Council he was industrial salesman with the Petroleum Equipment Company, and associated with the insurance firm of Osterloh and Durham.

Appointed to the City Council to fill the unexpired term of Charles W. Breedlove who died in office, Mr. Mac Alister took office June 11, 1934. The following year he was elected from the 11th district and served 1935-1937. Reelected for another term he will serve 1937-1939.

Councilmanic committees upon which he serves at present are; chairman, Traffic and Lighting, Legislative, Police and Fire.

HOBBIES: Bridge



ROBERT McALLISTER
Councilman, 11th District



ROBERT S. MacALISTER

City Council—Eleventh District

Born May 11, 1897, Camden, New Jersey.

Educated: Grammar and high schools, Camden; Swarthmore Preparatory School, Swarthmore, Pa.; two years premedics, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

Married 1922; two sons.

Residence in Los Angeles since 1920.

Career: World War soldier, with twelve months in France; worked way to Los Angeles, where first job was bookkeeper and collector for Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation; six years sales manager of Hercules Trailer Manufacturing Company; sales manager of Fager Hydraulic Hoist and Body Company to January, 1933; insurance firm of Osterloch & Durham for several months; industrial salesman with Petroleum Equipment Company until appointment to Council.

City Council—May, 1934; elected 1935-37.

Fraternal Affiliations: Hollywood Post 43, American Legion; Westlake Lodge 392, F. & A. M.; past president, Arnama Club; Captain Alonzo Woodbine Post 3089, Veterans of Foreign Wars.