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Thrasher, Edward L

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PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

(DATE)

CITY:

City Council

1931-1937

1937-1939

COUNTY:

STATE

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Painting and decorating
Building and contracting
Designing
Insurance and real estate
World War soldier
City official

PORTRAIT: 2 cuts from campaign handbill

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE:

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

The early career of Edward Thrasher was more or less moulded by ill health, the result of being gassed while acting as Signal Electrician during the World War.

In 1929, sponsored by the Building and Trade Council, Mr. Thrasher was defeated in the election for City Councilman by only 200 votes.

Mr. Thrasher is an advocate of municipal ownership and the development of natural resources for public benefit.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

INTERVIEWED BY: Luella Sawyer

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Biography

NAME Thrasher, Edward L.

Occupation Building and Contracting

Address 3150 Weldon Avenue

Birth (Date and Place) June 5, 1892, Great Falls, Montana

FATHER Schuyler E. Thrasher

Birth (Date and Place) May 22, 1870, Celo, Michigan

If Deceased, When December, 1934

MOTHER Lena Reiman

Birth (Date and Place) February 27, 1872, Michigan

If Deceased, When

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Anna Louise Edwards

Birth of Same (Date and Place) November 20, 1898, Golden,
Colorado

If Deceased, When

When Married January 21, 1920, Trinidad, Colorado

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Phyllis Elaine

Marilyn Louise

Edward Lee

SKETCH

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

Born June 5, 1892, in Great Falls, Montana, Edward L. Thrasher after graduation from Loop City High School, Nebraska, engaged in painting, decorating, and contracting.

When the World War began he went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, 1917-19, and upon his return engaged in railroad business for two years. He then studied civil engineering at the University of Wyoming, transferring to the University of California at Los Angeles in 1921. Here Mr. Thrasher devoted his attention to design and decorating, finishing this study at Otis Art Institute 1923-1924. Following this he spent a short period in real estate and insurance, and then engaged in building and contracting.

In 1931 Mr. Thrasher was elected to the City Council from the 14th district, where, by reelection he still serves.

Mr. Thrasher's councilmanic interests have concerned appropriations for improvement of Figueroa Street Tunnel and the elimination of special assessments. Current committees upon which he serves are: Public Utilities, Water and Power, and Building and Safety, of which he is chairman.

HOBBIES: Football

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