

2005 Hall of Fame Inductee

Lilburn M. Ochs

Class of 1934

Lilburn M. Ochs worked as an educator in the School District of University City for 38 years.

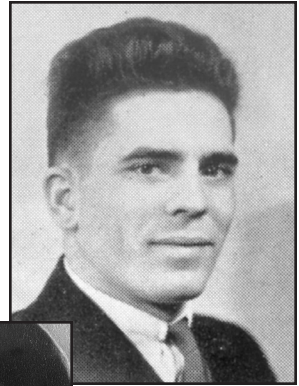
Ochs was born in St. Louis in 1913. When he was one, his family moved to University City. He attended Pershing Elementary School and was present when General Pershing dedicated the school. He also attended Ward Junior High School and graduated from University City High School in 1934.

While in high school, Ochs participated in a number of activities and sports but excelled in wrestling. He was the state wrestling champ for two years.

He earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Michigan in 1940. Following a teaching stint in Tennessee, Ochs returned to University City High School to teach physical education and health. He coached wrestling, baseball and football and sponsored the rifle and fishing clubs. Ochs later became a school counselor and then director of continuing education for the School District of University City, implementing English as a Second Language classes and courses for the hearing impaired.

He retired from the school district in 1978. Ochs served for four years as a member of the International Red Cross and the International Division of the American Red Cross.

He and his wife Alberta recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. The couple has three children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



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