



WM. T. NOBLES

## W. T. Nobles, 7-Term Local Mayor, Dies

William T. Nobles, 70, a practicing attorney here since 1926 and mayor of Wisconsin Rapids for seven terms, from 1934 to 1948, died at his home, 220 Clark St., at 1:05 a.m. today. He had been critically ill for a month.

Funeral services are to be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, the Rev. Joseph Totzlaff officiating, with interment in Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Nobles held the office of mayor longer than any other incumbent in the city's history. His 14 years of service in that position was preceded by 11 years as an alderman, from 1922 to 1934.

### Held County Office

He also served one term as Wood County clerk, 1915-16.

Born in Centralia on April 16, 1887, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Nobles, he was a life-long resident here. He was a graduate of the Valparaiso University school of law, and held membership in the Wisconsin and Wood County Bar Assns.

Surviving Mr. Nobles are his wife, the former Cicely Damon, whom he married Aug. 22, 1944 in this city; one son, William L. Nobles, by a former marriage; three brothers, Charles, Hackberry, La.; Philip, Biron, and Thomas, Wisconsin Rapids; and two sisters, Sybil Nobles, Wisconsin Rapids, and Mrs. Russell LeRoux, Everett, Wash.

### On Utility Boards

In addition to his elective offices, Mr. Nobles was active in municipal and civic affairs and the business life of the community for many years. He was president of the Water & Light Commission for 15 years, from 1936 to 1951; served

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on the board of directors of the Wood County Telephone Co. since 1930, being secretary-treasurer at the time of death; was attorney of the Wisconsin Rapids Building & Loan Assn. since 1928 and a member of its board of directors since 1938, serving as president of the association from 1951 to the present time.

Fraternally, Mr. Nobles was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks Lodge. He held membership in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church.

The body will lie at the Krohn-Berard-Ritchay Funeral Home, where friends may pay their respects from 1 p.m. Thursday until the time of services. Prayers are to be said by the Knights of Columbus at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, and there will be a general rosary at 7:30 p.m. Friday.