

## E. W. Ellis, 76, Former Local Mayor, Succumbs

E. W. Ellis, retired industrialist and banker and a former mayor of Wisconsin Rapids, died at 6:30 this morning at his home, 1250 3rd St. S., at the age of 76. He had been in poor health for the past year.

Private funeral services are to be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Baker Chapel, with Masonic rites in charge of Chaplain Fred W. Burt, followed by interment in Forest Hill cemetery.

The body will lie at the chapel, where friends may pay their respects, from 6 o'clock Sunday evening until the funeral hour. The family has requested that there be no flowers.

### Mayor in 1916-18

Mr. Ellis served as mayor of this city for one term, from 1916 to 1918, being elected to succeed the late Charles E. Briere.

He came to Wisconsin Rapids in 1903 and organized the Stange-Ellis Lumber Co., which later became the Ellis Lumber Co. He operated the business until moving to Eagle River in 1920. There he was associated with the Wisconsin-Michigan Lumber Co. and the First National Bank of Eagle River, of which he was president at the time of his death.

### Was Preway Officer

Returning to this city in 1937, Mr. Ellis became vice president and director of the Prentiss Wa-

bers Products Co. He resigned the vice presidency in May, 1950, and retired as a member of the board of directors in March, 1951 because of failing health.

Mr. Ellis was a member of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 693 B.P.O.E. of the Masonic Blue Lodge and chapter at Eagle River, and of the Consistory and Tripoli Shrine, both of Milwaukee.

Born in Milwaukee on March 4, 1876, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Ellis, he married Adalie E. Stange at Merrill on June 3, 1902.

He is survived by his wife; one son, J. O. Ellis, Wisconsin Rapids; seven grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. A. J. Stange, LaGrande, Ore. Two daughters preceded him in death.

## Calls for Top Speed in Arms Race in Reich

BERLIN (P) — East Germany's Communist boss has called for top-speed rearmament on his Soviet Satellite state — already well along in whipping together a powerful war machine to block West