

# CHAS. E. BRIERE DIES SUDDENLY

## Former District Attorney Collapses While Work- ing in Yard

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

**Wisconsin Rapids** — Charles E. Briere, 52, one of the county's prominent attorneys and a former mayor of Wisconsin Rapids and district attorney of Wood county, died suddenly this morning, about 6:30, while working in the yard at his home. Cerebral hemorrhage was given as the cause of his death.

Funeral arrangements, which will be in charge of the Masonic order, have not been completed. Mr. Briere had been in good health and had taken an active interest in the construction of a new home just begun on the site of the old Briere homestead, a landmark on Third street here for 40 years.

He was born in this community and lived here throughout his life. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin law course, he was at one time an associate in the firm of Goggins, Brazeau and Briere. He served as an alderman prior to his election on the Republican ticket to the office of district attorney, which he held from 1910 to 1914.

Mr. Briere was city attorney in 1916-17 and was elected mayor in 1918, serving for two terms. It was during his administration that the city's name was changed from Grand Rapids to Wisconsin Rapids. He has been a court commissioner for nearly 20 years and was secretary of the county Republican committee from 1908 to 1918.

Two children, by his first wife, Charles R. and Dorothy May, of Santa Monica, Calif., and his widow, the former Maybel Johnson, of Lincoln township, whom he married in 1932, survive him. A sister, Mrs. G. W. Smith, resides in Seattle.