

Mayor Points Out Changes Here as Third Class City

"The city of Wisconsin Rapids is now a third class city," Mayor William T. Nobles pointed out today to Kiwanis and Rotary club members at the Hotel Witter, "and there are benefits which we will receive as a result of moving up one class."

The city population finally jumped over the 10,000 population mark, automatically putting the city in the third class group, the mayor said at the clubs' joint luncheon meeting this noon.

"Our city is one of the few in the state that has a balanced budget," the mayor stated, "and our 1941 budget has a 'money-cushion' provision for each department." The speaker told the club members that this reserve fund would keep city departments from running too far over their yearly allotments toward the end of the 12-month period.

Mayor Nobles pointed out three of the changes that will come when Wisconsin Rapids is announced as a third class city. The city must establish pension boards for both the fire and police departments, and the boards will invest the money saved in these two pension funds. The firemen have \$25,000 at this time, the speaker revealed, but the police are just beginning their fund now.

The mayor reviewed city improvements and discussed the newly inaugurated budget control system which notified all city departments of monthly expenditures. Mayor Nobles said the city indebtedness is now only \$600,000, two-thirds of what it was 10 years ago.

"It is only through the splendid cooperation of the citizens of this community," the mayor concluded, "that Wisconsin Rapids has had its many civic successes."