Herman Eelkema

Nov. 30, 1977

Funeral services for Herman H. Eelkema, 84, Drayton, N.D., were held November 8 in the Drayton Methodist Church. He died the previous Saturday in a Grand Forks, N.D., hospital.

He was superintendent of schools at Groton from 1923 to 1929. He was also school superintendent at Drayton; and Mankato and Duluth, Minn.

Mr. Eelkema was born March 16, 1893, at Tripoli, Iowa, and married Ruth Young in 1917 at Gladbrook, Iowa. He served in the army during World War I and II and was in the Special Services Department of the government at Washington, D.C. He also farmed in the Drayton area and was president of the U.S. Education Association for several years.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Dr. Harrison Eelkema of St. Paul and Dr. Bob Eelkema of Grand Forks; and one daughter, Mrs. Ben (Ruth) Morgan, also of Grand Forks; along with 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.