

April 6, 1972

Mrs. Herther

Services for Mrs. Laura D. Herther, 85, longtime Columbia merchant, were Saturday afternoon in the United Church of Christ, Congregational, in Columbia. The Rev. George S. Cushing officiated.

Mrs. Ben Dayton and Mrs. Walter Sleber sang two duets and Mrs. Ete Karlen was the organist. Attending the services in a group were members of the Eastern Star of Columbia. Ushers were Raymond Herther and Walter Sleber. Burial was in the Hecla Cemetery.

Attendees were four grandsons Mrs. Herther: Bruce Tollefson of Aberdeen, James Larson and Jerry Tollefson, Bath, and Rich Herther, Columbia; and Joel Wilson of Houghton and John Richardson, Aberdeen.

Mrs. Herther, who had operated a general store at Columbia for 36 years and who had been residing in the Sun Dial Rest Home in Bristol recent years, died in the Day Memorial Hospital at Webster Wednesday.

She was born Oct. 23, 1886, at Plain, Minn. When three years old, she moved with her parents to Oakes, N.D. In 1900 she married Phillip Herther Jr. at Oakes. The young couple established their home at Hecla where they operated a general merchant store.

In 1935 they moved to a new store at Hecla. Mrs. Herther continued to operate the store until 1947 when she retired to her son Marx.

Mrs. Herther continued to work at the store until 1961. At that time she moved to her home with her sister in Oakes, residing there until 1967 when she returned to Columbia. Due to failing health, she entered the Sun Dial Rest Home in Bristol.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ, Congregational of Columbia, Eastern Star of Columbia and of the American Legion.

Mrs. Herther bequeathed three sons: Norman of Minneapolis, Norman O. Herther of Columbia; three daughters, Mrs. Douglas (Bertha) Herther of Brookings, Mrs. Harold (Ethel) Tollefson, Richmond, Minn., and Mrs. Morris (Blanche) Herther of Indianapolis, Ind.; two grandsons, George (Luella) Herther of Webster, Mo., and Mrs. George (Gladys) Fager, Grand Forks, N.D. She was survived by 18 great-