

H-R JANUARY 21, 1988
Otto Durr rites are held

Otto Durr, 87, of Rte. 1, Grinnell, died Sunday evening, Jan. 17, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Keith Briggs of the First Friends Church and Evelyn Larsen of Grinnell officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler and vocalist was Jean Thompson.

Pallbearers were Ed Brand, Randy Durr, Bernard Fleener, Dan LaGrange, Kendell Sleewenhoek, Mark Schulz and Mike Schulz. Honorary bearers were Albert Burnham, Eldon Dexter, Glenn Dexter, Raymond Innis and Leonard Pederson.

Burial was in Newton Memorial Garden Cemetery.

The son of George and Margaret Blank Durr, he was born in Rock Creek Township, Jasper County, on July 22, 1900. He attended rural schools. On Feb. 11, 1924, he was married to Belle Ann Thompson in Newton, and the couple farmed in the Bethel and Rock Creek areas until Mr. Durr retired from farming in 1952. He then worked as a carpenter, building homes and farm buildings in the area. He was later associated with Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. erecting playground equipment throughout the U.S.

Mr. Durr was a member of the Bethel United Methodist

Church, the Victor Grange and the I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 358 of Grinnell. He was a former director of the Rock Creek Township School District.

He is survived by three daughters, Golda Sleewenhoek of Grinnell, Doris Page of Newton and Donna Rae Schulz of Orleans, Calif.; one son, Maynard of Oakland Acres; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Belle; a granddaughter; a great-grandson; four brothers, Clarence, Arthur, Edward and one in infancy; and two sisters, Nettie Durr and Virginia Beadle.