

Lois French rites today

Lois A. French, 82, of the Mayflower Home died Friday at the Mayflower's health care center. *March 9*

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad, pastor of the United Church of Christ—Congregational, officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner.

Following cremation, Mrs. French's ashes will be buried at Washington Cemetery, Washington, Pa. Friends may call the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.

The daughter of Ernest C. and Alice Clara Willock Meredith, she was born Feb. 11, 1897, at Lynnvile. She attended public schools at Traer and Emmetsburg, at Worthington, Minn., and at Boone High School, where she graduated in 1915. She graduated from Grinnell College in 1919, after which she taught at Nashua. She did post-graduate work at Bryn Mawr College and from 1922 to 1923 at the New York School of Social Work, now associated with Columbia University. For seven years she taught in the New York

school system. She also taught and served as a counselor at Newark State College, Newark, N.J., from 1930 to 1957.

She was associated with the Connecticut State Department of Education and returned to Newark in 1963 when she served the Red Cross, counseling veterans and their families. She came to the Mayflower Home in 1970.

She was a member of the Grinnell Chapter of the DAR, the American Association of Social Workers, and the American Orthopsychiatric Association. She authored several magazine articles, as well as a book, "Psychiatric Social Work," published in 1940. She was listed in "Who's Who of American Women" and "Who's Who in Education."

On Nov. 18, 1933, she was married to John S. French in New York. The couple had one son, Bevan M. French, now of Chevy Chase, Md. Also surviving are three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. French was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1945; and two brothers, Robert and Harris Meredith.

(John S.)