## #-M March 4, 1982. Hester Wells rites Friday

Hester Wells, 82, of the Mayllower Home died Tuesday, March 2, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James P. Russell officiating. Burial will be at <u>Hazelwood</u> Cemetery. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials in Mrs. Wells' name may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

The daughter of Arthur and Nellie Sparling, she was born April 10, 1899, at Marshall, Minn.; She was a graduate of Langdon (N.D.) High School and later received her teacher's certificate from the University of North Dakota.

She was married to Roy M. Wells at Langdon on Jan. 1, 1920, and the couple lived in that community. Mrs. Wells served as a social worker during the 1930s and was active in the North Dakota Republican Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells moved to the Mayflower Home in 1966. Mr. Wells died in January 1967.

Mrs. Wells was a member of the United Methodist Church, the P.E.O. and the Order of Eastern Star. She was also active in the quilt class at the Mayflower Home.

Survivors include her children, Audrey Mahoney of Devils Lake, N.D., Robert P. Wells of Minot, N.D., and Dr. Donn Wells of Rochester, N.Y.; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

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