Ex-Vermontville School Head Dies

Dr. Edwin A. Clarke, 61, o Anchorage, Alaska, former suerintendent of schools here, died h his sleep Oct. 15 at his home in Anchorage. A chemical engineer, he was working as a civil-F ian in the district office of Army Engineer Corps, and had been stationed in Alaska for the past three years.

Dr. Clarke was born Oct. 24. 1896, in Coleman, Mich., the son of Frederick and Phyllis (Adams) Clarke. On Dec. 29, 1923, while superintendent of schools here. he was married to the former Beryle Faust of Vermontville in Charlotte. After leaving here, Dr. Clarke was in the chemical engineering field in Midland, Muskegon, Mt. Pleasant, Green Bay, Wis., and in Louisiana and

Missouri. He was a veteran of World War gI and a member of the Jack Henry American Legion Post in Anchorage. He also belonged to the American Chemical Society and the Missouri Association of For Chemical Engineers

He is survived by his wife; (Phyllis) Northington of Appleton City, Mo., and Margaret Elelen, at home; a son, Frederick two daughters, Mrs. Donald Allen, a student at Missouri State Teacher's College at Kirksville, Mo.; and a brother, Harold G. Clarke of Highland Park, IN.

The body was brought to the Otto Funeral Home where services were held last Monday. The Rev. F. Willard Kime, pastor of the Congregational Church here officiated. Burial at Woodlawn cemetery in Vermontville.

Death Takes Mrs. Gerber

Philanthropist, 95, Dies in Fremont Home

Fremont-Mrs. Helen Gerber, 95, noted philanthropist, died Thursday at her home here. She was the wife of the late Cornelius Gerber, who died in 1952.

Gerber was a director of the old Fremont Canning Co., which later became Gerber Baby Foods. He was the founder of the Fremont Lumber Co. and a partner in the old Fremont Tannig Co.

Mrs. Gerben was born April 25, Creek, the daugh-Irs. Jeremiah Mc-1861, in B ter of Mr ame to this area about 18. She ostoffice here and Carthy. when she

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Mrs. Ger a was one of the first board directors of Gerber Memorial hospital. Her husband's parents' home become the original Carber hospital. Gerber hospital.

Active in Church.

She was a charter member of All Saints Catholic church and active in church work. She was one of the first members of the Fremont Women's club.

Noted or her generous dona-tions, she gave an organ to the church, besides donating to the local hospital. She also gave to the Newaygo County hospital for furniture and equipment.

Her latest contribution was for the new memorial fountain given in memory of her husband. It is being built in the city park here at a cost of \$25,000.

The Fremont foundation also has served as an administrative agent in some of her other donations.

Surviving are three nieces and one nephew, and several grandnieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Saturday at All Saints Catholic church, with burial in E Maple Grove cemetery. The body is at the home at 110 West Main st. here.

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