Looking Back
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d. 22 Jun 1935
Theo. Helmcke died Saturday at Clemons
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last November
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Funeral services for Theodore Helmcke, well known resident of
Clemons, were held at the Clemons church at 2:30 p.m. Monday, in charge
of Rev. Jesse Kauffman of Allison, assisted by Rev. Everett Robie of
Clemons. Burial was in the Clemons cemetery.

Mr. Helmcke, who died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, had been ill since last
November, when he suffered a stroke.

He was born in Boresholm, Holstein, Germany, May 30, 1867, and came
to this country at the age of 14. He made his home with an uncle in Parker,
S.D., for some time and came to Iowa as a young man. He was married on
May 23, 1897 to Georgia Smith. To this union four daughters were born,
all of whom, with the widow, survive. The children are Mrs. Harte C. Ross,
Mrs. W.J. Paltzer and Mrs. Raymond Bryant, all of Clemons, and Mrs.
Charles D. Norris of Eldora. Three grandchildren, a brother, Max Helmcke
of Boone and two sisters, Antonia and Emma of Germany also survive.

Mr. Helmcke was active in community and civic affairs during his long
residence here. He served as clerk of Minerva township for 30 years and
was mayor of Clemons for several terms. He was a member of the
Congregational Christian church here, the Minerva I.O.O.F. lodge, No 527
and Rei Rebekah N. 294.