

Monday, February 12, 1962

## Prominent Farmer William Beeler Succumbs Sunday

William J. "Bill" Beeler, 61, Rte. 1, Grinnell, died early Sunday morning at a local hospital following an illness of the past three years.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Ralph J. Houghton, pastor of the First Assembly of God church, officiating. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home, except on Tuesday, when the body will be taken to the home of Lyle Beeler at 1511 Reed St. Friends may call there Tuesday and Tuesday evening.

Vocal music at the services will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stahl, accompanied by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner at the organ. Flower bearers will be Mrs. Floyd Beason, Mrs. Willie Morrison, Mrs. Jerome Slebiska, and Mrs. Harold Breese.

Pallbearers will be Jerome Slebiska, Floyd Beason, Harold Breese, Willie Morrison, Henry Stahl, and Fred Schmidt. Honorary pallbearers will be Wesley Ahrens, Raymond Koger, Ray Puls, Richard Anderson, and Vincent Hotchkin. Interwill be at Blue Point cemetery.

The son of Ira C. and Ella May Taylor Beeler, he was born Aug. 24, 1900, in the Blue Point neighborhood south of Grinnell. He attended the Blue Point rural schools and lived and farmed in the area all of his life.

On Oct. 7, 1919, he was united in marriage with Clara Belle Thompson in the Methodist parsonage at Montezuma by the Rev. Lanning. To this union were born three children: Lyle William Beeler of Grinnell, and two daughters, Dorthea Estella Beeler and Doris Mae Beeler Harter, both deceased.

Mr. Beeler is survived by his widow Clara at the farm home; his son, Lyle; three grandchildren, Terry Lee Beeler, William Edward Beeler, and Duane Lyle Beeler; two great grandchildren, Danny Lee Beeler and William Brent Beeler.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Frank (Lela) Wells of Montezuma and Mrs. Hugh (Eva) McLain of Newton; and his son-in-law, John Junior Harter of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two daughters, and one grandson, John Duane Harter.

Mr. Beeler was a charter member of the Blue Point Grange and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

MAR. 8, 1962

### William Beeler Memorial Services Feb. 14

Memorial services for William Beeler were held Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 2 o'clock at the Smith Funeral home in Grinnell, conducted by Rev. Ralph J. Houghton, pastor of the First Assembly of God church. Mrs. Kathleen Heefner, organist accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stahl who sang, "It is no Secret" and "Good Night Here and Good Morning up There." Interment at Lower Blue Point church. Casket bearers were, Fred Schmidt, Willie Morrison, J. B. Slebiska, Floyd Beason, Harold Breese and Henry Stahl. Honorary pall bearers were, V. D. Hotchkin, Raymond Puls, Raymond Koger, Richard Anderson, Wesley Ahrens and Frank Ritter. Floral committee were, Mrs. Willie Morrison, Mrs. Floyd Beason, Mrs. Harold Breese and Mrs. J. B. Slebiska.

William Jennings Beeler was born Aug. 24, 1900 and died Feb. 11 at Community hospital in Grinnell. He was the son of Ella Mae Taylor and Ira C. Beeler and was born on a farm located in the Blue Point community, where he grew to manhood, and received his education in the Blue Point School also attending church at the Lower Blue Point church with his parents and later with his family. He lived his entire life in the Blue Point community.

On Oct. 7, 1919, he was united in marriage with Clara Belle Thompson at the Methodist parsonage at Montezuma by Rev. Lanning, and to this union 3 children were born, Lyle William Beeler of Grinnell, Dorothea Estella Beeler and Doris Mae Beeler Harter, (both deceased).

Will was a charter member of the Blue Point Grange, being their first Grange Master when the grange was instituted and also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

He was a good neighbor, always ready to help wherever he could, a devoted husband and companion to his wife Clara, a beloved father and grandfather and was never so happy as when his family was gathered around and looked forward with fond anticipation of his two great grandsons. He was a true friend to everyone who knew him and his popularity among the young folks to whom his home was always open. His good sense of humor and fine enjoyments of the ordinary things of life endeared him to all those close to him and won lasting friendship among his many acquaintances. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Clara, his son Lyle and wife Bettie who was always as a daughter, his three grandsons, whom he cared for as his own, Duane Lyle Beeler, Terry Lee Beeler and William Edward Beeler and their wives Bonnie and Marguerite, and his two great grandsons, Danny Lee and William Brent Beeler and a devoted son-in-law, John Junior Harter and his family all of Grinnell.

Two sisters, Lela, Mrs. Frank Wells, of Montezuma, and Eva, Mrs. Hugh McLain, Newton; nieces, nephews, relatives and a host of friends.

... FEB. 15, 1962

### Wm. (Bill) Beeler Was Native Of Poweshiek County

Funeral services for William J. (Bill) Beeler, a native of the Jacob Switch area, who died Sunday following a long illness were to be held at 2 p. m. Feb. 14 at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, conducted by the Rev. Ralph J. Houghton. Mrs. Kathleen Heffner played the memorial selections and accompanied vocalists Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stahl, Malcom.

Interment was in the family lot in Blue Point cemetery. Flower bearers were Mrs. Floyd Beason, Mrs. Harold Breese, Mrs. Willie Morrison, and Mrs. Jerome Slebiska. Casket bearers were Henry Stahl, Fred Schmidt, Jerome Slebiska, Harold Breese, Floyd Beason and Willie Morrison. Honorary pallbearers were Wesley Ahrens, Richard Anderson, Vincent Hotchkin, Raymond Koger and Ray Puls.

The son of Ira C. and Ella May Taylor Beeler, he was born Aug. 24, 1900, in the Blue Point neighborhood, northwest of Malcom. He attended the Blue Point rural school and lived and farmed in the area all of his life.

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Mr. Beeler is survived by his widow Clara at the farm home; his son, Lyle, three grandchildren, Terry Lee Beeler, William Edward Beeler and Duane Lyle Beeler; two great grandchildren, Danny Lee Beeler and William Brent Beeler. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Frank (Lela) Wells, Montezuma, and Mrs. Hugh (Eva) McLain, Newton; and his son-in-law, John Junior Harter, Grinnell.

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WILLIAM JENNINGS BEELER

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He was a charter member of the Blue Point Grange and was first grange master when it was instituted. He also was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

He is survived by his faithful wife, Clara; his son, Lyle and his wife, Bettie, who was always as a daughter; his three grandsons, Duane Lyle Beeler, Terry Lee Beeler and William Edward Beeler, and the wives of Terry and William, Bonnie and Marguerite; two great grandsons, Danny Lee Beeler and William Brent Beeler; and his son-in-law and family, John Junior Harter.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Frank (Lela) Wells of Montezuma and Mrs. Hugh (Eva) McLain of Newton, and several nieces, nephews and other relatives and many friends.

Mr. Beeler was preceded in death by his parents, his two daughters, and one grandson, Johnny Duane.

Funeral services were held at the Smith Funeral Home Feb. 14 with the Rev. Ralph J. Houghton, pastor of the First Assembly of God church, officiating. Serving on the flow committee were Mrs. Willie Morrison, Mrs. Floyd Beason, Mrs. J. B. Slebiska, and Mr. Harold Breese.

Pallbearers were J. B. Slebiska, Floyd Beason, Harold Breese, Fred Schmidt, Henry Stahl, and Willie Morrison. Honorary pallbearers were Frank Ritter, Wesley Ahrens, Ray Puls, Richard Anderson, Raymond Koger and Vincent Hotchkin.