

Funeral Of Bill Peeler Carries Mind Back To Days Before Coming Of Undertaker, Hearse And Auto

(R. R. Clark in Greensboro News) A correspondent of the Shelby Star tells of the burial of Bill Peeler, Confederate veteran of Rutherford county, which was conducted according to the custom of a half century ago. Mr. Peeler had requested that he be buried as simply as his father was laid away—in a home made coffin, untrimmed and lined with black calico; that he be laid in the coffin without shoes; that the grave be dug square that his remains be hauled to the cemetery (he called it graveyard, of course) in a wagon. His request was complied with as nearly as possible. Friends made the coffin. Black calico was unobtainable and satin was used. Mr. Peeler would no doubt have objected to that if he had been in position to object. Satin wasn't used on his father's coffin. His feet were unshod. The corpse was hauled to the graveyard in a wagon. The services of an undertaker were unnecessary. Friends and neighbors performed the simple services for the dead, just as others had performed a similar service for Mr. Peeler's father. But it was impossible to follow the style of father's burial to the letter. "Many were the flowers sent as a mark of respect and tribute to the dead veteran," says the report. There were no flowers at his father's funeral. Funerals in the ancient time were flowerless. There were few flowers in season and none out of season, and none could be bought. While it isn't mentioned in the report there were of course automobiles in the funeral procession. They would have to ride in cars or walk. There were no cars at father's funeral.

Multitudes of people now living who were raised in the rural districts (they were "raised," not reared, in the country in former times) remember when an undertaker was unknown. Generally there was an old time cabinet maker somewhere in the territory who made coffins on order, keeping seasoned lumber on hand for the purpose. If a cabinet maker was not available there were some who could handle carpenter tools. All coffins were made by hand and that means that two or three men worked all night, maybe, to get the coffin ready for the funeral. Friends and neighbors gave their services freely, and sympathetically, to the simple duties necessary to prepare the corpse for burial, and the dead were laid away as decently as circumstances would permit. A wagon was furnished by a neighbor—there was no other means of transportation—to haul the remains. The dead man's team was never used.

The burials of former days were simple and crude as compared with the present. But they didn't cost much. There were no big bills for the family to pay. The sympathy and help at such times were abundant. The neighbors turned out en masse as a token of respect. And there is no reason to doubt that the dead rested just as well. But the styles in funerals change same as styles of living. It costs more to live now than it did in the time of Mr. Peeler's father and it costs more to die—to get buried rather. A funeral such as Mr. Peeler insisted in having would now be accounted a dishonor to the dead if it was put on except by request, and in few cases would the request be honored, the demands of fashion being inexorable. And often a serious burden is entailed on the family to provide style for a funeral.

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Items Washington School Gathered

(Special To The Star) The Washington school will render the following Christmas program on Friday morning at 8 o'clock. The patrons and friends are most cordially invited: Professional, We Three Kings of Orient are, fifth grade; Quotation, Why do Bells for Christmas Ring?, first grade; Song, Santa Land, second grade; Poem, A. C. Lovelace, jr.; Song, Jolly Old St. Nicholas, first grade children; Christmas wreaths, sixth grade children; Song, Christmas is coming, Mary Margaret Mull and Rebecca Hopper; Song, The Babe in the Manger, third grade; Pageant, fourth, fifth and six grades; A Christmas Carol Comes to Life.

Characters: The Christmas Child, Helen Jean Jordan; The Shepherds, Elgin Caruthers, Holland Bridges, Banks Maurey; the Three Wise Men of the East, Junior Post, Sam Ledford, J. B. Crow; The Angels, fourth grade girls; The Children, fifth grade girls; Soig, Jingle Bells, school.

The following musical program was given by the piano and voice pupils of Miss Mary Adelaide Roberts at the Washington street school, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15, at 4 o'clock: Savatte, Bach, Colbert McKnight; Souatina, No. 2, Reinecke, Margaret Ford; Cinderella, Slater, Mary Margaret Mull; A Merry Gathering, Florida, Vera Arrowood; Valse Plaintive, Ward, Ruby Bridges, Vocal solo, Somewhere, Thomas C. Clark, Kathleen Hord; The Merry Farmer, Schumann, Elizabeth Campbell; Pussy Willow Waltz, Story, A. C. Lovelace; Little Sewing Girl, Orth, Rebecca Hopper; First Melody, Thorne, Dorothy Leonard; Duet, Porter, S. M. Blanton; The Thoughtful Little Mother, Cramm, Margaret Louis McNeely; The Little Brook, Bugbee, Nancy Coble; The Four Leaf Clover, Englemann, Lolage Spurling; In the Starlight, Kohlmann; Margaret Ford; Waltz—I Bezan, Willy, Ellen Ford; The Witch, Ischaikowsky, Elizabeth Campbell; Vocal solo, Laddie Mine, Lily Strickland, Kathleen Hord; Chasing Butterflies, Ellenberg, Colbert McKnight.

The third grade of the Washington school has organized as a grade and elected the following officers: president, Anna Coble; vice president, Harold Bettis; secretary-treasurer, Morris Lucas. The class motto is "Climbing Higher" and the class flower is the sweet pea.

A literary society has also been organized in the third grade, with the following officers: president, Rufus Weathers; vice president, Madge Denton, secretary treasurer, Alphonsine Harris; program committee, Anna Cline, Clyde Trammel, Marguerite Wall. This society presents a varied literary program in the class room every Friday afternoon. The program committee planned the program for chapel Tuesday morning. A Christmas program will be given.

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The picture is now in the Dresden Gallery at Dresden, Germany. Raphael was a true Christian which helps him with the expressions on the faces he painted. They look kind, tender, and patient. Raphael was a painter of Madons. Junior Post, fifth grade.

Correct this sentence: I want something more valuable. I must give her a better present than she gives me.

It is a wise parent who knows more than his children.

BEWARE THE SOUL KISS: PERIL IS LURKING IN LIPS

Millions of Germs in Waiting For Osculating Sweetheart, Says Health Officer

New York.—That "long, long kiss—a kiss of youth and love"—may be just right under a warm, moonlit sky, but during these days when something like a million pneumonia germs nestle in the throat and nose it's decidedly risky business.

The authority for this statement is Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, health commissioner of Chicago. Here for two days to attend the meeting of the executive council of the American Public Health association, Dr. Bundesen, when interviewed yesterday, sounded a warning against promiscuous osculation. He said: "Don't kiss in this season of colds."

"Don't shake hands—it's just as bad." "To the million or so germs already in the throat the close contact affected by kissing adds another million or two."

Handshaking is one of the greatest spreaders of disease germs. Say you have a cold. You sneeze and, placing your hand to your nose, you gather thousands of germs. Then you meet an old friend. You instinctively shake his hand and unwittingly hand him an invisible parcel of germs.

Ever the most tender of kisses, that of a mother to her babe, causes tragedy, Dr. Bundesen said. He added: "Many mothers literally kiss their babies to death. They may be strong enough to withstand the germs in their own throats, but the child is not fitted to fight off so many."

Scores Women Dr. Bundesen also scored women who sap their vitality through reducing methods. He said they were participating in the tragedy of "The Bank of the Perfect Thirty-Six." He declared: "How much better is the socially imperfect, but healthy. Young women are also making a mistake in wearing so few clothes and sheer stockings in freezing weather in the opinion of Dr. Bundesen. He said: "Young women should dress sanely, not vainly."

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