

Historic Massacre Recalled

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Five children massacred by Indians!

That news did not reach the front pages of the newspapers, for news traveled slowly back in 1862. News traveled by the grapevine, by horseback and ox team.

That was the news brought to the home of Mrs. Robert Harvey's father, C. C. Ames. He was then a boy, 5, living in a settlement near St. Helena, Cedar county, where the town of Wynot now stands.

Bearing the burden of burial had to be worked out by womenfolk for their men had been pressed into government service and had joined company I, formed for providing protection to the settlers in that section of Nebraska.

Pearl Ames Harvey's grandmother, Martha Ames, wife of David F. Ames and a native of Vermont, was elected to prepare that family of children for burial.

Those of you who think you have it hard in this day and age have only to take a peek into the pages of "The History of Cedar County" by Mike McCoy, former county superintendent of schools, Cedar county, to find the evidence of that atrocious crime committed by a small band of Yankton and Sioux Indians.

Only the absence of the mother kept her from also being a victim that day for she had gone to Yankton for supplies.

The ill-fated children belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Henson Wiseman, now live in the Page vicinity. The father of that generation was a cousin of Henson Wiseman.

Mrs. Harvey's grandfather, David F. Ames, was told the family of children so brutally murdered was his own. When he reached home, he found that it was the family of his closest neighbor, Mr. Wiseman.

Crudeness of the mass burial and the impact of the heart-

break are not told in the McCoy history.

Mr. Wiseman, after spending the winter in government service, returned to the desolated home where those children had romped and played. The oldest boy was in the Civil war.

The head of the house packed the family later and went back to Virginia.

The neighboring Ames family, which had come from Vermont in 1854, returned to Iowa. Four years later, however, the Ames group returned to Nebraska—Madison county. Christopher Carson Ames, who was born December 16, 1858, died in 1940. He was the father of Mrs. Harvey. When he died he was regarded as the oldest native Nebraskan (white).

Mr. Ames built the first house at Meadow Grove and farmed what is now the main street of the town. Later, he bought a piece of land north of town and erected a log cabin on the banks of the Elkhorn river. The landmark "fell apart" 20 years ago.

Mrs. Pearl Ames Harvey and two sisters, Orinda and Aechah, were born in Butler, Bates county, Missouri, where the family spent a few years.

Mrs. Harvey says her grandfather was the second of a family of nine. She believes her father was one of nine children. She is one of a family of nine.

However, only four of her father's family grew to adulthood—Taft Ames, Dimmys Ames Hopkins (who had the postoffice at Meadow Grove for years), Ab-

by Ames Moore and her father, Christopher Carson Ames.

When Mrs. Harvey grew up, times were difficult. Preparations for winter included butchering a hog, salting it down, having a barrel of sorghum molasses made from cane of their own raising. She remembers taking the cane to the mill where it was ground and boiled in the large flat pans to the consistency of sorghum. Children would scrape the barrel with relish in the spring when it was emptied to get the sugar that clung to the sides.

A lump of sugar was a treat. Grain was taken to the mill and exchanged for rye and graham flour. They raised a garden and root vegetables were buried to prevent freezing.

The Ames decided to try their luck in Holt county in the Mineola community where they were neighbors to the Young, Mills and Eppenbaugh families. They lived on the Arch Henry place and later on the place known as the Red Barn.

The Red Barn later figured in the tragedy of a Holt county treasurer, Barrett Scott. It was while living there the children lost a year of school. They were six miles from a schoolhouse and it was impossible to get the children there.

Mr. Ames was a farmer, well drilled, carpenter and Jack-of-all-trades.

To him Mrs. Harvey gives credit for a good deal of their early education. Having spent very little time in the school room himself, he took pains to teach his children all the book-learning he could.

He also was a musician and saw to it that they all played some instrument. His choice was a violin.

The literary meeting at the school every two weeks was in entertainment of most communities. Pearl remembers hearing her father saying to the program committee: "Just give 'em what you want 'em to do and I'll see that they have it." That was no

idea threat. The family gathered around the table in the evenings, all nine of the children, also the father and mother, and he worked with them in turn until they had their part letter perfect.

Mrs. Harvey was born at Butler, Bates county, Missouri, in 1892, and lived in Madison county until 1906 when they came to Holt county and finally settled down, after several moves, in the Emporia neighborhood.

December 11, 1912, she married Robert Harvey. They are the parents of two children: Calvin, who lives near the parental home, and a daughter, Mrs. Leonard (Doris) Wright, who lives in Sioux City.

Shanner 'Eighty' Brings \$100 Per Acre

The improved 80-acre Joseph Paul Shanner farm near Page, sold at auction Friday, was purchased by Chase & McCabe for \$100 per acre.

The Guernsey cows on the sale sold from \$200-\$260 each. Mr. Shanner planted in Arkansas. Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill was auctioneer; Col. Vern Reynolds of O'Neill, real estate broker.

O'Neill Locals

Glenn Knight of Sterling, Colo., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. For Knight.

Guests Wednesday, November 7, of Mrs. Rosa Bowers were Mrs. Howard Miller and Mrs. Walt Motack and daughter of Spencer. Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ludwig, also of Spencer, visited her.

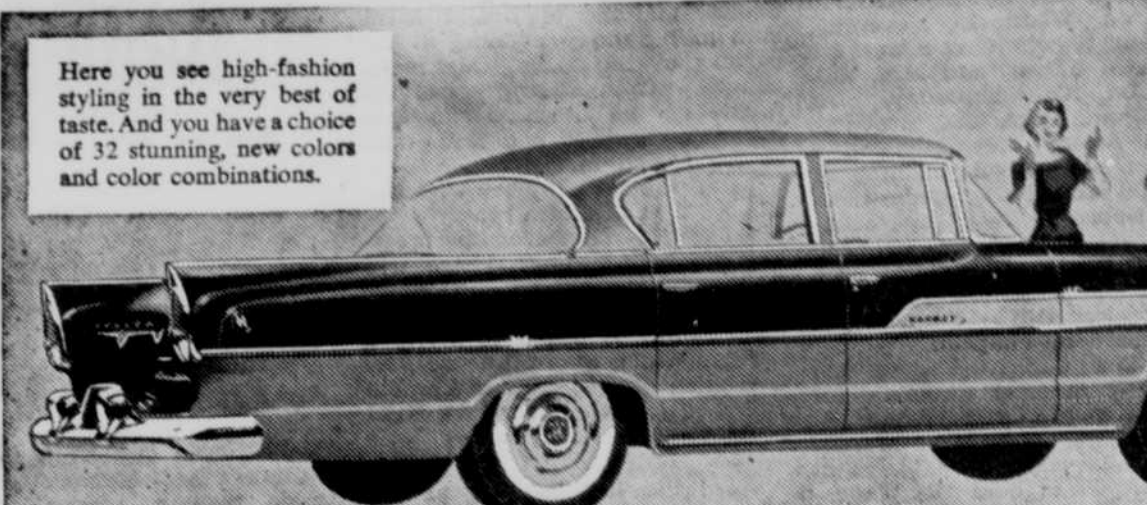
Miss Lorraine Simonson, a teacher in Omaha, was home for the weekend.

Edwin L. Krugman was in Omaha Wednesday, November 7, on business.

Mrs. Rosa Bowers went to Spencer Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Anna Havranek, overnight.

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Tuesday, Nov 13th Auction 1600 head on sale, including a very liberal supply of steers grading good to choice. Fancy 600 lb. steers topped at \$20.50 cwt. other choice loads sold at \$19.00 to \$19.50 cwt. Classes grading below choice looked lower at \$17.50 to \$18.50 cwt. Calves sold about steady with Monday. Yearling heifers weren't too popular with buyers and were under pressure, looked 25 to 50 cents lower, selling in a range of \$13.50 to \$15.00 cwt. Cow market 25 to 50 cwt. lower from a week ago.

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