



The Attack on Oak Grove Ranch

In Nebraska history before 1877 the Indians raids were a constant possibility down until 1876 and for a number of years afterwards, roving bands of Indians were a problem to settlers in some areas of the state, and were looked upon as a real danger by the more timid:

During most of the years from 1854 to 1876 the two races got along in relative peace, but on a few occasions, and especially in the year 1864, the Indians made determined efforts to drive the whites out, and there were stories of Indian attacks both real and rumored in the state. Many settlers pulled back from the more exposed parts of the frontier. Some of the boldest fortified themselves in such places as Grand Island. Indian raids were carried out against the settlers along the Oregon rail with varying success. Among those raids one of the most successful was against a portion of the trail in Nuckolls county at and near the station known as the Oak Grove Ranch.

In this raid on August 7, 1864, nine people were killed and three women were taken prisoner by the Indians. One of the captured women later told the story of her capture, and part of her account is repeated here:

"I spent the afternoon at Eubanks until about 4:00 p.m. at which time Mr. Eubanks, his wife and myself started for my home which was about one and a half miles away. We had gone about one half mile when we came to a place in the road which would around the bluff and was called the 'Narrows' because the road was so narrow

at that place. Mr. Eubanks was barefooted and got a silver in his foot and said he would stop and get it out and for us to walk on; he would overtake us. We had gone about fifty yards around the bluff when we stopped to wait for him. Just then we heard terrible yells. I said I thought it was Indians so we turned and ran back until we came in sight of Mr. Eubanks who was running toward the house. Just as he got to the edge of the sandbar the Indians shot and killed him. His brothers that were in the house started to run up a draw and they were both killed. His sister started to run toward us; they tried to take her prisoner and she fought them so they stabbed her in the head and killed her.

"By this time we had got into the timber, the Indian had killed everyone at the Eubanks house and started for my father's house. As they passed they saw us, whirled their horse and came right to us. I had taken off my slippers and was carrying them in my hand. The first thing they did was to snatch my hat off and my slippers out of my hand. I had a signet ring on my finger and they took it off next.

Then they took us by the hand

and told us to come; they picked us up, put us on the horses and took us back to Mr. Eubank's house. On the way back we saw Mr. Eubank's sister lying beside the path a hundred yards from the house. We could see where they had stabbed her; she was not quite dead but threw her arm over her head as we passed. In a few minutes another Indian came riding up with this girl's scalp on a spear dripping with blood; he was yelling like a mad man."

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The Junior Woman's club met on Thursday evening in the Homemaking room at the school house with sixteen members present. Mrs. Farley Amick was a guest. The meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Fred Saathoff.

Mrs. Larry Milhulka was elected secretary as Mrs. Richard Stone had moved to Nehawka. Mrs. Ernest Norris of Avoca showed slide pictures which they had taken in Alaska this past summer.

Mrs. Art Thomsen, hostess, served a delicious lunch. Mrs. Scott Willoughby, co-hostess, was unable to attend as she has a baby daughter. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Vern Sarr with Mrs. Clarence King as co-hostess.

Mrs. John Mead was a Thursday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jewel. Other guests during the last week were Mrs. George Domingo, Mrs. Earl Cole, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lane and on Monday Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Isaac and boys of Manley and Mrs. Frank Pace called.

Mr. and Mrs. George Law of Hebron were Sunday and Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Potts and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and Mary of Monroe, Iowa, visited from Thursday until Sunday afternoon with her sister, Margaret Boyce. Friday evening Miss Boyce entertained Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. John Heebner for dinner. Saturday Miss Boyce and Mr. and Mrs. Smith visited the George Boyce family in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Stock visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wiles. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Neilsen of Lincoln visited Saturday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stratton and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stratton were Lincoln callers Thursday evening. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lloyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Ragoos were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Sterling. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John Riek and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling were afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ragoos.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Patton and children pent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wiles and family.

Lois Patton visited Sunday afternoon with Myrna Van Horn. Mrs. Frank Cook was substitute teacher for Mrs. Truman Lytle who teaches the seventh grade. Mrs. Lytle was ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Taylor Jr. and girls of Murray were dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Art Taylor Sr., and Beverly at the Christian Church chicken pie supper on Thursday evening. They then spent the evening at the Taylor home.

Mr. and Mr. Roland Cooper of Plattsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Urwin of Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Cooper and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cooper.

Clayton and Clifford Cooper spent Wednesday in Trayner, Ia where they purchased some purebred brown Swiss Cattle.

The Sew "N" Sewers met at the home of Mrs. Edgar Mogensen on Wednesday evening. The evening was spent sewing. The hostesses served a tasty lunch.

ALVO NEWS

Karen Howe Phone 911

Mrs. Smith of Minneapolis was taken directly to the hospital on her return from her visit with Nebraska relatives and friends. She is a niece of Mr. Elmer Kiyer and Mabelle Winn. She is reported to be in very poor condition.

Charlie Stout has been visiting relatives and friends for the past few weeks has returned to his home at Flat, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sutton were Saturday evening visitors or Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kiyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kinney and family have moved back from East Saint Louis, Ill. and will make their home in Lincoln in the future. Mr. Kinney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nickel have covered the outside of their house this week. It is a very attractive covering and adds greatly to the appearance of their home.

Mrs. Mollie Kitzel spent the day Sunday with her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Helmbaugh at Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson visited with their son and wife and grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Johnson and baby at Lincoln, Sunday.

Karen Howe spent the weekend at the Tom Jones home at Lincoln.

School was postponed on account of the snow.

Sunday callers at the Harvey Heier home were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schuelke, Ivan Heier

Ticklers

By George



and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rieke. Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Livers of Ashland were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Piper. The evening was spent playing cards. Mrs. Piper is the fifth and sixth grade teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hill of Elmwood and Larry Sintek called on Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rieke Sunday. The Hills are Mrs. Rieke's parents.

Leonard Dreamer of Lincoln was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Howe Monday. Dreamer is an uncle of Mrs. Howe.

Mrs. Gus Streick of Murdock visited at the home of Mrs. Emil Rieke last Thursday.

Mrs. Marie Hoffman of Lincoln visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schuelke Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Heier attended the Country club Saturday night as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Heier's cousins Mr. and Mrs. Woolman of Lincoln.

Mrs. Grave Coppel and Mrs. Anna Fifer of Eagle were Lincoln visitors Tuesday last week.

Mrs. Irene Kellogg had as her guest Friday her sister, Mrs. Ellen Stewart.

Mrs. Maude Keller was gone last week visiting with friends at Aylard and with her son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Elton Keller of Lincoln, one of Elton's daughters is an airline stewardess from Kansas City to Chicago.

The Junior and Senior play was held Nov. 15 at the gymnasium. The directors were Pat Murphy and Madeline Barry. "Grandad Goes Wild" was produced.

The cast included Bob Roelofs, Shirley Foreman, Carlo Printz, Dianne Cook, Gary Marcoe, Lowell Bell, Ray Rosenow, Bernard Heier, Carolyn Vincent, Patricia Roelofs, Karen Howe and Jean Rieckman. Ushers were Lynn Root, Judy Welch, Nancy Roelofs, David Hermance, Larry Hermance, Kathy Elliott and Jim Winzet.

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