

Old Myth Shattered—

Indian Who 'Killed Custer' Tells Of Fight To Death

NEW YORK (AP)—A purported eyewitness account of Custer's last stand came to light Sunday. It is an interview with an Indian chief who said he himself killed Custer in hand to hand combat.

The account of a 1932 interview of the late Chief White Bull of the Sioux was published by Stanley Vestal in the American Heritage Magazine.

Vestal said he withheld the story until after the chief died for fear "some hothead might harm the old man."

Gen. George A. Custer led the Seventh Cavalry Regiment at the

battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876. The 225-odd white men were killed to the last man.

Custer is generally pictured in history books as being the last soldier left standing, battling the Indians to the last with his comrades lying dead around him.

Myth Challenged

Chief White Bull's story, however, as told by Vestal, challenges this romantic myth.

Saying he met Custer face to face in the heat of the battle, Chief White Bull is quoted as saying:

"We grabbed each other and wrestled there in the dust and smoke.

"This soldier was very strong and brave. He tried to wrench my rifle from me. I lashed him across the face with my quirt. He let go, then grabbed my gun with both hands until I struck him again.

"He hit me with his fists on the jaw and shoulders, then grabbed my long braids with both hands, pulled my face close and tried to bite my nose off.

Bear Lice To Rescue

"I yelled for help. Bear Lice and Crow Boy heard me call and came running. These friends tried to hit the soldier. But we were whirling around, back and forth, so that most of their blows hit me. They knocked me dizzy. I yelled as loud as I could to scare my enemy, but he would not let go.

"Finally I broke free. He drew his pistol. I wrenched it out of his hand and struck him with it three or four times on the head, knocked him over, shot him in the head and fired at his heart.

"I took his pistol and cartridge belt. That was a fight, a hard fight. But it was a glorious battle. I enjoyed it. At the time I stopped fighting, only 10 soldiers were on their feet. They were the last ones alive."

The article, the magazine said, was adapted from Vestal's forthcoming book, "Sitting Bull, Champion of the Sioux," to be published by the University of Oklahoma Press. A book of the same title by Vestal was published in 1932 by the Houghton-Mifflin Co.

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Rites Wednesday For Mrs. Darnall

Funeral services for Mrs. May Darnall, 74, of 3705 Cl... will be held 1 p.m. Wedne... Umberger's. The Rev. Walker of Raymond will ob...

Mrs. Darnall, a Lincoln...

died Sunday. She had lived all her life in Lancaster County, most of the time in the Malcolm vicinity.

Surviving are her husband, Charles L.; brothers, William J. Spath of Lincoln, Clarence Spath of Malcolm, Neb., Arthur of Nevada, Mo.; Mrs. Ben Farrar of Davey



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Cycle-Car Crash Injures Lincoln Police Officer

Motorcycle Officer Rick Lichty, 22, of 2817 So. 44... fered a bruised right knee motorcycle-car collision a... and Vine Sunday evening.

Lichty was treated at St. Beth Hospital.

Police said Lichty was west on Vine when his vehic... lided with a car driven by W. Lackey, 24, of 2538 Vine

Lackey told police he was... eling south on 25th and st... for a stop sign, did not se... motorcycle and started his... forward. The two vehicles col... at the intersection of 25th Vine.

Services Thursday For Oscar Boos

Graveside services for John Boos, 70, of Har...