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**WORK OF VANDALS** — Leonard Campbell, caretaker of the historic Cherokee Cemetery, looks over the senseless wreckage left by unwelcome guests over the weekend. Some of the older monuments in the cemetery that dates back to 1852 were shattered beyond

repair by the vandals, who pushed over some 60 markers. Some of the markers were undamaged by the fall and had only to be reset. Others can be repaired. But some of the older monuments, dating from the gold-rush days, were destroyed.



**FAMILY STUDY**—Mrs. Robert Behme of DeSabra is pictured recording historical facts from one of the ornate and antique headstones in the Cherokee Cemetery for presentation to the newly organized Paradise Genealogical Society. John Howard of Paradise is the new president of the group.

## Paradise Genealogical Society Formed

PARADISE (E-R) — Officers for the coming year were elected by the recently organized Paradise Genealogical Society, formed from scattered groups in the area interested in genealogy and heraldry of early settlers.

John Howard was named president; C. John Wood of Magalia, vice president; Mrs. Carl B. Merritt, secretary; and Mrs. Donald Bush, treasurer.

Staff committee chairmen include Mrs. Carl W. Pierce, editorial; Mrs. Lester E. Dartling, research; Mrs. Edwin C. Norton, library and Mrs. Chester J. Small, publicity.

The group meets every third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the World Book Reading Room on Pearson Road.

The organization will soon release the first issue of a quarterly publication. The first edition will contain records from

Oregon City Cemetery and isolated graves in the vicinity. Queries will be listed with answers and when Butte County has been covered, plans are to continue with publication of records of adjoining counties.

Officers issued a request to interested people who know of "lost cemeteries" such as family plots or isolated individual graves to contact Mrs. Dartling at 5748 Newland Road.

Representatives of the society receive frequent requests from people in the East and from foreign countries, asking for records of family members who "pioneered" west in the early days of California immigration and whose records are lost to them.

Persons interested in family record search are welcome to join the society.

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## Third Suspect Nabbed By Yankee Hill Man

For the second time in less than a week it was "Oliver Truex and his trusty .45" to the rescue.

Truex, who last Saturday nabbed a pair of Greenville residents — Ronald C. Edwards, 20, and a 15-year-old boy — in the act of allegedly burglarizing the home of a Yankee Hill area neighbor, apprehended another suspect last night.

Booked at Butte County Jail on a charge of investigation of burglary is Troy S. Rowe, 22, 1039 Nevada Ave., who was turned over to Butte County deputies after Truex said he caught him in the vicinity of the W.F. Stody home near Highway 70 in the vicinity of Yankee Hill. Truex told deputies that the burglar alarm he had installed in the Stody home was activated shortly after 9 p.m. yesterday and, accompanied by his son, Thomas, they went to the Stody dwelling.

A gate, always kept locked, Truex said, was open and as they approached Truex observed

a man running up a nearby hill.

Leaving Thomas Truex at the house, Oliver Truex went in pursuit of the fleeing man, captured him and returned to the house where he held Rowe at gunpoint until arrival of deputies.

Truex said the alarm could only be activated by a person entering the building. A window at the Stody home was discovered to have been pried open, police said, but nothing was missing from the home. The Stodys are retired and live in Whittier, Los Angeles County.

Deputies found a pistol and bullets in the suspect's vehicle, the report said.

The suspect told officers he was hunting in the area and had not burglarized or entered the structure.

Truex reset the alarm and went home — again.

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## Death Order For Horse

# *Humane Officer Faces Butte Charge*

OROVILLE — Mrs. Gene Hill of Oroville, humane officer for the North Valley Humane Society, has been charged in the Oroville Justice Court with unlawfully ordering a horse to be killed as it grazed in its pasture near Yankee Hill, Butte County.

The complaint was filed by Dist. Atty. Robert Eckhoff at the request of Wade C. Stanfield of Yankee Hill, owner of the animal.

He said Mrs. Hill ordered the horse, of Arabian and Morgan strain, to be destroyed last Oct. 6.

The Butte County sheriff's department reported that Mrs.

Hill had asked one of its officers to shoot the animal but the deputy refused. She then had another person do it.

Officers said Mrs. Hill told them a local veterinarian had recommended the horse be destroyed but the veterinarian, contacted yesterday, said he had never seen the horse and had made no such recommendation.

The horse was being cared for by another Oroville veterinarian for injuries suffered in a fall. Dr. Leslie W. Jones told investigators the horse was recovering satisfactorily and he had seen it three days before it was killed.