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Maidu paintings exhibited in Sacramento gallery

These two vital examples of Concow Maidu art are by Frank Day, 74, one of the last, if not the last, artists of the valley-dwelling branch of Maidu Indians. Day's paintings were exhibited recently at the E.D. Crocker Art Gallery in Sacramento.

For the first 20 years of his life, Day lived in settlements in Feather River country. As a young boy he met Ishi, the Yahi Indian whose life as the last Stone Age man in America was preserved in the book by Theodora Kroeber. Many years

later Frank Day did a painting about that meeting.

The paintings provide insight into the life and perceptions of the tribe in images that are far from simplistic.

In conjunction with the show, "Concow" a film by Professor Don Jewell of American River College, was shown on Jan. 24. The filmmaker follows a Concow as he walks through the land of the Maidus, identifying the plants and trees that provided his tribe with food, implements and shelter.



MAIDU ART—"Fish Dancer" by Frank Day is an oil painting recently exhibited by the E.B. Crocker Art Gallery. A Maidu Indian dances in celebration of having caught a nine-foot Golden Feather sturgeon in the Feather River in about 1850. A fish of this size was a rarity after gold mining operations destroyed the river beds.

Note: only the above art was published in the Feather River Bulletin.



INSPECTS HUMAN BONES—Sgt. John Sanders of the Chester sheriff's substation inspects human skeletal remains recently unearthed at Lake Almanor. Thought to be pre-historic Indian remains, the bones were the latest in a series of such findings that have closely followed the continued lowering of the lake's water level.

More human bones found at Almanor

Another human skeleton was recently found on the shores of receding Lake Almanor, it was reported this week.

According to Chester Sheriff's reports, the bones were found by Clifford R. Baxter a Lake Almanor and were partially buried under 18 inches of gravel.

Sgt. John Sanders, of the Chester sheriff's substation, said

that the bones "appear to be old, probably another Indian finding."

As the waters of Lake Almanor continue to recede, this was the third finding in recent months of human skeletal remains on the shoreline. As in the other two findings, the remains were located on P.G.&E. property.

According to Sanders, the sheriff's office will continue to investigate the find and P.G.&E. will bring in an archeological expert to examine the remains.

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Veteran Ranchers **Cattlemen Honor Katherine Campbell, Roy Carmichael**

Katherine Campbell of Chico and Roy Carmichael of Vina were honored when members of the Butte County Cattlemen's Association gathered recently at Table Mountain Ranch north of Oroville for their annual barbecue.

Mrs. Campbell, who has been the secretary-treasurer of the cattlemen's organization for 24 years, was presented with a hand-tooled purse by Warren Moffitt of Biggs, past president of the association.

Moffitt praised Mrs. Camp-

bell for the outstanding job she has done through the years.

Carmichael, who was celebrating his 80th birthday, was presented with decorated birthday cake by Elwin Roney of Chico, a director of the California Cattlemen's Association.

Mrs. Campbell, who was seriously injured in a traffic accident on Oct. 30, 1975, is now able to make visits to her ranch at Table Mountain. Both of her legs were badly fractured in the auto mishap.

Mrs. Campbell, in discussing the many years she has served as secretary-treasurer of the Cattlemen's Association said, "I guess the reason I've been able to get along so well with those cattlemen is that I'm a quiet person and don't talk too much."

She admits that she is happiest when she is working at her cattle ranch over at Table Mountain.

She runs a 200 cow beef herd on her 400 acre ranch.

"We still drive our cattle up Highway 70 to our summer range," she said.

Her home ranch located at Oregon Gulch, was purchased by the state when Oroville dam was built.

The cattle brand used by Mrs. Campbell is one of the oldest in the state. It was first registered by her father, the late George F. Duesing.

Mrs. Campbell says one of her sons, John, may build a home on the home ranch.

"If he does I'll sell my home in Chico and move to the ranch," she stated.

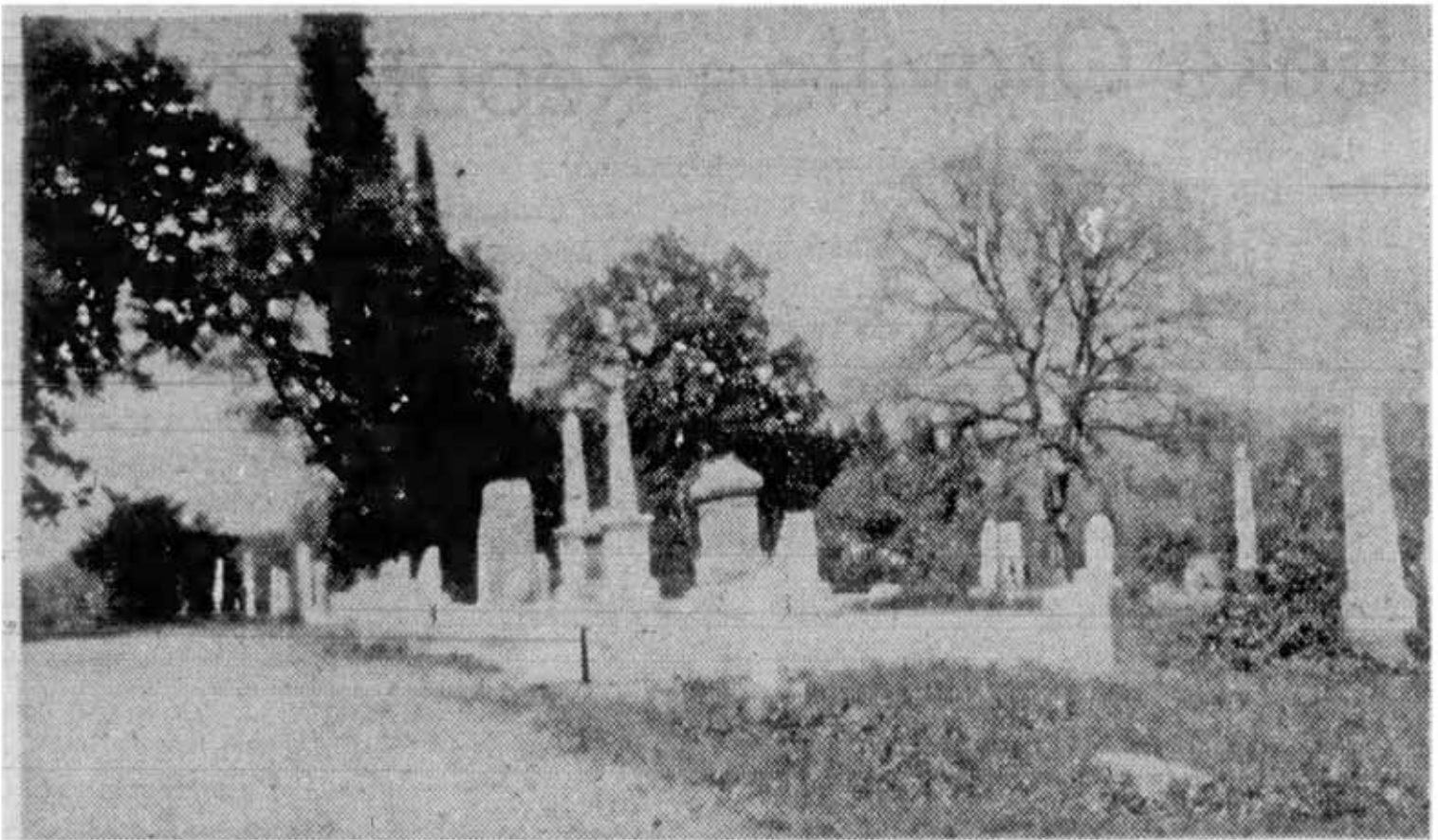
Mrs. Campbell's other son, Carroll, is the director of public works in Mendocino County.



HONORED — Katherine Campbell of Chico, who has been the secretary-treasurer of the Butte County Cattlemen's Association for 25 years, was honored during a recent barbecue at Table Mountain Ranch. Mrs. Campbell was presented with a hand tooled leather purse. (Enterprise-Record Photo by Farm Editor Harold Westlund)

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CHEROKEE CEMETERY — There are many early day cemeteries tucked in among the mountains of the Sierra east of Oroville, and one of the more interesting and more accessible is the one at Cherokee. Some of the headstones display lavish carvings and heavy-hearted rhyme. The first interments at the cemetery were made in 1850, according to dates on headstones. The cemetery is reached by a good, but sometimes narrow and “curvy” road, and is only 11 miles from the Upper (Bridge St.) bridge. A mile after you cross this bridge turn right on Cherokee Road. Another mile brings you to the Thompson Flat cemetery, another remnant of the long-ago, a hundred yards or so off Cherokee. When you return to Cherokee Road, stay on it till you reach the Cherokee Cemetery.

(Photo courtesy of Harriet Helman Gray)

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County Library begins free film series tonight

The new Free Film Series at the Plumas County Library begins tonight (Thurs.) with a showing of two films, "American Time Capsule" and "Black History: Lost, Stolen, or Strayed."

These films inaugurate the weekly film programs that will continue at the Library through spring 1977.

Some programs for future weeks include "Bryan Beavers," about a Maidu Indian who lived in Plumas County, "Adventures in Perception," an examination of M.C. Escher's work, "The Mystery of Stonehenge," and "A Child's Christmas in Wales."

Each week's program will be shown on Thurs. evening at 7:30 p.m. and repeated the following Wed. at noon in the Library's

community room.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

