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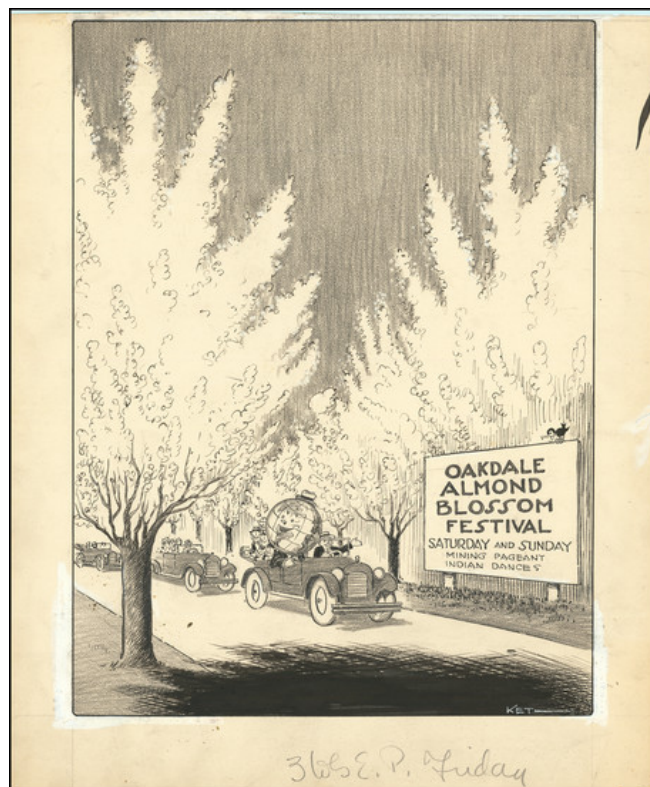
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**[Oakdale Almond Blossom Festival]**

**Stock#:** 78465  
**Map Maker:** Kettlewell  
  
**Date:** 1930 circa  
**Place:** Oakland  
**Color:** Pen & Ink  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 12 x 16 inches  
  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

***Original Pen and Ink Cartoons on Artist's Board***

Great interwar-period California cartoon by the noted Bay Area illustrator Frank Kettlewell. The map shows the world-over (quite literally) heading to the now-defunct Oakdale Almond Blossom Festival.

This cartoon, as with many of Kettlewell's (or Ket as he signed his cartoons), shows a California just coming into its own and keen to assert itself on the national stage. Many of the cartoons deal with issues such as the perfect weather in California or its laid-back lifestyle (while still prosperous). This cartoon touches on both themes: trees are shown in full bloom at a time when most of the rest of the country is still covered in snow and the cartoon shows (with little subtlety) the crowds of well-dressed but genial (and not very ethnically diverse) Americans trampling towards mining pageants and Indian dances.

The Oakdale Almond Blossom Festival started in 1926 and lasted into the early postwar years, occurring in early March. The Oakdale Festival had all the hallmarks of a traditional American fair, with the coronation of a king and queen, dances, and a spring pageant. Today, this has been replaced by the Modesto Almond

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Blossom Festival just down the valley.

**Detailed Condition:**

Manuscript notations from creator or editor in pencil along bottom.