

BOOKS

Music From China Is No Solo

HYMN TO WRECKAGE by Robert McKinney. Henry Holt & Company. \$2.50.

Robert McKinney was born in Shattuck, Oklahoma. He was graduated from the University in 1932, with a B.A. degree. While in school, he was editor of the *Whirlwind*, predecessor to the *Covered Wagon*, and a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. In March, 1942, Mr. McKinney was commissioned in the U. S. Naval Reserve and served in the Navy throughout the war. He is now a director of three large companies.

Hymn to Wreckage is Mr. McKinney's first book of poetry. It is dedicated "to Change." The title is a very apt one. The story is about a Chinese man whose town and country are wrecked by the Japanese, but who is happy because he feels that out of the old shambles of China will arise a new world.

The anthology opens with a list of characters—Chia Shih, a young dilettante from a country town; Chao Fei-Yen, a courtesan; Kyoko, a Japanese general; Ta-Ke, an old revolutionist, turned agent-provocateur; Hermit, a Taoist priest; and Ch'I-Ling, a unicorn.

The story is told in dialogue form, mostly by Chia Shih. He leaves his home for the safety that lies across the Yellow Sea. His family were porcelain makers and he took with him a beautiful porcelain flute. It is with this flute that he makes his living. Chao Fei-Yen tries to seduce him but is unsuccessful. Both the flute and Chao-Fei-Yen are destroyed, presumably in an air raid, and Chia Shih joins a group of anti-Japanese. Ta-Ke, their leader, betrays them to the Japanese for a supply of cocaine. The shelter in which they are holding a meeting is blown up, but Chia Shih escapes and returns to his home village.

He finds it burned and abandoned, then begins his hymn to wreckage, glorying in the destruction of the old and hoping for the resurrection of a new China.

McKinney's literary expressions are beautiful. One particularly picturesque line was, "It is morning with shadows as long as if night in just leaving had got itself caught in the reeds." *Thelley's Gill Hess*, '47bus.

A Book for Horsemen

THE HORSE OF THE AMERICAS

by Robert Moorman Denhardt
The University of Oklahoma Press. \$5.

Bob Denhardt's profession for a good many years has been horses—particularly Western horses. He is one of the founders of the American Quarter Horse Association and has been influential in arousing interest in this horse not only throughout the Southwest but in other parts of the country as well through his articles in *The Cattleman* and other journals. It is no surprise, therefore, to find that he has written the story of the Western horse from the time that Columbus "first planted Spain's seed stock in the West Indies to the Palominos so conspicuous in the Hollywood parade," as J. Frank Dobie says in a pithy foreword to the book.

The Horse of the Americas gives the first complete account of the horse developed from Spanish bloodlines in the Western Hemisphere. Bob Denhardt the historian tells of its Moorish origins, its arrival and spread in both North and South America. Spanish horses, Spanish cattle, Spanish ranching on the open range, and cowboys all have their place

in the story. Bob Denhardt the horseman discusses the various modern types—the Mustang, Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Palomino, and the rest. He distinguishes between breed and color, and in the language of the layman traces the development of the Western saddle, the spread of the Spanish horse into Texas and the rest of the Great Plains region, and compares breeds for usage.

With equal ease he recounts the less-known story of the South American *Criollo* and his prototypes throughout that continent, explaining the careful breeding that is being done in South America to preserve and develop the horse of Spanish bloodlines—thus a blood cousin to our own Western stock horse. Denhardt spent several recent years in Argentina, Uruguay, and Southern Brazil, where he inspected the famous Solanet ranch, among others, and had as his friend Aime Tschiffely, of the famous ride from Buenos Aires to Washington. One illustration, indeed, shows the two, with Mancha and Gato, the horses Tschiffely rode, both now over thirty years old but still very much alive and on their feet. Thus, through this book, we learn what Denhardt saw and found out about the horses of our southern neighbors.

This story of the Western horse is fascinating. It is used not for fancy, play, hobby, or mere whim by the man on the range, but is a basic and important part in the economy of the range-cattle industry. No other breed can make that claim.

Especially interesting to horse-lovers will be the sections of the book devoted to the evolution of the Western saddle, brands, beginnings of the modern rodeo, the infusion of Eastern blood, and the American Quarter Running Horse. In this last part, four great sires—Chicaro, Faustus, My Texas Dandy, and Peter McCue—and their families are discussed in detail.

Handsomely packaged, *The Horse of the Americas* is illustrated with many excellent photographs of North and South American horses and interesting historical prints. It is well worth the horseman's attention.

Roll Call

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold established a home in Norman where he is attending the University.

MARSHALL-WILLIAMS: September 6 in the Wesley Methodist Church Geraldine Barbara Marshall, '44-'47, Oklahoma City, became the bride of Ensign Peyton M. Williams, Sanford, Florida. Mrs. Williams is a member of Psi Chi and was house manager of her sorority, Chi Omega. Ensign

Williams is stationed with the Navy at Norfolk, Virginia, where the couple is at home.

LEDBETTER-GARDNER: The marriage of Marcheta Frances Ledbetter, Oklahoma City, to Paul Richard Gardner, '46-'47, Joplin, Missouri, was solemnized August 30 in Norman. The couple has established a home in Norman where Mr. Gardner is attending O. U.

NORTHUM-LYYTINEN: On September 2 Barbara Hester Northum, Oklahoma City, became the bride of Russell M. Lyytinen, '46-'47, Nowata. Mr. Lyytinen is a senior in the College of Business Administration.

KENNEDY-WILCOX: Marjorie Helen Kennedy, '46-'47, was married August 14 to Charles Thomas Wilcox, both of Pawhuska. Mrs. Wilcox was affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

TEAPE-KAHANEK: Nuptial vows for the wedding of Mary Pat Teape and Cyé Al Kahanek, '46-'47, both of Prague, were read August 21 in the Prague First Methodist Church. Following a wedding trip through the south Mr. and Mrs. Kahanek returned to Norman where he is continuing his studies at the University.

HARGROVE-LIEBEL: Virginia Mae Hargrove, Oklahoma City, and Walter Edward Liebel, Jr., '47, Pensacola, Florida, were married September 19 in the Westminister Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Liebel are at home in Oklahoma City while Mr. Liebel is attending the University as a pre-law student.

HAMMONS-BRATTELI: On September 14, Lee Ann Hammons, '47bus, Wewoka, became the bride of Hal Bratteli, Grygla, Minnesota. Mrs. Bratteli is a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. The couple has established a home in Minneapolis

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where Mr. Bratteli is a senior at the University of Minnesota.

CLAY-CUNNINGHAM: Betsy Ross Clay, '46-'47, and Earl F. Cunningham, Jr., both of Oklahoma City, were married recently. The couple has established a home in Norman, where Mr. Cunningham is attending the University. Mrs. Cunningham is a member of Delta Gamma Sorority and he is a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

DURHAM-CUNNINGHAM: Betty Louis Durham, Welch, became the bride of Donald Wesley Cunningham, '46-'47, Oklahoma City, July 19 in Welch. The couple is at home in Oklahoma City while Mr. Cunningham is attending the University.

ANDREWS-DIX: The marriage of Erma Lee Andrews to Tom Dix, '46-'47, both of Oklahoma City, was an event in the First Baptist Church at DeQueen, Arkansas, recently. Mr. Dix is now attending Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater.

MALLORY-FAULKENBERRY: Robert L. Faulkenberry, Jr., '46-'47, and Mrs. Faulkenberry, the former Betty Mallory, have established a home in Oklahoma City following their wedding August 29. Mr. Faulkenberry is now attending the University.

FULTON-STANFORD: Jacqueline Jane Fulton, '46-'47, became the bride of Jack Lyndon Stanford, '43, '46-'47, both of Oklahoma City, in a ceremony read September 7 in the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Stanford is a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Mr. Stanford is affiliated with Kappa Alpha Fraternity. They have established a home in Norman where Mr. Stanford is majoring in geology and Mrs. Stanford is a student in the College of Business Administration.

GALL-CAYWOOD: Mary Alice Gall, '45-'47, Oklahoma City, and Robert Monroe Caywood, '46eng, were married recently in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Caywood was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and Alpha Lambda Delta, national honorary scholarship society for freshman women.

CARRICKER-HALL: Now at home in Oklahoma City are Earl Wayne Hall, '47, and Mrs. Hall, the former Dorothy Jane Carricker, Concord, North Carolina. Their marriage took place August 30 in Concord. Mr. Hall is a student at the University.

BELL-HOLMES: Betty Jean Bell, Oklahoma City, and Howard Wynn Holmes, '46-'47, also of Oklahoma City, were married recently in the Wesley Methodist Church.

Richard G. Askew, '47eng, Hammond, Indiana, is employed by the Catalyst Research section of the Research and Development Department of Sinclair Refining Company in East Chicago, Indiana.

Don Simecheck, '47eng, Lake Jackson, Texas, and Mrs. Simecheck (Marjorie Maines, '46ed,) have selected the name of Craig M. for their son born July 24.

ALAIR-CHRISTMAN: Jo Rea Alair, '46-'47, and Warren F. Christman, '46-'47, both of Lawton, were married recently in the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Christman are at home in Norman where Mr. Christman is attending the University School of Law.

MARCHANT-RUTLAND: Peggy Ruth Marchant, '47ba, Evansville, Indiana, became the bride of Robert Allen Rutland, '47ba, Tulsa, in a ceremony solemnized in the home of the bride's grandmother in Oklahoma City. At the University Mrs. Rutland was associated with Delta Gamma Sorority, which she served as rush chairman and corresponding secretary; Mortar Board, national senior honorary society for women, of which she was elected corresponding secretary, and Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary and professional journalistic fraternity for women. Mrs. Rutland was editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* and received the gold Letzeiser award for campus leadership. Mr. Rutland, a veteran of three and one-half years of Army service, received his release with the rank of first lieutenant. He is employed by the United Press in Oklahoma City. Mr. Rutland's fraternity affiliation is Kappa Sigma. The couple is at home in Oklahoma City.

CAFFEY-McGREGOR: In the home of her parents Dorothy Lee Caffey, Mangum, became the bride of Frank Harrison McGregor, '47bs, also of Mangum. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor are at home in Oklahoma City where Mr. McGregor is a sophomore in the University School of Medicine.

SELLERS-BEAVERS: Carolyn Sue Sellers, Norman, became the bride of Richard Michael Beavers, '46-'47, Oklahoma City, in a ceremony performed August 29 in Norman. Mr. Beavers is now a pre-law student at the University. Mr. and Mrs. Beavers are at home in Norman.

Leonard Logan, '47fa, and Mrs. Logan, the former Julia Ann Colver, '47ed, Norman, announce the birth of a daughter September 15 in St. Anthony's Hospital, Oklahoma City.

JOHNSON-EDWARDS: Nuptial vows were read August 30 in the Amarillo First Presbyterian Church for Elaine Johnson, '47ba, and Carl Eugene Edwards, '47ba, Oklahoma City. Mrs. Edwards also attended Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority at the University. Mr. Edwards, who is a student in the School of Law, is affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. They are at home in Norman.

BETTS-PUTNAM: The marriage of Jerenne Betts, '46-'47, to Jack Putnam, both of Shawnee, was solemnized recently in the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Putnam also attended Oklahoma Baptist University and was a student of business administration at the University.

McCULLOCH-POTTS: Norma Sue McCulloch

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On hand to meet the president of O. U., Dr. George L. Cross, were the three officers of the Topeka (Kansas) University of Oklahoma Alumni Club which met for dinner October 22 in the Kansan Hotel. At the left is Ernest Shiner, '26ed, '28ms, president of the club; Mrs. Thomas Miller (Helen Hadley, '38 ba), secretary; Dr. Cross, and at right, T. Hall Collinson, '35ba, '37law, vice-president. The Topeka alumni were addressed by Dr. Cross before movies of the O. U.-Kansas game were shown by George Sauer, K. U. coach

and Chester Arthur Potts, Jr., '47bus, both of Okmulgee, were married August 27 in the First Methodist church of Okmulgee. At the University Mr. Potts was affiliated with Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Shirley Clark Love, '47ba, Oklahoma City, was employed September 1 as a clerk-typist at the Central Oklahoma State Hospital, Norman. Mrs. Love is a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and Pi Gamma Mu, national honorary social science fraternity.

Frank O. Reudechuber, '47eng, Oklahoma City, began working September 15 as reservoir engineer with the Atlantic Refining Company in Dallas, Texas. At the University Mr. Reudechuber was a

member of Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Chi Sigma, Sigma Tau, and Tau Beta Pi.

STRINGER-GRISSOM: Anna Louise Stringer, '46-'47, and John William Grissom, '46-'47, both of Ardmore, were married August 29 in the Ardmore First Methodist Church. At the University Mrs. Grissom is a member of El Modjii and Gamma Alpha Chi. She attended Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, for two years. The couple is at home in Norman.

SUTTON-DUNCAN: The marriage of Jeanne Sutton, '46-'47, and John H. Duncan, Jr., '46-'47, both of Woodward, was an event of August 17 in Woodward. Mrs. Duncan is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. Mr. Duncan is now a law student at the University. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are at home in Norman where they are continuing their studies at the University.

Lt. Don Canfield, '47eng, Oklahoma City, has completed a two-week training period at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. He has enrolled in the University to do graduate work.

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