

nia. After a wedding trip to Honolulu, the couple is now at home in Oklahoma City.

HOFFMAN-LOWREY: Miss Virginia Joy Hoffman, Woodward, became the bride of Harold George Lowrey, '51ba, '53m.ed, Woodward, on August 23 in the First Methodist Church, Woodward. The couple has established a home in Norman where both are continuing their studies at the University. Woodward is affiliated with Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Kappa Sigma.

James A. Dyal, '51ba, and Mrs. Dyal, the former Earlene Russell, '52bus, have moved from Henryetta to Savoy, Illinois. Dyal is now a graduate student in the psychology department at the University of Illinois, Urbana. He was given a Ford Foundation Fellowship after he was discharged from the U. S. Air Force in July.

Mrs. William Allen Crane (Nita Christine Anderson, '51fa) is now making her home in Oklahoma City, where her husband is a writer at WKY-TV.

Gailen M. Cannon, '51Law, and Mrs. Marcia Cralle Cannon, '46ba, have chosen the name Gailen Brooks Cannon for their son born July 14. The Cannons live in Oklahoma City.

Dean Paul Hatfield, '51Law, and Mrs. Hatfield, Tallahassee, Florida, have chosen the name Dean Paul Hatfield, II, for their son born May 20.

Bill M. Baird, '50geol, and Mrs. Baird, the former Eileen Wegener, '44h.ec, are now living in Salem, Illinois, where Baird is self-employed as a consulting geologist. The Bairds have a daughter, Peggy Diane, who was a year old in August.

Milford DeBolt, '51, and Mrs. DeBolt, Oklahoma City, have chosen the name Alan Mark DeBolt for their son born May 25.

RICE-RUTLEDGE: Miss Charlotte Louise Rice, '52journ, Chickasha, became the bride of John Edward Rutledge, '51eng, Oklahoma City, on August 15 in the Epworth Methodist Church, Chickasha. Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge are now at home in Oklahoma City.

BONHAM-PALMER: Miss Betty Bonham, Oklahoma City, became the bride of George O. Palmer, '51eng, Tishomingo, on June 21 in the Keota Methodist Church, Oklahoma City. The couple is now at home in Oklahoma City where Palmer is an engineer at the Tinker Air Force Base.

'52 Louie P. Chrisman, '52ms, and Mrs. Chrisman, Mt. View, California, have chosen the name Mark Alan Chrisman for their son born August 13. Chrisman is now serving as an ensign in the U. S. Navy with fighter squadron 152 as an electronics officer.

J. C. Hallford, '52med, has recently taken over the practice of the late Harry B. Hall, M. D., of Boise City.

William Howard Smith, Jr., '52bus, Purcell, is now a lieutenant in the Air Force and is stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base in California.

Lt. Lawrence McAlister, '52eng, South Bend, Indiana, has recently completed studies at the Ordnance Guided Missile School located at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. McAlister, who studied missile systems and upkeep as well as transportation problems, is now stationed at White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico.

Lt. William D. Anderson, Jr., Altus and Clinton, has arrived on Okinawa for duty with the Ryukyus Command's 29th Regimental Combat Team. Anderson, who was previously stationed in Korea with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, is a holder of the Purple Heart and Commendation Ribbon.

Jim J. Nickell, '52pharm, and Mrs. Nickell, Guthrie, has recently announced the birth of a son on September 16.

Arthur J. Swanson, '52bus, and Mrs. Swanson, Oklahoma City, have chosen the name Michael

O.U. and the Orient

The author took several O.U. students on a trip to the Orient during the summer. Alumni helped make it possible, he says.

By **PERCY BUCHANAN**
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"Oklahoma" and "Asia" should go together like tart lemon and sweet milk. At least that's the usual approach. Actually, because of the 45th Division and the numerous Sooner alumni now resident in the Far East, there is no more strangeness in using the two expressions in one sentence. Thousands of Sooners have been there—and scores are there now.

These alumni have contributed worthily to the development of the programs of the Institute of Asiatic Affairs at the University of Oklahoma.

The first project involved the building of a reservoir of literature and artifacts at Norman that could subsequently be used on research projects.

Toward this project Sooners throughout Asia sent material from Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaya, China, and India. Guy P. Webb, '24ba, alone sent over one hundred books on Japanese culture. Jack L. Manning, '30ba, sent and is continuing to send the Philippine daily newspaper *Manila Bulletin*. Others have contributed to the Institute of Asiatic Affairs' weekly broadcast, *Orient in the News*.

The Institute's program of 1953 involved a trip by University of Oklahoma students to Asia. The only way to activate this project on the limited budget available was by calling on O.U. alumni now located in the Far East, and through a generous contribution on the part of H. C. Price, Sr., of Bartlesville.

The three-month, 25,000 mile trip was an adventure in understanding. Feeling that Americans in Asia, whether tourists, business men, or governmental officials, did not always represent the American spirit, nor could they rightly interpret the rhythm of native life to us, we determined to go to these lands, live in the homes of the nationals, and work as they worked without contact with the Western world.

Contacting O.U. graduates in Asia long before starting on our voyage, we asked them to make all necessary arrangements for our stays in the various countries visited.

The alumni responded nobly. In Japan it was Gary Sibeck, '51ba, who

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DR. PERCY BUCHANAN and one of the students who toured Asia with him during the past summer, Carolyn Weckel, '53journ, Wichita, Kansas, had lunch with Ramon Magsaysay, leading candidate for Philippine president, and two political leaders of the Asian Republic.

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escorted us to points of interest and fed us Japanese food during our half-day stay there.

In the Philippines Ed Wickburg, '49ba, '50ma, meeting us at the boat, had made all the arrangements for us to live in various Filipino homes in different provinces on the island of Luzon.

In Thailand through the efforts of Jerry James, '49ba, we were able to feel the pulse of Siamese life in a way impossible to tourists.

More use was not made of O.U. graduates, not because of lack of opportunity or alumni willingness to serve, but simply

because we ran out of time. They were there. They wanted to help. But the time element intervened and we were forced to return to the States.

The project was a success. Again and again it will be carried out in the years to come with fifteen or twenty going annually to Southeast Asia, to Japan-China-Korea, to Burma-India-Pakistan, and to the Near East. The impact of mutual understanding—over a period of fifty to a hundred years—must inevitably weld our world into greater harmony. And this objective can only be reached by this same co-operation and help on the part of O.U. alumni.

Writing of the trip, one student expressed himself thusly:

"Speaking for myself, I can truthfully say that I learned more in the two months spent in Asia than I have learned in two years of college life, not just facts and figures about the world I live in and the peoples who inhabit it, but also in that the trip proved conclusively to me that the abolition of war through understanding and free economic and social intercourse among nations is an absolute necessity. I have also come to believe that the future of the United States, both politically and economically, lies with the nations of Asia, and not Europe.

"During the summer, I made the acquaintance of many very kindly and friend-

ly people, whose association I will cherish forever. The trip was one of the outstanding events of my life, and I earnestly hope that it will be continued in summers to come, and ultimately expanded so that someday all persons whose interest lies in the field of social science will have the opportunity to take it."

Without the support of the alumni the Institute of Asiatic Affairs would not be what it is today, nor could the Institute have undertaken such a far-flung project as the Asian tour of 1953.

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