

Former Residents Visit Here; Return Soon to Far East

By ALICE E. MORGAN

The "hot spots" of the Far East have been "home" to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Steelman since leaving Birmingham three years ago. The Philippines, Indonesia, Indo-China, Malaya, Hong Kong, Singapore, Sarawak, North Borneo, Thailand (Siam), Taiwan (Formosa) and Burma, have been their stopping places.

The couple left Birmingham in 1953 when Steelman became a special representative for the Federal Laboratories division of American Cyanamid.

Traveling mainly by air from country to country, he has helped spread the knowledge of the new wonder drugs, principally aureomycin and achromycin throughout those countries.

Both are constantly surprised at the medical progress which is being made there and the eagerness with which modern medical trends are accepted and further knowledge on them sought.

"We saw hospitals," Mrs. Steelman, a former Birmingham League of Women Voters member, said, "where native doctors and nurses were performing seemingly impossible tasks."

THE INDONESIANS, she pointed out, have 1,100 doctors and 70 registered pharmacists to serve 80 million people.

The Steelmans were most impressed by the work being done in mental hospitals. Patients, they said, were better cared for and far happier than in similar institutions they have seen outside the Far East. But here again, the number of patients exceeds doctors and attendants by the thousands.

Speaking again of his company, Steelman said Lederle was being most cautious and particular about its distributors.

"We screen distribution facilities carefully," he said, "in our efforts to keep our product out of the hands of communist groups. They want to buy heavily in order to stockpile the drugs. So far we have been fortunate in getting distributors who would not deal with them, and the miracle of these new findings in healing are very scarce in communist sections."

THROUGHOUT the area the

Elected to College Board


Mrs. Virginia Yntema, graduate of Artichoke college in 1928, was elected to the executive committee of the board of trustees of her alma mater. She has been a member of the board for the past two years.

Mrs. Yntema participated with other members of the board this month in the selection of a new president for the 100 year old college. Samuel H. Gould, former assistant to the president at Boston University. More recently, Gould has been engaged as a consultant in an appraisal of grants made by the Ford Foundation.

Mrs. Yntema, whose home is in Bloomfield Hills, served on the nominating committee which presented Gould's name to the board of trustees. She is the wife of Theodore Yntema, vice president of Ford Motor company.

Guests from Ohio

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THIS ATTENTION to detail and craftsmanship is carried out in the several woodcarvings and plate work which the Steelmans brought back to Birmingham. "We are sorry, of course, to leave friends here, but at the same time we are eager to get back to the friends we have made there," a strand of hair is carried out as they commented.

"The industry of these people is outstanding, too. The work they do, oftentimes crudely by our standards, is wonderful. They are artists, taking a tremendous pride in the quality of their work. Mass production does not influence them."

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Invocation was given by Mrs. Dee Dietzler and the business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Hope Scott, president.

Plans were made to attend the state convention at Muskegon on May 21-23. Assisting Mrs. Dietzler, chairman of National Secretaries Week, May 22-29, will be Mrs. Warren Trevethan, Mrs. Mary Masurek, Mrs. John Duncan, Edythe Perry and Mrs. Charles Ronwick.

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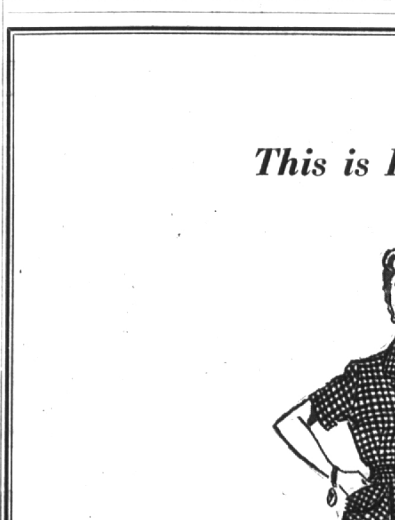
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