

Record of meetings

of  
The Pen Club. 1934-1935

- I. Monday, Oct 15. at Scott house  
Sarah MacNeal + Harold Scott.  
William Baxter  
James French  
Eveline Scott

Decided on subject for writing—

Stairs or Steps.

- II. Saturday, Oct 24. at MacNeal <sup>house</sup>  
Sarah MacNeal later  
Charles MacNeal Harold Scott  
William Baxter  
James French  
Eveline Scott

Sarah MacNeal read a Poem entitled Back at Ernestadt. very good - the scales were stairs or melody.

James French read an informal essay on Stairs in Houses.

Eveline Scott read a short story entitled The Arab on the Stair.

William Baxter read a Dialogue of college people going down

steps from a College Hall  
Decided that next meeting  
subject should be free.

III Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> in Baxter  
apartment.

4 present.

S. W. nothing to present.

Trosch - a poem in free verse  
entitled Motalgia.

E.T.S. read an informal  
essay called On Being a  
Propagandist.

W.B. read three short sketches  
① Faust & Thespis ② Jack  
to Ajaccio ③ a piece without  
a title about a strangely  
articulated Polish writer on  
an Atlantic liner.

Decided that next meeting the  
subject should include the  
word: Night or a Time of Day.

IV Friday November 23<sup>rd</sup> in our  
house. Trosch S. MacNeal  
5 present. Baxter Eddie Scott  
W. B. read a very good study  
of character (a show-girl  
revealed by her own talk -

our soliloquies) half done.  
Also read an excellent sketch  
entitled Landscape with Figures  
about a hot afternoon in  
Ravello.

Sarah M. read an informal  
essay called Two Poets - a  
comparison of Keats & Robert  
 frost. (a time or Day)

Trosch read a very amusing  
sketch (half done) called  
Evening in the Common Room.

E.T.S. Read a sonnet called  
Cambridge at Night.

W.B. read an account of  
a war experience - the loss  
because of a battery from one  
point to another called A Night  
in August - 1918.

V <sup>our next subj. to be autobiographical</sup> Friday December 14 at the Mac  
Neals. 4 pres.

W. B. read part of his book -  
East of the Line.

Trosch had no contribution  
having been much occupied with  
rehearsals to the play Buckley  
Square.

E.T.S. read School Days in  
Sudan - a fragment of auto-  
biography.

Sarah M. read a sketch (autobiographical) entitled Alpine Adventure. (no place for next time)

VI. Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at Bill's  
4 hrs. present. Frosch's last  
meeting, as he soon leaves for  
Athens.

Frosch - nothing to present.

Sarah M. two poems (12 lines  
each) entitled Pencloves -  
undivided. The poem. Telechacken  
Bill - a poem à la New Jersey -  
no meter or beat - but only  
rhymes - a copy of N. Y. Times  
described.

E. F. S. read a sketch called  
Samuel Dutson (in the manner  
of H. Nickerson's Some People)  
a poem The Moon of Paragon  
3 verses - four lines each. also,  
New Year's Eve - 1918 written in  
previous meeting but read at  
this one.

Bill read more from East of  
the line

Next time something containing  
in its title - A letter - or letters

(2.)

VII. Wednesday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at our house. Present: Bill Baxter, Sarah MacNeal, Eveline Scott, Cedric Seager & Mr. Haugley.  
 Cedric takes Drosch's place & he asked if we might bring him. Haugley (a newspaper correspondent) to just this one meeting.  
 Sarah M. read an Essay called Fujiyama — concerning progressive education — an incident at the Beaver Country Day School.

Bill read a Story, with a setting in the Tyrol — having just come himself from winter sports in Switzerland. No title.

Cedric read a most essay on Speed & Religion — an incident of yesterday's untidiness.

Eveline read a short informal essay called Letters.

Mr. Haugley read a long story with a South Macedonian setting — rather "old hat":  
 24 typescripted pages!

VIII: Wednesday Mar 20. at the  
MacNeals  
Cedric absent  
Mr. Haugley sleep-mirted.

Mr. Haugley read a paper called  
Iceland - a Danish Chop House  
(a sketch description)

Sarah M. read 2 reviews: In  
The Bodleian & The Spectator  
- both written 3 years ago.

E.T. S. read 2 papers written  
some years ago - An informal  
essay called The Book of the  
Time of the Place and a sketch  
called A Near Eastern Idyll  
in a New England Village.

Bill had nothing to present.

No subject for next time.

IX: Friday March 8. at Bill's -

E.T. S. read a short sketch entitled  
Bosphorus Vignette.

S. MacNeal read 4 letters de-  
scribing the same event by the  
same person to four different  
people called Sunday Letters.

Cedric read a sea speech -  
a Black Sea experience of his

own.

Bill read four love sonnets.  
Mr. Haugley (was. for the 3rd time)  
read a long fantastical story,  
culled from his recent reading  
of Norway & the travels of  
Dallam.

Mr. Huntington on his way to peace  
from Russia came in to coffee-  
shop 14 L.S.

Next time subject: The Return.  
or The Return of the Native.  
meeting to be at Cedric's -

X: Friday March 22. at Cedric's  
Haugley was not there - Sarah  
was ill - (still now) She sent  
however detailed criticisms  
of our last efforts. There were  
read & appreciated.

Cedric read a sketch called  
The Return of the Native describing  
the return of a Syrian boy to his  
old behavior home after years in  
America.

Bill read a sketch about an  
old bear, masquerading as young  
but who <sup>was</sup> just celebrating his  
45<sup>th</sup> birthday. Might be called  
Many Happy Returns.

E.T.S. read a sonnet entitled  
Returns to Egypt.

XI. Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> at Sarahis-  
only Bill, Sarah & I present.

Sarah read part of a short story  
concerning a school girl learning  
music.

Bill read a clever Dialogue  
(Husband & wife at breakfast)

E.T.S. read a short book review  
of the Shipwrecks by George  
Blake.

XII. Friday May 3 at Sarahis.

Cedric, Bill, Sarah & I present.  
Macbeth in halfway through.

Cedric had re-written his 15  
merent and read a very interest-  
ing story of an adventure  
on the Great Wall of China.

Happened to himself

Sarah read a poem unknown.

Bill read three sonnets  
Very good.

E.T.S. had nothing to present  
(for the first time)

X. March 22.

Return to Lynde - account

XI. April 12.

Review. The Sunshine Years by George Clark.

XII. May 3.

Nothing.

XIII. May 18.

Thoughts on an English River Jubilee

E.S.S.

Pen Club.

Readings

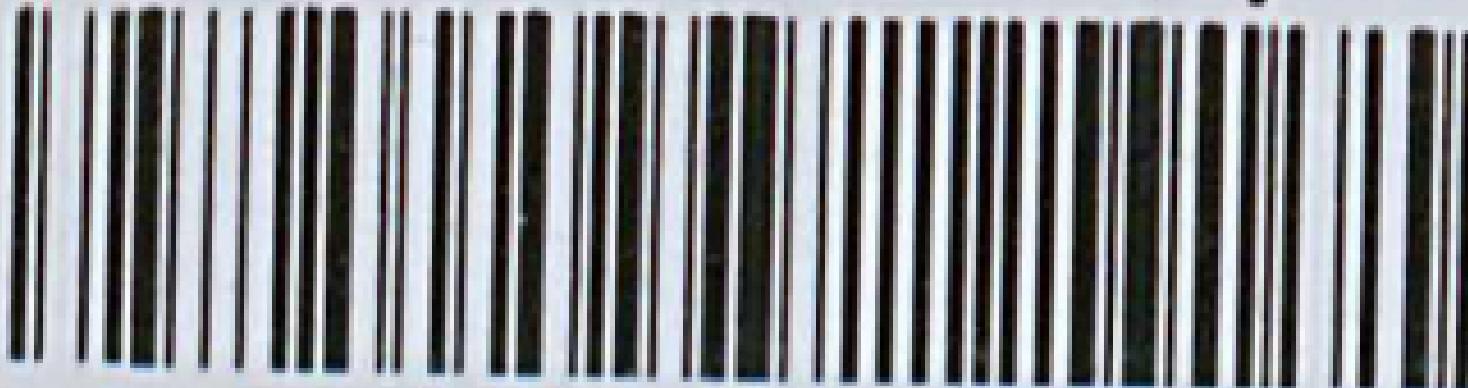
- I. Oct 11. Organization meeting.
- II. Oct 27.  
The Arab on the Stairs - a story
- III. Nov. 9.  
On Being a Propagandist - essay  
(not new)
- IV. Nov. 23.  
Cambridge at Night - a sonnet
- V. Dec. 14.  
School Days in Sulié - auto-  
biography (re-hashed)
- VI. Jan 11.  
Samuel Butler - an essay  
The Moon or Rama Jan - a poem  
New Year's Eve - 1918 - a story.
- VII. Feb. 6.  
Letters - an essay.
- VIII. Feb 20.  
The Time & The Book & the Place  
- an essay (not new)  
A Near Eastern Day II in a New  
England village - a sketch  
(not new)
- IX. March. 8.  
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