

# Sooner roll call

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

Dr. Jose F. Abelarde, '30 med., Box 3020, Manila, Philippines.  
 Henry G. Archerd, '25 pharm. 1100 South Oak, Holdenville.  
 Walter L. Barnes, '22 arts-sc., '25 law., care Phillips Petroleum Company, 920 Murphy street, Des Moines, Iowa.  
 Mrs Velma Laird Baker, '25 arts-sc., 1107 Hull avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.  
 Mrs Vivian Bethell Wheat, '21 arts-sc., care Lt. J. O. Wheat, U. S. S. Panay, Yangtze Patrol, Hankow, China.  
 J. E. Hill, '29 eng., Box 38, Kilgore, Texas.  
 Mannie Laverne Mayfield, '31 eng., 541 North Broadway, Shawnee.  
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 Charlein Opperman, '28 arts-sc., 1527 Washington avenue, Baxter Springs, Kansas.  
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 Mrs Velma Richardson Cathey, '28 arts-sc., 141 Lincoln, Denver, Colorado.  
 Mrs Ottalie Terrill Spangler, '22 arts-sc., '23 M. A., 4604 Los Feliz boulevard, Los Angeles, California.  
 Mrs Marie Martin Stedman, '28 home ec., Davis. John B. Stout, '24 ed., care Southwestern college, Weatherford.  
 John W. Todd, '29 B. S., '30 M. S., Yale university, New Haven, Connecticut.  
 Mrs Henryetta Reese Nelson, '27 nurse, care Oklahoma General hospital, Oklahoma City.  
 Lorna Robinson, '20 B. S., care Wesley hospital, Oklahoma City.  
 Mrs Gertrude W. Thompson, '27 B. S., care Northwestern university medical school, Chicago, Illinois.  
 Hazel Tuck, '27 nurse, care Oklahoma General hospital, Oklahoma City.  
 Laura Van De Mark, '27 nurse, 215 East Tenth, Oklahoma City.  
 Mrs Alice Mulney Wheatley, '17 arts-sc., 315 South Fifth, Yukon.  
 Dr. R. McKinley Williams, '30 med., Tonkawa.  
 Mrs Willene Johnston Schaub, '30 ed., 1334½ East Sixth street, Tulsa.

## MARRIAGES

PERSONETT-GEORGE: Miss Kathryn Personett, '31 arts-sc., and Bobbie George, '32 eng., May 28. Home, 1006 Chautauqua, Norman.  
 WALCOTT-WADE: Miss Lutie Tom Walcott, ex '28, and Anderson Wade, May 28 in Ardmore. Home, Terrell.  
 DINGER-McCOLLUM: Miss Catherine Dinger, ex '29, and James A. McCollum, May 28, in Oklahoma City. Home, Houston, Texas.  
 DICKASON-HARRISON: Miss Gladys Dickason, '22 arts-sc., and Arthur S. Harrison, April 30. Alpha Gamma Delta. Home, 55 Morton street, New York City.  
 LILLARD-DOUGLAS: Miss Louise Lillard, '31 dram. art, and H. Dorsey Douglas, '29 bus., April 29 in Yukon. Gamma Phi Beta-Alpha Tau Omega. Home, Oklahoma City.  
 MANNING-WALL: Miss Nan Manning, ex '31, and Jerome Wall, ex '28, May 19 in Ardmore. Delta Gamma-Phi Gamma Delta. Home, Ardmore.  
 EARLEY-McCLELLAND: Miss Mildred Earley, and Charles McClelland, ex '23, May 22. Home, New York City.

CHISM-VAN VACTER: Miss Ermine Clotilde Chism, and Welcome Van Vacter, ex '23, April 13 in Coopertown. Sigma Alpha Epsilon. They will make their home in Elk City after September 1.

MAY-CULWELL: Miss Agnes Jean May, and W. Oris Culwell, '33, April 30 in Sulphur. Home, 220 McCullough street, Norman.

RUBIN-SNYDER: Miss Adeline Rubin, '26 arts-sc., and Morris Snyder, May 1. Home, 260 Riverside drive, New York City.

ROWLAND-RICHARDS: Miss Ruth Louise Rowland, '31 fine arts., and Watt J. Richards, '28 pharm., April 7. Kappa Sigma-Pi Beta Phi. Home, Shawnee.

McDONALD-CAREY: Miss Nell McDonald and George Carey, '24 arts-sc., March 24. Home, Shawnee.

FULLERTON-HOLCOMB: Miss Kara Fullerton, '29 arts-sc., and Mark Holcomb, June 4 in Lawton. Home, Norman.

DENBY-BERRY: Miss Helen Jo Denby, '33, and Robert Lee Berry, '31 law, May 21. Pi Beta Phi-Phi Kappa Psi. Home, Oklahoma City.

BELKNAP-ROBINSON: Miss Alice Belknap, '28 home ec., and J. F. Robinson, June 7, in Norman. Alpha Chi Omega. Home, Fairfax.

BURT-HARRISON: Miss Sarah Elizabeth Burt, ex '26, and Homer Daniel Harrison, '28 eng, June 4. Home, 2931 West Twenty First, Oklahoma City.

WRIGHT-WOLGAMOT: Miss Mildred Wright, '26 home ec., and Henry Raub Wolgamot, '31 pharm., June 4. Kappa Alpha Theta-Alpha Tau Omega. Home, 1108 West Fortieth, Oklahoma City.

Orel Busby '14 law serving his third term as district judge believes in spending a great deal of time with his three sons and their friends. Believing that proper recreation acts as a crime preventative among juveniles, Judge Busby has developed a beautiful camp in the heart of Pontotoc county's wooded hills, and here hundreds of boy scouts, high-school boys enjoy hunting, fishing and outdoor sports. Judge Busby has three sons, John, fifteen years old; Phillip, eleven years old; and David, six years old. David and Phillip are pictured with their father in the foreground of their camp

HOLDER-REED: Miss Geneva Holder, and David Reed, ex '31, June 4, in Norman. Home, 424 Northeast Tenth street, Oklahoma City.

HICKMAN-SMITH: Miss Evelyn Hickman, ex '32, and Gillette Smith, '31 arts-sc., March 14 in Sulphur. Home, 1020 West Boyd, Norman.

EPPELSON-TAYLOR: Miss Linton Epperson, ex '31, and Rex Taylor, '33, June 5. Home, Norman.

PATTERSON-FISHER: Miss Virginia Coe Patterson, '29 arts-sc., and George Edward Fisher, '30 law, June 4 in Oklahoma City. Pi Beta Phi-Kappa Alpha. Home, 114 Country Club drive, Holdenville.

COLCORD-LIGON: Miss Nadine Colcord, and Ed Davis Ligon, ex '24, June 6 in Oklahoma City. Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Home, 19 East Tenth street, Tulsa.

MURPHY-HUGHES: Miss Clevagene Pat Murphy, '34 and Ivor Hayden Hughes, '32 eng., June 2 in Norman. Home, Wilburton.

CASSIDY-ATKINSON: Miss Viola Deele Cassidy, and Harry L. Atkinson, '27 law; '31 arts-sc., June 2 in Dallas, Texas. Home, Oklahoma City.

VINEYARD-TURNBULL: Miss Thelma Vineyard, '29 home ec, and Dr. Cecil W. Turnbull both of Elk City, June 18 at Weatherford. Doctor Turnbull is a graduate of the Kansas City Dental college.

STICE-ALBRO: Miss Edith Stice of Ardmore, and Brazeal Albro ex '29, June 18 in Oklahoma City. Home, Oklahoma City. Mr Albro is associated with the Kansas City Life Insurance company.

MILBURN-SIMPSON: The wedding of Miss Louise Milburn, '32 dramatic art, of Oklahoma City, with John R. Simpson, jr., '30, was announced to take place July 5 in the home of the bride's parents. The couple plan to sail July 9 on the *Ile de France* for an all summer tour of the European continent. Miss Milburn was active in dramatic productions of the Playhouse. Kappa Alpha Theta-Sigma Nu.

McMURRAY-BUTTE: Miss Patricia McMurray, '29 arts-sc., of McAlester and Woodfin Lee Butte of Porto Rico at Bethesda, Maryland, June 13. Mr Butte attended the universities of Porto Rico, Madrid and Yale and George Washington and is the son of the vice-governor of the Philippine Islands and is secretary to the



governor of Porto Rico. Honeymoon to be spent in Caracas, Venezuela. Home, Porto Rico. Kappa Alpha Theta.

SMITH-AUSTIN: Miss Ann Smith, ex '27, of Oklahoma City, and Mr Jerry Austin, Palestine fruit importer, May 24 in Televieve, Africa. After a year of travel, the couple will establish a home in New York City or Palestine.

PRIDDY-HALLOCK: Miss Merle Beatrice Priddy, '24 home-ec., of Norman and Mr Lester Martin Hallock of Tulsa, June 22 at Norman. Phi Omega Pi. Mr and Mrs Hallock will establish a home in Tulsa after July 15.

BURNEY-WALLS: Miss Geraldine Burney, ex '26 and Mr Orley Walls, '28, both of Oklahoma City were married June 18 in Oklahoma City. They will be at home at 3404 North Robinson avenue after July 5. Alpha Gamma Delta-Kappa Sigma.

## BIRTHS

Charles Robert Hume, son of Gladys McDonald Hume, '30 arts-sc., and Ross Gossard Hume, '29 arts-sc., '31 law, in Anadarko. Baby Charles Robert is promised as a third generation Sooner by his grandfather, C. Ross Hume, 1898-1900.

Ann Barnaby Thomas was born to Dr. and Mrs Alfred Barnaby Thomas, Sunday morning, June 12, in University hospital, Oklahoma City. Ann Barnaby weighed a little over seven pounds at birth, and will bear the initials of her father who is associate professor of history at the university.

Born to Prof. M. L. Wardell, associate professor of history, and Mrs Wardell, a daughter, May 29, at St. Anthony's hospital, Oklahoma City.

Born to Clarence A. Smith, M. A. '32, and Mrs Smith, a daughter, Betty Josephine, at Quanah, Texas, Sunday, June 19, 1932.

## DEATHS

### DR. H. V. L. SAPPER

Dr. H. V. L. Sapper, '14 arts-sc., of Oklahoma City, prominent Oklahoma physician, was found dead in his bed Friday morning June 3 at his home 1537 West Thirty seventh street, Oklahoma City. Death was caused by heart disease.

Doctor Sapper was president of the University of Oklahoma Association at the time the entire alumni program was reorganized. It was under his administration that the present system was inaugurated and that the life member form of guaranty was founded. He has long been one of the most active and loyal alumni, and at the time of his death was a member of the board of governors of the Stadium-Union memorial fund. He was chairman of the committee which edited the medical edition of *The Sooner Magazine* and his modesty prevented the inclusion of him among the distinguished physicians his committee selected for special mention at that time.

Doctor Sapper was a veteran of the World war and was treasurer of the Kingfisher college foundation. Surviving relatives include his wife Mrs Lena Trout Sapper, '12 mus., '14 arts-sc., and a son, H. V. L. Sapper, jr. Many alumni both of the university and of Kingfisher college attended Doctor Sapper's funeral.

### NELL GALBRAITH LINDLEY

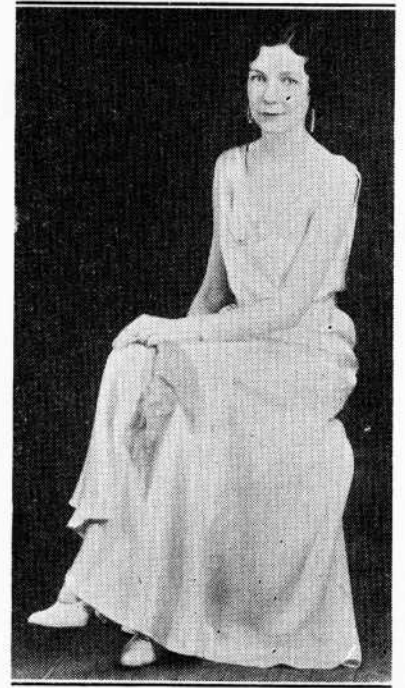
Mrs Nell Galbraith Lindley, ex '99, died June 7 at her home in Terrell, Texas. She had been seriously ill for some time.

### WARREN A. SMITH AND MARION R. GRAHAM SMITH

Warren A. Smith, M. S. in petroleum engineering '30 shot himself in the head, dying soon after learning of the death of his wife, Marion Roberta Graham Smith, ex '29 formerly of Okmulgee, who drank poison. The deaths occurred in Baytown, Texas, June 21. Mr

## MRS JOHN "BO" ROWLAND

Mrs John H. Rowland comes to Norman this summer with her husband who is the new assistant football coach. Before her wedding, June 16 in Malvern, Arkansas, Mrs Rowland was Miss Alpha Caldwell, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Caldwell of that city. She is a Pi Beta Phi from the University of Arkansas



Smith was employed as technician by the Humble Oil and Refining company. He spent one year in the university coming here from Wichita university. No motives contributing to Mrs Smith's action are known. Mr Smith's parents live in Kansas City, Missouri. The bodies were to be sent to Okmulgee for burial.

### MRS A. C. KRAFT

Walter W. Kraft, superintendent of utilities, received word of the death of his mother, Mrs A. C. Kraft, June 17, in Oak Park, Illinois.

### JOSEPH EDWARD HALLINEN

Joseph Edward Hallinen. Born 1859 in Champaign, Illinois. Son of Andrew and Ann Hallinen. Superintendent of the M. Rumeley Company Laboratories, 1911. Address, Cooperton, Oklahoma.

Such is the brief life record of a graduate of the university, Joseph Edward Hallinen, '94 which appears in the alumni directory. That the record is much too brief for the man it represents became suddenly evident a few weeks ago when he died down in Oklahoma and newspapers all over the country printed stories about him.

Mr Hallinen was known as the recluse of Cooperton Valley, in Kiowa county, Oklahoma, where he had lived alone, Thoreau-like, in a small cabin for the last 17 years. He wanted to be alone. He could never understand why his classmates, or in fact anyone else, should be interested in knowing what he was doing. He once said that if any of his neighbors were asked about it they would promptly answer "nothing."

"And I would not dare to get into an argument with them, because they would prove it—at least to their own satisfaction. Nevertheless, be it something or nothing that I am doing, I have given to the doing my entire time since I retired some years ago, am giving to it my entire time now, and have no thought other than to give to it my entire time in the future. Be it something or nothing I am doing, it brings to me health and strength, and my full share of pleasure, keen and wholesome."

Mr Hallinen's attention was first attracted to Oklahoma when he went there 31 years ago to attend a government land-opening. He drew a good number, and could have chosen some productive acres in the Elk creek bottoms, but instead he took 160 acres in the foothills of the

Wichita mountains. He made this tract a sort of wild life preserve. It was the only tillable piece of land in that section that was never plowed. He had every bush and tree classified. He found real pleasure in watching the wild life, ranging from ants to coyotes. Bees lived unmolested in his cabin. He collected a library of about 5,000 volumes, including 175 first editions, and was a subscriber to 42 magazines and other periodicals, mostly scientific. He built a dam and a reservoir on his place, but blew it up when he found that hunters were shooting ducks on the pond.

Mr Hallinen was born in Champaign in 1859. His father had a modest shoe-repairing shop on Neil street about where the Woolworth store now stands. Young Joseph first entered the university in 1876 but dropped out the next year. He was out and in several times, and finally graduated with the class of '94. Meanwhile he had done some teaching in the Champaign county schools, and kept at it after his graduation, except for a few years' superintendency of the chemical laboratories of the Rumeley Works at LaPorte, Indiana.

But all this interested him not at all, and it remained for him to find peace and happiness in the solitude of Cooperton Valley.—*Illinois Alumni News*.

### GEORGE DENTON

George Denton '33 of McKinney, Texas, last year of Culbert, Oklahoma, died at his home June 24 as the result of injuries in an automobile accident received the day before. Denton was on the football squad and was an end on the second team. He was considered to have been a valuable man for the team this year. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and was prominent in campus activities.

### DOLORES FENNER

Dolores Fenner '28 arts-sc., '29 educ., died May 23 at her home in Lawton. Funeral services were held May 25 in Lawton.

### JOHN W. HYBARGER

John W. Hybarger, '24 arts-sc., M. S. '25, of Norman, assistant professor of business communication, died Tuesday, July 5, at Oklahoma City following a long, lingering illness. Professor Hybarger began his sixth year of teaching last semester but was compelled to withdraw and enter a hospital October 1, 1931.

In December he had improved sufficiently to be brought to his home in Norman. In April of this year, Mr Hybarger returned to Oklahoma City where he was under the care of three physicians. Mr Hybarger is survived by his widow, Mrs Zellamae Cralle Hybarger, '16 arts-sc., his mother, four brothers and two sisters. Before coming to the university faculty Mr Hybarger was a member of the Oklahoma Baptist university faculty.

## YEAR BY YEAR

### 1901

John T. Hefley, '01 arts-sc., who has been superintendent of schools at Stillwater for the past few years has been elected superintendent of schools at Enid.

### 1908

George B. Parker, '08 arts-sc., editor-in-chief of the twenty five Scripps-Howard newspapers, was one of the political analysts selected to broadcast proceedings of the Democratic national convention over a nation wide hookup on the night of June 28. Mr Parker was introduced by David Lawrence, editor of the *United States Daily* as "the man who directs the progressive and far-sighted policies of the Scripps-Howard papers." He spoke in ironic terms of the "bandwagon" trend of the convention and suggested that if the current clamor for a dictatorship should ever crystallize then Senator Huey P. Long, ex '12, would be our dictator, "elected on the three thirds rule."

### 1915

Tom C. Waldrep, '15 law of Shawnee, is a candidate for state senator for the district comprising Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties.

### 1919

Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19 arts-sc., of the department of history, is the recently elected president of the Norman Lions club. He was to attend the district meeting of the club, June 12 to 14 at McAlester.

Ernest E. Brown, '19 arts-sc., M. A. '25, has been removed as president of Southwestern State Teachers' college, Weatherford. His plans are not known. Mr Brown is known throughout the state as one of the most able educators and professional men in his field in Oklahoma.

### 1920

Mrs Gertrude Sidener Phillips, '20 arts-sc., 1129 North Market, Shawnee, is state vice president and acting president of the American Association of University Women; president of the local Pan Hellenic; vice president of All University Club; and serves on the committee of the board of the Red Cross.

Ward Ingham, '20 arts-sc., and family have recently moved to Glendale, Oregon.

### 1921

Harold Larsh, '21 law, of Norman, has been named postmaster of Norman by President Hoover.

Dr. LeRoy J. Neal, '21 sc., recently moved to Shawnee. For the last eight years he has been practicing in Breckenridge, Texas.

Mrs Marie Bump Basore, '16 arts-sc., 1722 West Park, Oklahoma City, is director of child health education for Oklahoma County Tuberculosis society. She arranges health education programs for all schools in the county.

### 1925

King G. Price, ex '25, and Mrs Price of Norman left June 24 for Quebec and Montreal, Canada where they will be guests of the Travelers Insurance company. Mr Price received the trip as an award for insurance sales

during a contest last year. They were to attend the company's annual convention at Quebec, visit Niagara Falls, New York City, Chicago and St. Louis.

### 1926

Sterling L. Mayes, '26 ed., superintendent of schools at Earlsboro, is returning there for his seventh year as head of the schools.

### 1927

Leslie L. Conner, '27 law, is making his first political campaign. He is in the race for the Democratic nomination for member of the house of representatives from the first Oklahoma county district. "If we don't cut down expenditures we're going to be bankrupt," states Conner in his campaign platform. He is unmarried, is a Shriner, a first lieutenant in the United States army reserve corps, a member of Sigma Mu Sigma, Masonic social fraternity on the university campus, a member of India temple band, St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal church, south, and of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative union. He is a director of the junior bar of Oklahoma county and a member of the law firm of Conner and Conner, in partnership with his brother Charles W. Conner, ex '24.

Miss Frances Brixey, '27 arts-sc., M. A. '28 who taught French this year at the State Teachers' college, Florence, Alabama, will spend the summer with her parents, Mr and Mrs A. M. Brixey, Norman.

Ollie E. Hatcher, M. A. '27, has resigned as superintendent of Putnam City schools to become a member of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college faculty.

### 1928

Leslie Niblack, ex '28, former University of Oklahoma runner is still running, this time politically, however. He is a candidate for county clerk of Pottawatomie county.

Asa Lee Mayes, ex '28, who is state president of the League of Young Democrats of Norman was to leave June 24 for Chicago to attend the Democratic national convention and a conference of Young Democratic clubs of America.

Eugene Bewley, '28 jour., has been appointed statistician for the police department of Tulsa. He has been a reporter on the *Oklahoma City Times*, *Tulsa Tribune*, and other papers.

### 1929

Miss Vivian Zirkle, '29 phy. ed., and her sister, Mrs Stephen Brixey, both of Norman, will sail June 29 from New York City on board the *Aquitania* for a two months' tour of Europe.

Merton Munson, '29 arts-sc., '31 law, Lawton, sometime president of the student council, is unopposed for the Democratic nomination for state representative in Comanche county.

Jack Frost, ex '29, has passed examination of the state board of embalmers and will be licensed to practice in Oklahoma. Mr Frost lives in Norman. Recently, he attended the Kansas City Institute of Embalming.

### 1930

Milton E. Asfahl, M. A. '30, head of the history department and director of music in the Earlsboro schools 1930-32, won state leadership in girls glee clubs in 1931; boys glee club and mixed chorus won state leadership in 1932, class C.

Inez Ballard, '30 jour., Norman, is a member of the staff of the *Wichita Eagle*, Wichita, Kansas. She is writing features under the name of "Princess Tsianina," which is Miss Ballard's Indian name.

Mrs Ruth Smith Ferris, '30 journ., is a member of the special advertising staff which will prepare advertising and feature material for the

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### 1932

Mary Inzer Davis, '32 arts-sc., Tulsa, has been awarded a sociology scholarship to Smith college, in the school of social work, Northampton, Massachusetts. She was one of twelve graduate students chosen throughout the United States each year. Miss Davis was to begin her work July 1 and will specialize in child guidance.

Morris Frack, '32 eng., and Phillip Klein, '32 eng., and Harold, '32 eng., of Norman; have received notice to report to Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, July 2 for army reserve flight training.

### 1934

John L. Fortson, '34 journ., of Tecumseh, has the varied job of writing all local news, supervising make-up, helping mail out papers and writing editorials in addition to advertising and job work in his new position as editor-manager of the *Shawnee Times-Record*, weekly and official Pottawatomie county newspaper.



## RAMBLING NOTES WHILE TALKING TO MYSELF

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enjoying a pipe without my fingers itching to light up and puff with him. . . . The rogue (Charles Lamb) simply can't help talking about tobacco, and I strike a match for every essay. God bless him and his dear Orinooko! Or Parson Adams in *Joseph Andrews*—he lights his pipe on every page. . . . I cannot light up in a wind. It is too precious a rite to be consummated in a draught.

I am reading your thoughts. Someone is wondering just what the young ladies of the Charm school are supposed to draw from an essay on pipe-smoking. All I can say is that the young ladies may draw more than you think. I've seen already a few of them behind trees at night with experimental pipes. Oh! One can never tell to what heights womanhood may aspire!

By the way, I am writing these words on Monday, the 16th day of May. Exactly one hundred and sixty-nine years ago (if 1763 from 1932 leaves that), also on Monday, the 16th of May, James Boswell, then twenty-three, was having his first meeting with Dr. Johnson. It was one of those moments when goose flesh arises on the brain. The memory of it inspired Boswell decades later to write this terse and tense description:

"(Mr Davies) announced his awful approach to me, somewhat in the manner of an actor in the part of Horatio, when he addresses Hamlet on the appearance of his father's ghost, 'Look, my Lord, it comes!'" Christopher Morley once wrote a note to the Johnsonian, A. Edward Newton, revealed by the latter in his *Amenities of Book-Collecting*, to wit: "Let us hereafter and forever drink tea together on this date in celebration of this meeting." Oh, to be in Phila-

delphia this day, and to be worthy of an invitation to drink with them, with the privilege of listening to the conversation they make. What talk it will be! (I wonder if they are tea-talking this minute!)

A. Edward Newton! It is without the slightest difficulty that I adhere to the moral of my introductory remarks and change the subject. I first came to admire, then to love A. E. N. through a series of his essays in the *Atlantic Monthly*, since collected into a volume called *A Tourist in Spite of Himself*. One of these essays, "In Standardland," was indescribably satisfying. It concludes with a typical Newtonism:

In the art of dining we are sadly deficient. Dining is an amenity; it was carried to excess by the Romans; in our zeal for reform we have destroyed it. . . . and, in the interest of efficiency, 'dine' standing up in a drug store with someone waiting behind us for our place. In happier days we occasionally enjoyed 'a large cold bottle and a small hot bird,' with conversation; now we have conversation out of a can, with canned food and canned music. Little by little we are taking all the joy out of life. . . . 'One should retire at nine, sleep on a hard mattress covered only with a sheet, rise at four in summer and five in winter, and never contemplate a woman with curves.' Who would wish to live at such a price?

It was not long before copies of A. E. N.'s *The Amenities of Book-Collecting* and *This Book-Collecting Game* found place but not peace on my bedside bookshelf. These two books boil over the pot-rim with no end of the most fascinating anecdotes and facts pertaining to worthy books and authors, with attention divided about equally between the two. On the inside of the jacket of *The Amenities* is a blurb, I have a notion written by A. E. N. himself, which, if there were nought else, is sufficient invitation to read him and leaves nothing to ask by way of description: "He smokes incessantly, never takes any exercise, has no love for automobiles, regards a screwdriver with suspicion and a monkey-wrench with horror." Good old A. E. N!

James Norman Hall is another writer for whom I have developed enough affection to call him by his initials in my thoughts. Let him be J. N. H. henceforth. Like Stevenson, Hall is a voluntary exile to the South Seas. From his idyllic home in Tahiti, he has written to his publishers, The Atlantic Monthly Co., the following self-revelatory dispatch:

If things go to pot, just you move down here. We will start a new world on a small scale. We haven't a factory of any sort except for an old Chinaman who makes soap, by hand, to sell the native washerwomen. We haven't a stock-broker, or any real estate and loan agents, high pressure salesmen, 'morticians,' industrial magnates—all such vicious characters are barred from entering our island. As for myself, I have one acre of ground around my house at Auré. It produces coconuts, breadfruit, mangoes, bananas, alligator pears, and various other fruits whose names would be un-

familiar to you—and, best of all much contentment and peace of mind. But the best of my garden is the roof at night: the fronds of the coconut palms hanging motionless against the starry sky. I could better do without its material than its spiritual blessings.

Well, if things do go to pot, as they say they will, there couldn't be a better place to seek refuge, nor a better spirit to hope for a neighbor. It is not at all unusual, in view of the manner in which I have had to spend my time since last June, that I think "The Art of Loafing," a recent essay by J. N. H., one of the most soothing pieces I have read. It reads almost as well as its prototype, R. L. S.'s "Apology for Idlers," and certainly I look to Hall, more than to any living man, to carry on the tradition (for it is that now) of Robert Louis Stevenson.

I thought well enough of James Norman Hall as far back as 1926 (which is the dim and dusty past for me!) to take a week-end out of college to highway it a few miles to visit Colfax, Iowa, where Hall had been reared. I was then in my only year at Grinnell college, where Hall was graduated in 1910. In 1916 he left for the wars, destined to become one of the most famous of the World war aces. He was one of the members of the Lafayette Escadrille,—but when the war ended, he did not linger to glory in the aftermath. The most obvious explanation for his taking up residence in the South Seas is that he sought rest from motor-memories and the echoes of machine guns, but because I believe him to be less moved by deeds of war than by the languor of peace, I think he would have gone there had there been no war. At any rate, peace he sought, and peace he finds. Read the essays and exquisite poems he has produced in his ten or more years in the Society Islands and see for yourself.

It is a far cry, with many postmasters on the way, between Hall's balmy Tahiti and Stephen Leacock's chilly Montreal. But it is the easiest thing in the world to have Leacock's *Nonsense Novels* in handy proximity to Hall's (and Nordhoff's) *Faery Lands of the South Seas* on your bookshelf. That makes it easier to shift from one to the other. Stephen Leacock has taught political economy, or just plain, dry economics to us, in McGill university for thirty years. But he doesn't let that discourage him. Possessed of a clever and facile mind, his laughter rings out in consolatory peals to those of us who weep because Mark Twain couldn't live forever.

Only last night I found a pleasant appreciation of Leacock in an unusual place. I was reading the introduction by Alexander Wollcott to the Modern