

SPHEX CLUB MINUTES

OCTOBER 25, 1940-MAY 16, 1941

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Lynchburg, Virginia,

October 25, 1940.

The Three Hundred Seventy-Third meeting of the Sphinx Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, the president, Mr. J. A. Faulkner, presiding.

In the absence of the secretary, Dr. Barnwell was appointed secretary pro-tem.

The following members were present: Messrs. Perrow, Kilby, Noell, Hart, Blackwell, Thomas, R. Glass, Faulkner, Grainger, Lancaster, Freer, Arnold, Barnwell, Carmichael, Jackson and Hamaker.

The president appointed Messrs. Perrow, Kilby and Thomas as a committee on nominations, and this committee presented the following nominations:

President - Dr. O. J. Grainger
Vice-President - Mr. Robert Glass
Treasurer - Mr. J. T. Noell, Jr.,
Secretary - E. M. Frost.

There were no further nominations from the floor, and the above officers were elected by acclamation.

Dr. Grainger then presided over the meeting, and there being no further business, he announced the paper of the evening by Dr. Mosby G. Perrow, his subject being

"A PIONEER."

The discussion which followed was participated in by Messrs. Faulkner, Glass, Hamaker and Freer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Carlton Barnwell
Secretary Pro-tem.

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Lynchburg, Virginia,

November 8th, 1940.

The Three Hundred Seventy-Fourth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, the president Dr. O. J. Grainger presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Grainger, Noell, Perrow, Kilby, Jackson, Capron, P. Glass, Gilliam, Thomas, Hart, Barnwell, R. Glass, Lancaster and Frost.

The President announced the appointment of the following committees:

Program Committee,
Dr. Perrow, Chairman,
Mr. J. T. Noell, Jr.
Dr. Kilby.

Membership Committee,
Dr. Barnwell, Chairman,
Mr. R. Glass,
Mr. J. R. Gilliam, Jr.

There being no further business before the meeting, the paper of the evening was read by Mr. R. W. B. Hart, his subject being

"AIRPORTS"

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Jackson, Barnwell, P. Glass, Gilliam, Capron, Lancaster and Kilby, followed by a general discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Emmeline Frost
Secretary.

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Lynchburg, Virginia,

November 22, 1940.

The Three Hundred Seventy-Fifth meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, the president, Dr. O. J. Grainger presiding.

In the absence of the secretary, Mr. John D. Capron was appointed secretary pro-tem.

The following members were present: Messrs. Perrow, Noel, Wilson, P. Glass, Capron, Thomas, Grainger, Kilby and Lancaster.

There was no business before the meeting, and the paper of the evening was read by Mr. A. F. THOMAS, his subject being

"WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT."

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Wilson, Kilby, Glass, Perrow, Grainger, Noel, and Lancaster.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

John D. Capron
Secretary Pro-tem.

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Lynchburg, Virginia,

December 6, 1940.

The Three Hundred Seventy-Sixth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, the president, Dr. O. J. Grainger presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Thomas, Perrow, Faulkner, Kilby, Blackwell, Noel, Hart, Lancaster, P. Glass, Grainger, Peters, Jackson, Capron, Frost, R. Glass, Barnwell and Hamaker.

Mr. F. H. Scott was a guest of the meeting.

There being no business before the meeting, the paper of the evening was read by Mr. Powell Glass, his subject being

"A FAMILY OF ARISTOCRATS."

The discussion which followed was participated in by Messrs. Hamaker, Blackwell, Grainger, Hart, followed by a general discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

E. Marshall Frost
Secretary.

Lynchburg, Virginia,

January 10, 1941.

The Three Hundred Seventy-Seventh meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, the president, Dr. O. J. Grainger presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Hamaker, Carmichael, Grainger, Gilliam, Barnwell, Jack, Kilby, Thomas, Jackson, Blackwell, Freer, Perrow, Noel, Paxton, P. Glass, R. Glass, Lancaster, Faulkner and Frost.

Dr. Perrow, Chairman of the Program Committee, stated that the annual meeting of the Club would be held on the evening of January 21, 1941, at 6:30 P. M. at the Boonsboro Club, and the speaker for the meeting would be Dr. T. V. Smith, his subject being "The Promise of American Politics."

There being no further business before the meeting, the paper of the evening was read by Dr. Carleton Barnwell, his subject being

"ISLE OF WIGHT - PRE-WAR."

There followed a discussion, participated in by Messrs. Hamaker, Paxton, and Blackwell.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P. M.

Edw. Marshall Frost
Secretary.

Dr. T. V. Smith Defends Ways Of Politicians

Sphex Club Banquet Speaker Cites Value Of Compromises

A portrait of the politician in American Democracy was painted with fine lines by Dr. Thomas V. Smith, professor of philosophy at the University of Chicago, in an address at the annual meeting of the Sphex last night at Boonsboro Country Club.

More than 100 members and guests heard the former Illinois Congressman declare that a dictatorship is the only possible alternative to such compromises as are practiced by the politician in a democracy, and for which he is so often maligned.

"The politician thrives upon compromises because he has a social conscience which enables him to compromise issues without compromising himself," the speaker declared. "He becomes thus at his best the custodian of consciences too tender to live together in this catch-as-catch-can world. Without his compromises social life would sink quickly into despotism, and the leaders in this degradation would more often than not be good people whose consciences are too inflexible to discern that there are other interests as deserving as their own."

Promise of Politics

Speaking on the subject, "The Promise of American Politics," Dr. Smith said that this promise is not unconnected with the promises of politicians. Good people, even in this democracy, distrust the promises. Perhaps the politicians are too profuse with them, but their moral critics are too extravagant of social expectations, he continued.

"The least of us can daydream in an hour a society that the best of us cannot together achieve through endless time. To understand what it is that makes a private citizen good is to come to a new understanding and appreciation and this would be to enhance the promise of American politics."

"The trouble with many good people is that they are good for nothing. The good citizen who is good for something is made so by a skill which at once integrates his own character, gets him deference from others, and engages him continuously at a task which makes for him at the same time a private business in this functional manner is to reveal the necessity for a public group of servants skilled at knitting together individuals separated by special skills and groups made hostile through minute division of manual labor. Specialization itself makes imperative specialists at things in general, if society is to be held together."

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Dr. Thomas Vernor Smith, professor of philosophy at the University of Chicago, pictured yesterday at his hotel before delivering the address at annual banquet of the Sphex Club.

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Admirer of Woodrum

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Club guests for the banquet were the following: W. Kinckle Allen, Amherst; S. R. Crockett, Forest; C. Gleason, Forest; S. B. Robertson, Forest; W. Lewis, Anavista; Dr. Thomas W. Lewis, Anavista; F. Kirk Perrow, Altavista; J. Lewis White, Cifax; James D. Adams, C. C. Akers, Professor of Law; L. Barker, George M. Bell, Dr. E. M. Bowman, Dr. Howard L. Briggs, Judge Charles E. Burks, Clarence G. Burton, Dr. R. D. Caldwell, Richard A. Carrington, Jr., W. G. Cartlich, G. Evans Caskie, Jr., John S. Caskie, A. B. Chewing, Edward D. Christian, Dr. J. Paulette Clark, James Gilliam Conrad, Dr. J. H. Crockett, Frank G.

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"Such specialists politicians are. They specialize at understanding diverse points of view and bringing them together through the high art of compromise. The good citizen looks askance at compromise, but without it his interests will either dominate, or be dominated by, other interests. This eventuation is, in principle, dictatorship. He looks askance at compromise because he does not know how to compromise issues without compromising himself."

Response By Dr. Jack

The response was given by Dr. Theodore H. Jack, president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Dr. Smith pointed out two recognitions by which the politician's defects "are reduced into fly specks in the ointment of the social life that he makes possible."

The first recognition would set administration aside as beyond the proper touch of the politician, and thus would beget a genuine civil service. The second recognition would set education aside for special consideration, and would thus lift the level of the political process itself slowly from generation to generation. For the good citizen to recognize this indispensable service of the politician and for the politician to recognize the possibility of improving politics—these two would be to establish and to further the promise of American politics."

A colorful orator, Dr. Smith boasts that he was born in a log cabin in Texas and that he was a champion cotton picker at 13 years of age. He was graduated from the University of Texas and received his doctorate from the University of Chicago, where he now teaches philosophy. Some of his published works include The Democratic Way of Life (1925), Philosophers in Hades (1932), Philosophers Speak of Themselves (1934), Creative Skepticism (1934) and The Promise of American Politics (1936). With Senator Robert A. Taft he was co-au-

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Dr. John L. Davis, D. H. Dillard, J. Easley Edmunds, Joseph D. Elder, Dr. W. W. Ferguson, Kiah T. Ford, Harry D. Forsyth, Rabbi Isadore Franzblau, Dr. C. C. French, C. G. Gooch, Dr. James R. Gorman, Professor Paul V. Guthrie, Edward R. Harris, Richard A. Harris, R. S. Harris, Dr. John G. Holland, L. D. Horner, Jr., Richard S. Horner, Dr. John Hundley, Jr., Dr. P. G. Hundley, T. J. Ingram, III, Stanhope S. Johnson, S. V. Kemp, Dr. A. A. Kern, Thomas S. Kirkpatrick.

Others Attending

Floyd L. Knight, W. S. Knight, Dr. W. W. Koontz, A. P. Lankford, E. E. Lichford, Lunsford L. Loving, Fred W. McWane, Dr. Robert D. Meade, Dr. R. B. Montgomery, B. F. Moomaw, R. D. Morrison, C. S. Nelson, J. Burroughs Noell, J. Doniphant Owen, Dr. James B. S. Perrow, Mosby G. Perrow, Jr., Dr. F. Q. Plunkett, Rev. Roland P. Riddick, William Rosenberger, Jr., Dr. S. H. Rosenthal, Paul E. Sackett, Abe M. Schewel, Dr. E. G. Scott, Fontaine F. Scott, William G. Shackelford, Claude O. Skelton, Rev. E. M. Slocombe, B. T. Smith, Rev. B. C. Sommerville.

H. E. Steptoe, Dr. R. P. Stickley, Cranston Stroup, Rev. Russell C. Stroup, Dr. R. M. Taliatferro, Joseph J. Thaxton, Alsen D. Thomas, W. F. Thomas, Hubert T. Thornhill, Thomas F. Torrey, Dr. R. W. Wallace, J. Bradford Waters, James O. Watts, Jr., R. C. Watts, A. V. Weekley, H. A. Wells, A. M. White, Paul Whitehead, Samuel H. Williams, Thomas J. Williams, John H. Wilson, John B. Winfree, Jr., W. Bass Wood and Professor Hugh Worthington.

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He is survived by a son, Gayle, an English professor at the University of Maryland, and a daughter, Mrs. Nancy Stewart Kemppinen of Richmond, Va.

Representative From Illinois

In his single term as Illinois Representative at Large from 1939 to 1941 Thomas Vernor Smith was known to his colleagues in the House as "Philosophy Smith." A political philosopher who tested the Platonic ideal by going before the voters. He pursued many careers at once—as a teacher, university administrator, author, radio personality and politician.

Dr. Smith was born in a log cabin in Blanket, Tex. After his graduation from the University of Texas in 1915, he began his teaching career as chairman of the English department at Texas Christian University.

After brief service in the military during World War I, Dr. Smith resumed his academic career—this time in philosophy. He received a doctorate from the University of Chicago with a dissertation entitled "The American Doctrine of Equality."

From 1922 to 1943, Dr. Smith was associated with the University of Chicago as a dean and a teacher of philosophy. In 1943, he went to Syracuse University as Maxwell Professor of Citizenship and Philosophy.

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Among his books were "Abraham Lincoln and the Spiritual Life," "Discipline for Democracy," "The Legislative Way of Life," "Atomic Power and the Moral Faith" and "Man's Threefold Will to Freedom."

Upon learning of Dr. Smith's death, George Wells Beadle, president of the University of Chicago, said, "T. V. Smith set an outstanding example of devotion to the demands of both his discipline as a philosopher and his conscience as a citizen."

Lynchburg, Virginia,

February 7, 1941.

The Three Hundred Seventy-ninth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, the president, Dr. O. J. Grainger presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Noel, Perrow, Paxton, Capron, Jackson, Kilby, Blackwell, Thomas, Faulkner, Freer, Grainger, R. Glass, Barnwell, Hart and Frost.

Dr. R. W. Wallace was a guest of the meeting.

There being no business before the meeting, the paper of the evening was read by Mr. J. A. Faulkner, his subject being:

"LEAD KINDLY LIGHT."

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Kilby, Paxton, Thomas, Blackwell, Grainger, Capron and Wallace.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

Ed Wallace Frost
Secretary.

Lynchburg, Virginia,

February 21, 1941.

The Three Hundred Eightieth meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president, Dr. O. J. Grainger, presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Thomas, Perrow, Kilby, Blackwell, Hamaker, Grainger, P. Glass, Capron, Noel, Barnwell, Carmichael, Paxton and Frost.

There being no business before the meeting, the paper of the evening was read by Dr. Henry D. Blackwell, his subject being:

"THE ENGLISH AGAINST NAPOLEON."

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Barnwell, P. Glass, Grainger, Hamaker, Carmichael and Capron.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Ed Marshall Frost
Secretary.

Lynchburg, Virginia,

March 7, 1941

The Three Hundred Eighty First meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president Dr. O. J. Grainger, presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. P. Glass, Kilby, Gilliam, Noel, Grainger, R. Glass, Jackson, Thomas and Frost.

There was no business before the meeting and the paper of the evening was read by Mr. J. E. Jackson, his subject being

"PATHFINDERS."

There followed a general discussion participated in by all present .

The meeting adjourned by 9:30 P. M.

Emmeline Frost
Secretary.

Lynchburg, Virginia,

March 21, 1941.

The Three Hundred Eighty-Second meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president, Dr. O. J. Grainger presiding.

The following members were present:
Messrs. Capron, Carmichael, Kilby, Jackson, Freer, Gilliam, Faulkner, Grainger, R. Glass, P. Glass, Thomas, Noell, Perrow, and Frost.

There was no business before the meeting, and the paper of the evening was read by Mr. John D. Capron, his subject being

"VIRGINIA'S LOST INDUSTRY."

There followed a general discussion, participated in by all present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

E. Marshall Frost
Secretary.

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Lynchburg, Virginia,

April 18, 1941.

The Three Hundred Eighty-Third meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president, Dr. O. J. Grainger presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Thomas, Arnold, Noel, Barnwell, Blackwell, Jackson, Perrow, Carmichael, Hamaker, Hart, Freer, Grainger, R. Glass, Capron, Faulkner, Gilliam, P. Glass and Frost.

Mr. Gilmer Craddock was a guest of Mr. Powell Glass at the meeting.

There was no business before the meeting and the paper of the evening was read by Mr. Robert Glass, his subject being

"THE MINOR FOUNDERS."

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Blackwell, Arnold, and Thomas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

E. Marshall Frost
Secretary.

Lynchburg, Virginia,

May 2, 1941.

The Three Hundred Eighty-Fourth meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the Vice-President, Mr. Robert Glass, presiding in the absence of the president.

The following members were present: Messrs. Hamaker, Kilby, Capron, Perrow, Noel, Blackwell, Thomas, R. Glass, P. Glass, Carmichael and Frost.

There was no business before the meeting and the paper of the evening was read by Dr. J. I. Hamaker, his subject being

"EPPUR SI MUOVE!"

There followed a general discussion, participated in by all present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

E. Marshall Frost
Secretary.

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Lynchburg, Virginia,

May 16, 1941.

The Three-Hundred Eighty-Fifth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president Dr. Grainger presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Grainger, Noel, Jackson, Thomas, Blackwell, Kilby, Paxton, Magill, Faulkner, Hart, Perrow, Carmichael, Lancaster, and Frost.

There was no business before the meeting and the paper of the evening was read by Mr. R. A. Magill, his subject being

"JAPAN'S DOMINION."

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Blackwell, Hart, Paxton, Thomas, and Carmichael.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

E. Marshall Frost
Secretary.

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The president appointed Messrs. Perrow, Kilby and Wilson as a committee on nominations, and this committee presented the following nominations:

President - Mr. R. Glass
 Vice-President - Mr. R. W. B. Hart
 Secretary - Mr. E. M. Frost
 Treasurer - Mr. J. T. Noell, Jr.

There were no further nominations from the floor, and the above officers were elected by acclamation.

Mr. R. Glass then presided over the meeting, and it was moved, seconded and passed that the Club have a supper on the date Dr. Lancaster gives his paper.

There being no further business, the paper of the evening was read by Dr. C. M. Kilby, his subject being

"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE."

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Barnwell, Wilson, Grainger, Thomas, and Blackwell.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P. M.

Edmund R. Frost
 Secretary.

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Lynchburg, Virginia,

October 24, 1941.

The Three-Hundred Eighty-Seventh meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, Mr. James R. Gilliam, Jr. presiding in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

The following members were present: Messrs. Grainger, Freer, Hamaker, Gilliam, Kilby, Jackson, Noell, Thomas, Barnwell, Frost and Carmichael.

There was no business before the ~~evening~~^{meeting} and the paper of the evening was read by Dr. Ruskin S. Freer, his subject being

"BIRD MIGRATION AND WIND DIRECTION."

There followed a general discussion participated in by all present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P. M.

Emmanuel Frost
Secretary.

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The President announced the appointment of the following committees:

Program Committee,
Dr. Perrow, Chairman,
Mr. J. T. Noell, Jr.
Dr. Kilby.

Membership Committee,
Dr. Barnwell, Chairman
Mr. J. R. Gilliam, Jr.
Mr. Omer Carmichael.

The program committee was instructed to attend to the arrangements for the supper meeting on November 28th.

There being no further business, the paper of the evening was read by Dr. T. H. Jack, his subject being

"GENIUS IN VIRGINIA. A PHASE."

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Arnold, Thomas, Grainger, Blackwell, Carmichael and Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

E. Marshall Frost
Secretary.

NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA., SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 29, 1941.

Lancaster Says Jefferson Founded Modern Education

Thomas Jefferson more than a century ago advanced many of the ideas that now are fundamental parts of modern education, Dr. Dabney S. Lancaster of Richmond, State superintendent of public instruction and a former member of the club, declared here last night in a paper read to the Sphex Club.

It was Jefferson who stressed education as the bulwark of the democratic form of government, careful selection of those best fitted for training and education at public expense—which were revolutionary doctrines at that time, he said.

"Jefferson's plan for a system of public education did not materialize during his lifetime," Dr. Lancaster said.

"The social system in the South did not lend itself to his plan. Large plantations where the owners employed private tutors for their own children could not well be divided into "hundreds" for school purposes and the large land owners were not enthusiastic about supporting schools for the less fortunate members of society."

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"He proposed in great detail the division of each county into 'hundreds' with a common school for each 'hundred.' There were to be three aldermen for each county, elected by the people, who should establish the schools and appoint an 'overseer,' the counterpart of our modern school superintendent.

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Turns to Higher Education

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"He has emphasized public service, sound mental training, a broadened interest and character. x x x

Jefferson's Contributions

"What, then, has Jefferson contributed to the education of today? He is either responsible for or has re-emphasized the importance of many of our educational philosophies and practices of this day and time:

"Common school education at public expense; adequate supervision of public school affairs and teaching; co-education as he proposed three years of schooling free for boys and girls; careful selection of students for training at public expense; separation of Church and State; well qualified teachers; division of higher training into schools; value of the social sciences—history and government; modern languages; scientific studies; professional studies; physical education, military training and the like; industrial and vocational training in special schools; elective system and an opportunity for everyone to select his own course; student self-government.

"Most of these principles are part and parcel of our educational system. It is hard for us to realize how revolutionary they seemed in his day. In some respects we perhaps would have profited by adhering more closely to Jefferson's recommendations, notably in regard to the more careful selection of students to be promoted and educated further at public expense in the high schools and freedom from narrow requirements as to courses and credits."

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When his public school system did not immediately materialize, Jefferson turned to higher education, Dr. Lancaster said.

"He felt that the common schools should be supported largely by local taxation and that the State should concentrate its support upon one State University. He was the first to advocate such concentration of support for higher education.

"Jefferson thus defined the objects of higher education: 'To form the statesmen, legislators, and judges on whom public prosperity and individual happiness are so much to depend; to expound the principles of government, the laws which regulate the intercourse of

necessary restraint on individual action, shall leave us free to do whatever does not violate the equal rights of another; to harmonize and promote the interests of agriculture, manufacturers and commerce, and by well-informed views of political economy to give a free scope to the public industry; to develop the reasoning faculties of our youth, enlarge their minds, cultivate their morals, and instill into them the precepts of virtue and order. x x x These are the objects of that higher education, the benefits and blessings of which the Legislature now proposes to provide for the good and ornament of their country, the gratification and happiness of their fellow citizens.'

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Lynchburg, Virginia

December 5, 1941.

The Three Hundred Ninetieth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, Mr. R. Glass, the President, presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Peake, Grainger, Jackson, Thomas, R. Glass, Perrow, Carmichael, Noel, P. Glass, Hart, and Frost.

There was no business before the meeting, and the paper of the evening was read by Mr. J. F. Peake, his subject being

"A NEW WORLD ORDER."

There followed a discussion, participated in by Messrs. Grainger, Hart, P. Glass, and Thomas, followed by a general discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

Edna Marshall Frost
Secretary.

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Lynchburg, Virginia

February 20, 1942

The Three Hundred Ninety-First meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president Mr. R. Glass presiding.

The following members were present:
Messrs. Gilliam, Jackson, Blackwell, Kilby, P. Glass, Grainger, Thomas, R. Glass, Faulkner, Perrow, Noel, Hart and Frost.

There was no business before the meeting, and the paper of the evening was read by Dr. Mosby G. Perrow, his subject being

"THE YELLOW PERIL."

There followed a general discussion, participated in by all present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P. M.

Edna Mae Frost
Secretary

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Lynchburg, Virginia

March 6, 1942

The Three Hundred Ninety-Second meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president, Mr. R. Glass, presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. P. Glass, Gilliam, Grainger, Carmichael, Jackson, Hamaker, Hart, Kilby, Blackwell, Gilliam, Noel, R. Glass, Wilson, Barnwell, Thomas, and Frost.

There was no business before the meeting, and the paper of the evening was read by Captain R. W. B. Hart, his subject being

"A CHART."

There followed a discussion, participated in by Messrs. Gilliam, Thomas, P. Glass, followed by a general discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

E. W. B. Hart
Secretary.

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THE NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA., FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 20, 1942.

Sphex Speaker And Leader



Alexander W. Weddell, United States ambassador to Spain, who made the address at the annual meeting of the Sphex Club last night, converses with Robert Glass (right), club president, in the Virginian Hotel lobby before the banquet started. (Bell Studio Photo).

Anti-British Propaganda Is Alarming To Weddell

Alexander Wilbourne Weddell, United States ambassador to Spain, asserted in an address here last night he is greatly concerned with the anti-British propaganda which is sweeping the nation.

Principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Lynchburg Sphex Club, Mr. Weddell said another observation since his return from Spain is that the United States is making great progress in preparing for the all out struggle against the Axis.

"I feel that we are awake," he asserted.

Has Seen U. S. Planes

He said he has been permitted to see fighting planes rolling off assembly lines, large factories turning out powerful tanks and other war preparations.

"I have drawn strength from what I have seen here," he said.

But, Mr. Weddell declared, the anti-British propaganda which is being voiced by American citizens is of great concern to him. He said that for some reason persons in this nation are heaping much more criticism upon the British, for instance, than upon the French.

"I think we should keep most carefully in mind the propaganda that is being handed out," he cautioned.

Mr. Weddell reminded that all the difficulties which are being experienced by the United Nations cannot be laid to the British. He said it is his belief if "there had not been a Pearl Harbor there wouldn't have been a Hong Kong," or a Singapore.

Foreign Snapshots

The ambassador titled his address, "Snapshots of Foreign Travel," and gave his listeners graphic pictures of Denmark, Zanzibar and other nations in which he has served in the United States diplomatic service. He quoted from famous poets and philosophers in describing the customs of the peoples and their beliefs.

He said that it is his belief that the government of Spain is making an effort to keep out of the present world conflict. The nation, he continued, has adopted a policy of non-belligerency although friendly to the Axis powers.

Mr. Weddell said there "is a real basis for friendship between the United States and Spain." He added there are many things the American government wants to obtain from Spain—mercury, tungsten, cork and other vital materials. Spain in turn, is nearly dependent on the United States for gasoline and oil.

"When I left the fishing fleet, which is of vital importance to them, went out only two days a week," Mr. Weddell said, because of the lack of fuel.

Living Conditions

The ambassador described living conditions in Spain as difficult. He recited some of the shortages, among them medical supplies which results in operations being performed

in Denmark and there are no slums.

The ambassador was introduced by Robert Glass, president of the Sphex Club. Mr. Glass described Mr. Weddell as an official who started as a secretary in the consulate at Denmark and worked to the top to become the ambassador to Argentina as well as to Spain.

The response was made by Dr. Henry Blackwell, professor of English at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Dr. Carleton Barnwell, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, said the invocation.

The Sphex Club members entertained their guests with a banquet before Mr. Weddell's address. The guests were:

G. L. Bell, Suffolk; S. R. Crockett, Forest; Dr. R. H. Cross, Concord; A. C. Gleason, Forest; Dr. Thomas W. Lewis, Altavista; William R. Perkins, New York; F. Kirk Perrow, Hurt; Herbert Thompson, Forest; W. I. Whitefield, Roanoke; John L. Abbot, Robert A. Abernathy, C. C. Akers, E. A. Allen, Henry A. Allen, W. W. Averett, R. M. Barker, Judge A. D. Barksdale, Dr. Elisha Barksdale, George M. Bell, W. M. Black, E. Thurman Boyd, Judge Charles E. Burks, J. C. Burks, W. H. Burruss, Clarence G. Burton.

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"The situation is better in Spain, however, than in any of the occupied countries and far better than in that stricken country, Greece," he added.

Mr. Weddell said he is very interested in what is taking place in India, where he served also in the diplomatic service. He added that most Americans have a misconception of India.

"We think of India collectively x x x but it is really 40 separate peoples," he continued.

Mr. Weddell said in some instances the British may have been selfish in the government of India. He pointed out, however, the difficulties of establishing home rule where there are so many different peoples and so many different languages.

"Millions of Indians would like to see Britons act as policemen and let them run the government," he concluded.

Mr. Weddell described the Danes as the "most civilized people in the world." He said there is no illiter-

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Lynchburg, Virginia

March 20, 1942

The Three Hundred Ninety-Fourth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the vice-president Mr. R. W. B. Hart presiding in the absence of the president.

In the absence of the secretary, Mr. James R. Gilliam, Jr. was appointed secretary pro-tem.

The following members were present: Messrs. Noel, Blackwell, Jackson, Perrow, Grainger, Thomas, Hart and Gilliam.

There was no business before the meeting and the paper of the evening was read by Mr. A. F. Thomas, his subject being

"THE POST WAR WORLD - WHAT THEN?"

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Blackwell, Jackson, Grainger, Noel, Gilliam and Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

Secretary pro-tem

Lynchburg, Virginia

April 3, 1942

The Three-Hundred Ninety-Fifth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank.

In the absence of both the president and vice-president, on motion of Mr. Thomas Dr. J. D. Paxton presided.

In the absence of the secretary, Mr. J. A. Faulkner acted as secretary.

The following members were present: Messrs. Paxton, Carmichael, Grainger, Kilby, Jackson, Noell, Perrow, Thomas, Blackwell and Faulkner.

There was no business before the meeting and the paper of the evening was read by Mr. Carmichael, his subject being

"MEXICO."

The discussion which followed was participated in by Messrs. Paxton, Thomas, Blackwell, Noell and Perrow.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P. M.

FAULKNER

Secretary pro-tem

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Lynchburg, Virginia

May 1, 1942

The Three-Hundred Ninety-Sixth meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president, Mr. R. Glass presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Glass, Thomas, P. Glass, Blackwell, Jackson, Kilby, Grainger, Ferrow, Noel and Frost.

There was no business before the meeting and the paper of the evening was read by Dr. O. J. Grainger, his subject being:

"THE SOUL OF ALL THE EAST."

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Blackwell, Kilby, followed by a general discussion by all present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

Edna Marshall Frost
Secretary

Lynchburg, Virginia

May 15, 1942

The Three Hundred Ninety-Seventh meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president, Mr. R. Glass presiding.

In the absence of the secretary, Mr. James R. Gilliam acted as secretary.

The following members were present: Messrs. Jackson, Blackwell, Kilby, Grainger, Wilson, Barnwell, Carmichael, Noell, Thomas, Perrow, R. Glass, and Gilliam.

There was no business before the meeting and the paper of the evening was read by Dr. Carleton Barnwell, his subject being:

"ISLE OF ENCHANTMENT."

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Gilliam, Kilby, Thomas, Wilson, Grainger, Blackwell, and Carmichael.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

Secretary pro-tem.

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Lynchbutg, Virginia

October 16, 1942.

The Three Hundred Ninety-Eighth meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, Mr. J. T. Noell, Jr., presiding in the absence of the President.

The following members were present: Messrs. Noell, Faulkner, Thomas, Blackwell, Gilliam, Kilby, Perrow, Grainger, Hamaker, Hart, and Frost.

The acting President appointed Messrs. Gilliam, Perrow and Thomas as a committee on nominations, and this committee presented the following nominations:

President - Mr. R. W. B. Hart
Vice-President - Mr. Omer Carmichael
Secretary - Mr. E. M. Frost
Treasurer - Mr. J. T. Noell, Jr.

There were no further nominations from the floor, and the above officers were elected by acclamation.

Mr. Noell, our Treasurer, was asked if any members of the Club were delinquent in the payment of their dues or their annual banquet guests' fees. Mr. Noell was somewhat evasive in his replies to this inquiry, but as any delinquencies under this head have been advanced personally by Mr. Noell, a condition which the members present thought unreasonable, to say the least, some remedial action was deemed entirely in order.

A resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted, as follows:

"Whereas it is the opinion of this Club that certain of its members are delinquent in the payment of their dues and annual banquet guest fees, which amounts have been advanced for their benefit by our Treasurer, Mr. James T. Noell, Jr., personally, be it

"Resolved that at the second meeting of the Club from this date the names of the members delinquent and the amounts owing will be submitted, that the aggregate of the said amounts be pro-rated among the other members of the Club and they be requested to assume the payment of the same pro-rata, as it is not the sense of the Club's membership that Mr. Noell be allowed to continue to be the goat for the benefit of our members who carelessly overlook their obligations to him.

"Resolved, further, that the secretary be instructed to send a copy of these proceedings to each member along with his notice of the next meeting."

There being no further business, the paper of the evening was read by Dr. H. D. Blackwell, his subject being

"GHOSTS"

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Kilby, Hart, Thomas and Grainger.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

Emanuel Frost
Secretary

Lynchburg, Virginia

December 4, 1942

The Three Hundred Ninety-Ninth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Science Hall, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, the president, Mr. R. W. B. Hart, presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Barnwell, Hart, Wilson, Peake, Blackwell, Kilby, R. Glass, Thomas, Grainger, Hamaker, Noell, Perrow, and Frost.

The President announced the appointment of the following committees:

Membership Committee:

Mr. R. Glass, Chairman

E. M. Frost

J. T. Noell, Jr.

Program Committee:

Dr. Mosby G. Perrow, Chairman

Dr. C. M. Kilby

Mr. J. T. Noell, Jr.

There being no further business, the paper of the evening was read by Dr. J. I. Hamaker, his subject being

"RIDING BACKWARDS."

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Kilby, Barnwell, Thomas, R. Glass, and Grainger.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

E. M. Frost
Secretary

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Lynchburg, Virginia

January 22, 1943

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The Four Hundredth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president, Mr. R. W. B. Hart, presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Capron, Carmichael, Kilby, Perrow, Grainger, Blackwell, Thomas, R. Glass, Noell, P. Glass, Barnwell, Hart, and Frost.

Mr. Robert Glass made a report for the Membership Committee.

The following resolution was duly passed:

"Whereas, some of the members of the Lynchburg SpheX Club, either by reason of health, temporary absence from the city, or waning interest, are not active in the club's affairs, and

"Whereas, as result, the average attendance at meetings is much less than is desirable, thereby adversely affecting the interest of all,

"Therefore, Be It Resolved,

"First, that members temporarily absent from the city to serve the country at war be relieved of that provision of the club's Constitution which provides that extended absence without excuse automatically severs connection with the club, and be relieved of payment of dues, for the duration of the war, or until their prior return to the city.

"Second, that members so desiring, and on vote of a majority of those present, be made members emeritus, with all the privileges of members, but free of the obligation to read papers, and to attend meetings regularly.

Provided, however, that they shall not be included among the constitutional membership of thirty.

"Third, that, since to carry out the provisions of these resolutions will necessitate amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the club, a committee of three be appointed to prepare and propose such amendments for action by the members.

"Fourth, that a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the club, as amended, be mailed to every member by the secretary, after marking in red that section which provides for automatic suspension after a period of unexplained or unexcused absence, and that along with it be sent to each a copy of these resolutions and a letter covering the discussion and action of the club thereon.

"Fifth, that these resolutions lay over until the next regular meeting of the club to give all members opportunity to be present and discuss them."

There being no further business, the paper of the evening was read by Mr. John D. Capron, his subject being

"WHAT CAN WE BELIEVE?"

There followed a general discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

Emmeline Frost
Secretary

Lynchburg, Virginia

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February 5, 1943

The Four Hundred First meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president, Mr. R. W. B. Hart, presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Freer, Hamaker, Grainger, Kilby, Thomas, Perrow, R. Glass, Hart, Carmichael, Noel, Barnwell, and Frost.

The resolution offered at the meeting of January 22nd was passed, and pursuant to the resolution, the Chair appointed Dr. Carleton Barnwell, Chairman, Mr. Omer Carmichael, and Dr. J. I. Hamaker a committee of three to prepare and propose such amendments for action by the members.

Mr. Thomas presented an amendment to the Second Clause of the Constitution, as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the membership committee to consider all persons for active membership whose names shall be proposed to it in writing. If such person receive a majority approval of the committee, the committee shall then notify the secretary as to the date upon which it is proposed that the election be held."

Mr. Robert Glass made a report for the Membership Committee.

There being no further business before the meeting the paper of the evening was read by Dr. Ruskin S. Freer, his subject being

"THE HOUSE OF THE PLANT."

There followed a general discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P. M.

Emmanuel Frost
Secretary.

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED

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Lynchburg, Virginia
February 19, 1943

The Four Hundred Second meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president, Mr. R. W. B. Hart, presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Barnwell, R. Glass, Thomas, Blackwell, Perrow, Carmichael, Grainger, Kilby, Russell, Noell, Hart, Wilson, and Frost.

The Constitution, as amended, and the resolutions, copies of which are hereto attached, were by appropriate action adopted.

Mr. A. F. Thomas withdrew his suggested amendment to the second clause of the Constitution.

Mr. Noell made a report for the Program Committee.

There being no further business before the meeting, the paper of the evening was read by Mr. A. F. Thomas, his subject being

"THE WORLD PEACE."

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Kilby, Grainger, Russell, Barnwell, and Carmichael.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

E. Marshall Frost
Secretary

March 11, 1943
**Colonel Angus McDonnell
Addresses SpheX Dinner**

**British Embassy Official Asserts Axis To Fail In
Attempt To Sow Discord Between
Britain And United States**

Despite the attempt of the Axis "to drive a wedge and sow distrust" between the two nations, the United States and Great Britain must "go along together with confidence that the other is prepared to do the utmost in the conflict," Colonel Angus McDonnell, secretary of the British embassy, Washington, told members and guests of the SpheX Club at their 33rd annual banquet meeting in Virginian Hotel last night.

"As in a military sense the Axis grow relatively weaker as compared with our growing strength in trained personnel and equipment, so we can expect that their efforts to separate us by lying propaganda, will be intensified," Colonel McDonnell declared.

An increasing number of people in the United States, "in spite of the direct assertions to the contrary by Mr. Churchill and the British ambassador, Lord Halifax, still believe that when we together defeat Germany, then we shall give you little or no help to finish off Japan, and they advance as proof of this belief the fact that we are concentrating on the European battlefronts rather than the war in the Pacific," he said.

To Destroy Enemy

"People who believe this sort of thing obviously forget that the Germans are no further from London than Richmond is from Lynchburg, and it is necessary to destroy the enemy on our doorstep before we can go all out against the enemy further afield," the speaker asserted.

Stressing that both countries must increase confidence in each other, Colonel McDonnell told the audience that "each must prepare to assume whatever responsibilities and burdens necessary to insure a lasting peace."

The people of England have grown to appreciate the partnership with the United States through not only material aid, but have "learned to know your people through your soldiers who have come to England from every part of this great land," he asserted as he traced the differences between the English and the Americans to the ways of life in each country.

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together to the end no matter what it costs materially to preserve our own forms of government which we have built up for ourselves patiently through centuries."

He concluded:

"I think our two nations may well be proud of each other as partners."

Colonel McDonnell was associated in the railway construction business in Lynchburg from 1908-10 with the Langhorne Construction Company.

City Manager R. W. B. Hart, president of the club, introduced the speaker. Captain John Taylor, District British consul, Baltimore, and Ernest Guy, ex-French consul at Baltimore, were also presented to the club.

Dr. O. J. Grainger, professor of sociology at Lynchburg College, gave the response on behalf of the club and declared that "our desire for freedom from England grew out of the traditions and culture which we received from that country."

Rector Carleton Barnwell of St. Paul's Episcopal Church pronounced the invocation.

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T. W. Gilliam, Dr. J. R. Gorman, A. C. Gleason, Richard A. Harris, E. H. Hancock, Barton Hunter, Stephen C. Hurt, Rev. D. D. Holt, Edward R. Harris, L. D. Horner, Jr., M. B. Hickson, Wistar M. Heald, R. S. Harris, T. R. Hawes, Dr. Carter Helm Jones, John Page

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Returning to England in August 1941, after being in the United States for six months, Colonel McDonnell said the entry of Russia into the war against Germany, and "the passing of the lease-lend in this country," was setting the way for the British to strengthen her defenses.

"Confidence was growing, we would avoid a knockout, and that the time would arrive some day when we could take the offensive," he declared.

Tide Turns

"In July, 1942, I returned to England for seven weeks, and I felt at last that the tide had turned. Eight months before your nation had joined the partnership, the period of preparation for defense was over, the question then was how could both our nations best use England as the springboard of attack," he said.

Tracing the rationing system and other sacrifices made by the peoples of both nations, Colonel McDonnell said:

"Well, here we are, both of our nations can take it and we will fight

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Dr. B. H. Kyle, F. L. Knight, William Kropff, Dr. A. A. Kern, Charles Kirkland, W. S. Knight, George P. Kinsey, S. V. Kemp, C. D. Langhorne, L. E. Lichford, Dr. Herbert C. Lipscomb, R. D. Morrison, Henry E. McWane, D. G. Moore, Giles H. Miller, J. V. Morrison, Dr. Lacy I. Moffet, Dr. R. B. Montgomery, Dr. John A. Norford, J. D. Owen.

C. Raine Pettyjohn, Walker Pettyjohn, C. G. Patterson, T. J. Pow-

ell, Moby G. Perrow, Jr., F. K. Perrow, Dr. S. H. Rosenthal, William Rosenberger, Dr. H. L. Riley, Dr. D. P. Scott, C. L. Snidow, William W. Shackelford, Dr. Ernest G. Scott, Paul E. Sackett, Rev. James Sprunt, A. M. Schewel, Phillip L. Scruggs, Dr. R. C. Sommerville, Dr. R. T. Stickley.

Dr. William Scott, W. C. Thomas, A. D. Thomas, Herbert B. Thomson, W. Lawrence Turner, John Victor, H. A. Wells, A. V. Weekley, Dr. R. W. Wallace, L. Bradford Waters, A. Lynch Ward, Jr., George C. Walker, Herman D. Wells, Colonel R. John West, R. T. Watts, Jr., Orville W. Wake, A. Lynch Ward.

Dr. John Walker, Basil G. Watkins, Dr. Frank L. Wells, James O. Watts, R. C. Watts, S. H. Williams, Thomas J. Williams, A. M. White, John M. Wilson and Dr. Paul Walker.

Lynchburg, Virginia
April 9, 1943

The Four Hundred Fourth meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, Dr. H. D. Blackwell presiding in the absence of the President.

The following members were present:
Messrs. Thomas, R. Glass, Kilby, Blackwell, Grainger, Hamaker, Russell, Barnwell, Noell, Gilliam, and Frost.

On motion, duly seconded and passed, the President was requested to appoint a committee to prepare a historical sketch of the Sphex Club, setting forth the names of the charter members and all subsequent members of the Club.

There being no further business before the meeting, the paper of the evening was read by Mr. Robert Glass, his subject being

"WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?"

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Barnwell, Gilliam, Frost, Grainger, Thomas, and Blackwell.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

E. Marshall Frost
Secretary

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DR PETERS
DEATH

Lynchburg, Virginia

April 30, 1943

The Four Hundred Fifth meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president, Mr. R. W. B. Hart, presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Grainger, Kilby, Thomas, Carmichael, R. Glass, Wilson, Caskie, Hart, Russell, Barnwell, Noell, Gilliam and Frost.

The following resolution was presented and unanimously passed:

"WHEREAS, the Almighty in His infinite wisdom has called to higher service our friend and fellow member, Dr. Don Preston Peters, in the sixty-sixth year of his life, be it resolved by the Sphex Club in meeting assembled:

"THAT in the passing of Dr. Don Preston Peters a distinct loss has been suffered by this Club and this community which he served for so many years;

"THAT there be spread upon the minutes of this Club the recognition of his worth as a man, as a conscientious and skillful surgeon, as a gentleman, as a stalwart citizen and a comrade, as one who tenaciously fought to uphold and to elevate the practical, moral and ethical standards of his profession and of the community; and

"THAT a copy of this resolution be transmitted to members of his family, to whom the heart-felt sympathy of this Club is extended."

There being no further business before the meeting, the paper of the evening was read

by Dr. O. J. Grainger, his subject being

"COMMON SENSE"

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Kilby, Russell, Thomas, Gilliam, R. Glass, Noell, followed by a general discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

Edna Rae Frost
Secretary

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Lynchburg, Virginia

DEATH OF
DR. PERROW

October 29, 1943

The Four Hundred Sixth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, the president Mr. R. W. B. Hart presiding.

The following members were present: Messrs. Hamaker, Grainger, Caskie, Thomas, Kilby, Carmichael, Freer, Blackwell, Hart, Barnwell, and Frost.

The President had previously appointed Mr. Robert Glass, Chairman, Mr. A. F. Thomas, and Dr. J. I. Hamaker as a committee to prepare suitable resolutions on the passing of Dr. Mosby G. Perrow. This committee was continued.

The President had previously appointed Mr. J. A. Faulkner, as Chairman, Dr. H. D. Blackwell, and Dr. C. M. Kilby as a committee to prepare a history of the SpheX Club. This committee was continued.

There being no further business before the meeting, the paper of the evening was read by Dr. C. M. Kilby, his subject being

"FOUNDATIONS OF SCIENCE"

There followed a discussion participated in by Messrs. Freer, Grainger, Thomas and Blackwell.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

E. W. Skene Trust
Secretary

Lynchburg, Virginia

November 26, 1943

The Four Hundred Seventh meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of this date in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, Mr. Omer Carmichael presiding in the absence of the President.

The following members were present: Messrs. Grainger, Peake, Gilliam, Kilby, Blackwell, R. Glass, Barnwell, Carmichael, Noell and Frost.

Secretary
The committee composed of Mr. J. A. Faulkner, Chairman, Dr. H. D. Blackwell and Dr. C. M. Kilby, previously appointed to prepare a history of the SpheX Club, was continued.

The committee composed of Mr. Robert Glass, Chairman, and Dr. J. I. Hamaker, who were previously appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the passing of Dr. Mosby G. Perrow, was likewise continued, and this committee was further requested to prepare suitable resolutions for Mr. A. F. Thomas.

Upon motion, duly passed, Mr. J. R. Gilliam, Jr. and two members selected by him, were appointed as a committee on nominations. Mr. Gilliam thereupon appointed Dr. C. M. Kilby and Dr. Carleton Barnwell, and this committee presented the following nominations:

President - Mr. Omer Carmichael
Vice-President - Mr. E. M. Frost
Secretary - Dr. O. J. Grainger
Treasurer - Mr. J. T. Noell, Jr.

There were no further nominations from the floor, and the above officers were duly elected.

Thereupon the president announced the appointment of the following committees:

Membership Committee:
Dr. C. M. Kilby, Chairman
Dr. Carleton Barnwell
Mr. E. M. Frost

Program Committee:

Mr. James R. Gilliam, Jr., Chairman
Mr. J. T. Noell, Jr.
Mr. Robert Glass

There being no further business, the paper of the evening was read by Dr. Carleton Barnwell, his subject being:

"BACKWARD GLANCES"

There followed a discussion, participated in by Messrs. Peake, Kilby, Blackwell and Grainger.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P. M.

E. Marshall Frost
Secretary

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GRAINGER
NEW SECRETARY

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Lynchburg, Virginia, February 4, 1944.

The four hundred eighth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of the above date in the Directors room of the Lynchbu rg Trust and Savings B ank.

As the P resident of the Club was to read the paper of th evening, the Vice P resident, Mr. E.M. Frost presided.

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The following members were present. Messrs Noel, Hart, Freer, Hamaker, Peake, Gilliam, Frost, R.Glass, Carmichael, Kilby, Caskie, Grainger.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

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A letter from Mr. Powell Glass was read together with a letter of Dr. Grainger, Secretary of the Club in response to Mr. Glass letter. Mr. Glass' response to the Secretary's letter was also read. These letters are on file with these minutes.

It was unanimously resolved, that the club heartily endorses the sentiments expressed ^{by the Secretary} in his letter to Mr. Glass and that the Secretary write to Mr. Glass informing him of this action and expressing our desire that Mr. Glass continue to be a member of the Club.

The chair called for a report of the committee appointed to write a history of the club.

Dr. Kilby made report for the ~~minh~~ committee.

Dr. Kilby read a letter from Mr. Faulkner chairman of the committee, following which he read the short history prepared by Mr. Faulkner with additions by Dr. Kilby.

It was moved and carried that the report be accepted and spread upon the minutes with the following additions. 1. the year of election of each member and ^{v.} the names of the speakers at the annual banquets together with the subjects of their addresses.

It was moved and carried that the report be ~~printed~~ prepared for distribution to the members of the club.

The following committee was appointed to do this.

Mr. Faulkner, Dr. Kilby, Dr. Blackwell and the Secretary of the club.

The committee on obituaries was continued.

The Program Committee reported that the annual banquet would be held at 7 P.M. on February 24th, 1944 and that the speaker would be Dr. J.B. Rhine of Duke University.

The membership committee had no report.

There being no further business the paper of the evening was read by Mr. Omer Carmichael, his subject being

Quo Vadis. *A discussion of post war educational Problems.*

This was followed by a discussion in which all present took part.

Adjournment was at 10:15 P.M.

O. J. Gainger.
Secretary.

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The four hundred and eighth meeting of the Sphinx Club was held on the evening of the above date in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

In the absence of the President the Vice President, Mr. E.M. Frost presided.

The following members were present. Messrs Gilliam, Hart, Kilby, Blackwell, Jack, Hamaker, Noel, Frost, R. Glass, Grainger.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Mr. Powell Glass was read expressing his pleasure to remain a member of the club.

The membership committee reported that it is considering several persons that have been suggested for membership. The names of several persons were mentioned but the committee was not ready to make nominations.

This was followed by a general discussion of the kind of persons desirable for membership. In this discussion the following took part;— Kilby, Blackwell, R. Glass, Jack, Noel.

It was moved and carried that the resignation of Mr. Ramsey be accepted. (2ND TIME)

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It was moved and carried, the membership committee present at our next meeting three names of persons for membership.

The obituary committee was continued.

The program committee reported progress on the annual meeting

The paper of the evening was read by Capt. R.W.B. Hart, whose subject was "Looking A round"? A discussion of problems confronting the Lynchburg Municipality. This was followed by a discussion participated in by Messrs Jack, Kilby, Hamaker, Frost, Noel, R. Glass
Adjourned 10:15 P.M.

O.J. Grainger Secretary

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13 MEETINGS OFF

The four hundred ninth meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the night of Thursday February 24, 1944 at the Virginian hotel with members and guests present and an address as described in the following clipping from the Daily News

O. J. Graining Secretary.

*Feb. 24, 1944.
Annual Banquet
Virginian Hotel.*

Extra-Sensory Test Results Stir Audience

Rhine's Address Enthralls Members Of Sphex Club, Guests

Experiments in extra-sensory perception may lead to evidence that the human brain actually contains "spiritual factors" which enable it to exist after death, Dr. J. D. Rhine of the Psychology Department of Duke University, asserted here last night.

Principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Sphex Club, Dr. Rhine has conducted extensive experiments in an effort to prove that the brain has greater power than is generally conceded by authorities of today.

Contribution To Religion

Dr. Rhine said he looked upon his work and that of other men in the same field as a definite contribution towards religion and not as a "sacrilege." He praised the church for keeping alive through the ages the belief in the immortality of the soul. Through efforts of such experiments, although conclusions may not be reached for generations, Dr. Rhine said he is convinced concrete evidence will be found.

From his "preliminary experiments," Dr. Rhine asserted that the "pictures drawn are that men have something beyond physical powers."

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"Is there a quality in this mind which enables it to exist forever?" he said is the ultimate question to be answered.

There was nothing pedantic in Dr. Rhine's discourse. His professional terminology was confined to words easily understood upon the simplest definition. He made it clear what he was discussing was concerned with the probability and the extent of the control of mind over matter. He made it equally clear that the objective of the work in which he is engaged is to determine as much as possible the facts of this control, and to demonstrate that the mind rather than the physical being is the center, the part that matters in man's living and in his destiny.

Dice Experiment

Dr. Rhine introduced his thesis by an exposition of experiments in the control of dice, in making that face of the die turn up which the experimenter wished to turn up. And he developed this to the satisfaction of the audience, in showing that extensive experiments have proved that willing the dice to turn a certain way results in their doing so to an extent considerably beyond that figure which mathematicians have set as the probability of occurrence solely on the basis of chance.

Dr. Rhine referred to other experiments producing similar percentage results in extra-sensory perception and control in the reading of symbols on cards not visible to the experimenter. This went so far as the "reading" of the symbols on cards far removed from the experimenter, separated by both space and physical barriers. And it extended

further to the experimenter determining what symbol another experimenter was "reading" from cards not visible to either of them.

Dr. Rhine's figures, and his elucidation of the nature of the experiments, was convincing here, his audience realized, was no faddist, no showman, but a serious scholar intent upon serious and potentially important research, and making considerable progress with it, progress enough to justify a large extension of the work he is doing and that others, now, are doing.

Audience Skeptic

The very nature of the exposition and discussion provided, with Dr. Rhine's expressed approval, considerable humor as a result of natural and inevitable skepticism in the audience. But this did not detract from the serious, the wholly thoughtful, acceptance of Dr. Rhine's talk as a serious and important adventure into the realm of the little known.

There were scientists present who asked questions and who received answers founded upon a scientific method. Being a man with a sound scientific approach to his studies, Dr. Rhine made no extravagant claims, but only stated results obtained in his work. He did speak briefly upon the purely speculative matters naturally arising from consideration of such matters. He made references to the possibility of the effect upon man, even upon a nation, of a philosophic work in Germany that set forth the purely

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physical nature of man, that is that a man will develop and will act according to what he physically is, without the possibility of exercising a self-conscious control over his development and actions.

One of the strongest evidences of the soundness of the experiments and findings of Dr. Rhine and his associates, as stated by him, was that the most skeptical of his critics, an Englishman, when challenged to test the findings, accomplished the finest single experiment with results confirming those of Dr. Rhine.

Water Divining

The question period brought laughter when water divining was mentioned as coming within the possible province of extra-sensory perception for an explanation of how it works. Dr. Rhine confessed to no skepticism regarding the actual accurate workings of water divining, by the use of twigs and other media. And John A. Faulkner, a Sphex Club member, was revealed as a successful water diviner, to the expressed delight of those present but with the serious interest of Dr. Rhine, who gave his theory regarding it as non-volitional control of

the twig by a person discerning the presence of underground water by extra-sensory process.

It is perhaps safe to say that the Sphex Club members and their guests came away from the lecture with as much thoughtful satisfaction, with as much provocative material, as any Lynchburg gathering has experienced over a long period. They were well-instructed in the progress being made in exploring a field interesting to all thinking human beings, and were better equipped to direct their own speculations in that field, more known to them than they had before suspected.

Dr. Rhine was introduced by Omer Carmichael, toastmaster, who welcomed also the guests.

Members and Guests

The members of the club and their guests follow:

E. M. Frost, Dr. O. J. Grainger, James T. Noell, Jr., Dr. B. W. Arnold, Dr. Carleton Barnwell, Dr. Henry D. Blackwell, John D. Capron, Omer Carmichael, James R. Caskie, John A. Faulkner, Dr. Ruskin S. Freer, E. Marshall Frost, James R. Gilliam, Jr., Powell Glass, Robert Glass, Dr. J. I. Hamaker, Capt. E. C. Hamner, Jr., R. W. B. Hart, Dr. Theodore H. Jack, John Early Jackson, Dr. C. M. Kilby, Rev. Robert A. Magill, Maurice Moore, James T. Noell, Jr., Dr. James D. Paxton, J. F. Peake, E. Campbell Russell and Dr. Arthur L. Wilson.

Guests

John L. Abbot, J. D. Adams, W. W. Averett, Leigh Ballenberg, Judge A. D. Barksdale, Dr. George Barton, G. M. Bell, Major J. H. Boice, Dr. F. DeW. Bolman, R. M. Earker, Dr. E. M. Bowman, A. L. Burger, J. C. Burks, P. N. Burton, Dr. R. D. Caldwell, R. A. Carrington, Jr., Geo. E. Chamberlin, D. W. Copeland, R. E. Craddock, C. H. Cross, Jr., Allen Cucullu.

F. G. Davidson, Philip Dawson, D. H. Dillard, Lt. Com. B. P. Edmunds, J. E. Fauber, Jr., Dr. W. W. Ferguson, Dean C. C. French, T. W. Gilliam, C. W. Gooch, Frank Grossman, A. C. Gleason, E. C. Hamner, Jr., H. R. Hamner, Lt. Com. S. G. Hamner, E. H. Hancock, R. A. Harris, R. S. Harris, T. R. Hawes, M. B. Hickson, Rev. D. D. Holt, L. D. Horner, Jr.

B. E. Isley, S. S. Johnson, Duncan Kennedy, Charles Kirkland, F. L. Knight, W. S. Knight, A. P. Lankford, John Mahan, R. J. McGregor, H. E. McWane, Dr. R. B. Montgomery, D. G. Moore, A. W. Mosby, Jr., James A. Mundy, Dr. Lee I. Moffett, J. D. Owen.

C. G. Patterson, W. R. Perkins, F. K. Perrow, F. K. Perrow, Jr., Walker Pettyjohn, T. J. Powell, A. M. Schewel, F. H. Scott, K. D. Scott, William Scott, P. L. Scruggs, William Shakelford, C. L. Snidow, Dr. R. C. Sommerville, Dr. R. P. Stickley, C. A. Sydnor, Jr., Herbert B. Thomson, H. T. Thornhill, Dr. W. F. Thornton, John Victor, Dr. S. H. Rosenthal.

Dean O. W. Wake, Dr. Paul Walker, Dr. R. W. Wallace, L. B. Waters, A. V. Weekday, H. A. Wells, Col. R. J. West, Don C. Wheaton, A. M. White, C. L. White, J. Lewis White, L. B. Whitehouse, S. H. Williams, T. J. Williams, John N. Wilson and Forest Wyatt.

Lynchburg, Va. March 3, 1944.

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The four hundred tenth meeting of the Sphex Club was held in the directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank on the above date at 8:15 P.M.

10 - Members present were Capron, P.Glass, Gilliam, Kilby, Blackwell, Frost, R.Glass, Barnwell, Hart, Grainger.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

The membership committee suggested names to be considered for membership.

The following amendments to the constitution were presented to be voted on at our next meeting.

That in item 1 of article III the word "inactive" be substituted of the word "honorary" making the item read as follows; "Membership shall be either active or inactive. "

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That ~~in~~ item 6 of Article III the word honorary in line ~~three~~ three and line six be changed to inactive, making the item read as follows; "Any active member, having made known his desire to the Secretary, may by a majority vote of the members ~~present~~ present at any regular meeting, be made an inactive member, continuing with all the privileges of active membership, but free of the obligation to read papers and to attend meetings regularly; provided, however, that such inactive membership be not included within the constitutional limit provided for active membership. "

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. John D. Capron whose subject was; Labor Laws and their application.

The discussion which followed was taken part in by Messrs Gilliam, Kilby, R.Glass, P.Glass, Hart, Barnwell, Frost, Capron.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M. *O.J. Grainger Secretary.*

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The four hundred and eleventh meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of March 17th, 1944 ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M.

Members present were; Hamaker, Frost, Kilby, Blackwell Gilliam, Morrison, Grainger, Carmichael, R. Glass, Barnwell, Scruggs. *of whom Morrison and Scruggs were newly elected members.*
The president Mr. Carmichael presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved and unanimously carried that the amendments to the constitution proposed at the meeting of March 3, be adopted.

It was moved and unanimously carried that by-law number 2 be amended by eliminating the work "active"; making it read as follows; "The annual dues of each member shall be \$2.00 plus such other charges as may be properly assessed against him."

It was moved and carried that the Secretary shall make a copy of the changes in the constitution and by-laws and provision be made to mimeograph them and that they be sent to each member.

The paper of the evening was read by Professor Freer whose subject was; "Shall we beat our plow shares into Disc Harrows?"

It was a discussion of a book by Faulkner entitled "Plowman's Folly."

In the discussion that followed the reading of the paper the following members took part; Hamaker, Barnwell, Blackwell, Gilliam, Carmichael, Kilby, Freer.

Adjournment was at 9:45 P.M.

O. J. Grainger.
Secretary.

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The four hundred and twelfth meeting of the Sphex Club was held on the evening of March 31, 1944 at 8:15 P.M. in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The following members were present; Freer, Carmichael, Frost, Kilby, Blackwell, R. Glass, Scruggs, Grainger, Barnwell, Morrison, Noell, Jack, Gilliam.

Meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Carmichael.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Blackwell on the subject; "The Enigma of Japan". It was an attempt to understand and portray the mentality of the Japanese people.

In the discussion that followed all the members present took part.

Adjournment was at 9:45 P.M.

O. J. Grainger Secretary

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The four hundred thirteenth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the evening of April 14th 1944 in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M.

The following members were present; Morrisson, Scruggs, Blackwell Hamaker, Barnwell, Magill, Carmichael, Noell, Arnold, Hart, R. Glass, Caskie, Frost, Grainger.

The Vice-President, Mr. Frost Presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Barnwell reported that mimeographed copies of the amendments to the constitution and by laws had been made and that Mr. Gilliam had mailed them to all members except certain ones for the time being at a distance from Lynchburg.

It was moved and carried that the action of Mr. Gilliam in not sending the statement of amendments to the constitution to members at a distance from the city be approved.

A letter from Dr. Arnold was read asking that he be put on the list of inactive members. Dr. Arnold being present was questioned on the matter.

It was moved and carried that Dr. Arnold be requested to withdraw his ^{letter} request which he consented to do.

The club was informed of the illness of Dr. Kilby.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary write to Dr. Kilby expressing our concern over his illness and our hope that he may have a speedy recovery.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. James R. Caskie on the subject; Ignorantia legis neminem excusat. It was a discussion of the difficult situation that has arisen from the multitude of regulations, with the nature of law, issued by not only legislatures but also by commissions, bureaus and government boards.

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In the discussion that ~~followed~~ the following took part;
Blackwell, Glass, Caskie, Hart, Arnold, Grainger, Carmichael,
Magill, Morrison.

Adjournment was at 10:- P.M.

J. Grainger

Secretary.

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The four hundred fourteenth meeting of the SpheX Club was held on the ~~meat~~ evening of April 28th 1944 at 8:15 P. M. in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The following members were present; Blackwell, Hamaker, Jack Carmichael, R.Glass, Grainger, Frost, Noell, Morrison, Hart, Scruggs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with instructions given at the meeting of April 14th he had witten^r to Dr. Kilby expressing our concern at his illness and hope for his speedy recovery, and th^{at} Dr. K ilby had answered this letter, expressing his appreciation of the good will of the Club.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Jack on the subject "The Lower Lights." It was a discussion of how the great ones of the country come to express the will of the people.

In the discussion that followed the following took part; Hamaker, Jack, Frost, Hart, R.Glass, Blackwell, Grainger.

Adjournment was at 10:07 P.M.

O. J. Grainger
Secretary.

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FAULKNER DEATH

The four hundred fifteenth meeting of the Sphinx Club was held on the evening of May 12th, 1944 at 8:15 P.M. in the directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The following members were present; Frost, Capron, Scruggs, Grainger, Morrison, R. Glass, Gilliam, Blackwell, Noell, Hart.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The obituary committee was asked to prepare a suitable statement concerning the death of Mr. Faulkner.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. E.M. Frost whose subject was "Sisu". It was a discussion of Finland and its people.

All present took part in the discussion of the paper.

Adjournment was at 9:50 P.M.

J. Grainger.
Secretary.

SPHEX CLUB MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 1944-MAY 18, 1945

CONTINUE WITH NEWTON COUNT

A careful count of all recorded meetings of the SpheX Club revealed that during the years of the Club's existence errors have been made in the numbering of the meetings.

The meeting held on May 12, 1944 was numbered 415.

There is record in the minutes of four hundred and thirty one meetings. Consequently the meeting whose minutes appear below is the ~~four~~ hundred and thirty ~~second~~ meeting. The minutes given below contain the authorization of the Club for the correction of the numbering.

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The four hundred and thirty second meeting of the SpheX club was held at ~~MMMM~~ 8:15 P.M. on October sixth, 1944 *at of* the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The following members were present; Carmichael, Noel, Gilliam, Kilby, P.Glass, R.Glass, Frost, Arnold, Scruggs, Barnwell, Caskie, Hart, Grainger.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary be authorized to correct the numbering of the Club's meetings.

The opinion was expressed that the history of the Club which ready should be printed rather than mimeographed.

The Secretary presented several matters involved in the history of the Club.

The President named as Nominating Committee; Messrs Noell, Hart and Scruggs.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. R.Glass.

Mr. Glass' subject was; "A Coming Campaign".

This was a discussion of the Poll Tax issue especially as it affected the state of Virginia.

In the discussion that followed all but one of those present took part.

Adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

J. Granger
Secretary.

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The four hundred and thirty third meeting of the Sphex Club was held ~~on the evening of~~ at 8:30 P.M. on October 20, 1944 in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The members present were;- Carmichael, Caskie, Hamaker, Noell, Blackwell, Scruggs, Hart, Barnwell, Frost, R.Glass, Morrison, Grainger.

The President Mr. Carmichael, was in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names for officers for the coming year.

Moved and carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the club for these persons as officers for the coming year.

President Mr. ~~E.~~ Marshall Frost.

Vice-President. Dr. R.A. Magill.

Secretary. O.J. Grainger.

Treasurer. Mr. J.T. Noell Jr.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Philip Scruggs His subject was; Writing: Theory and Practice.

It was a discussion of the problems and techniques of the professional writer.

In the discussion that followed the following took part;- Hamaker, Hart, Scruggs, Morrison, Barnwell, Frost, Caskie, Blackwell.

Adjourned at 10:08 P.M.

O.J. Grainger
Secretary.

The four hundred thirty fourth meeting of the Sphex Club was held at 8:30 P.M. on November 3, 1944 in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank. The members present were: Frost, Morrison, Jack, Hamaker, Peake, Barnwell, Kilby, Noell, Hart, Scruggs Carmichael, Grainger.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President, Mr. Frost announced the following committees.

Program Committee;

Mr. J.R. Gilliam Jr., Chairman.
 Dr. Kilby.
 Mr. Noell.
 Dr. Jack.

Membership Committee.

Mr. Carmichael, Chairman.
 Dr. Barnwell.
 Mr. Scruggs.

It was moved and carried to omit the Dec. First meeting if a speaker could not be obtained.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Hamaker. His subject was; Propaganda on a postage stamp. It was a discussion of the Four Freedoms.

In the discussion that followed these members took part; Hart, Jack, Frost, Blackwell, Scruggs, Noell, Hamaker, Grainger.

Adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

D. J. Grainger.
 Secretary.

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The four hundred thirty fifth meeting of the SpheX Club was held at 8:15 P.M. on November 17, 1944 in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The members present were Frost, Peake, Caskie, Grainger, Kilby, Blackwell, Carmichael, Barnwell, R. Glass, Noell, Hart, Morrison.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The delay in writing obituaries of deceased members of the club was discussed.

The paper of the evening was read by O. J. Grainger on the subject; "An Oriental Cult in the U.S.A."

It was a history of the rise and development and spread of the Bahai religion with a statement of its beliefs and claims.

In the discussions that followed the following took part.

Kilby, Caskie, Grainger, Glass, Hart, Barnwell, Blackwell, Morrison.

Adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

O. J. Grainger, Secretary.

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The four hundred and thirty sixth meeting of the SpheX Club was held at 8:15 P.M. On December 1st, 1944 in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The members present were: Caskie, Jack, Kilby, Arnold, Blackwell, Frost, Grainger, Scruggs, Noell, Barnwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Arnold.

His subject was: The Rising Wage Earner of the South.

It was a discussion of the developing labor situation, not only in the South, but in the country as a whole.

In the discussion that followed the following took part; Blackwell, Jack, Scruggs, Barnwell, Caskie, Arnold. A general discussion and conversation developed.

Adjourned at 10:11 P.M.

O. J. Grainger,
Secretary.

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The four hundred and thirty seventh meeting of the SpheX Club was held at 8:15 P.M. on January 12, 1945 in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank

The Mambers present were Caskie, Noell, Barnwell, Scruggs, Russell, Frost, Carmichael, Grainger, Blackwell. Mr. C.B. Grainger of Troy N.Y. was a guest at this meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There was discussion of possibilities for Banquet speaker,

I was moved and carried that recognition of ~~the~~ decease of members should be a simple statement of fact concerning the member.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Barnwell. His subject was; "Believing Man".

It was a discussion of "^{its} belief in relation to "theology" *and to life.*

In the discussion that followed the following took part; - Blackwell, Grainger, Caskie, Barnwell.

Adjourned at 10;- P.M.

O. J. Grainger.
Secretary.

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The four hundred thirty eighth meeting of the SpheX Club was held at 8:15 P.M. on January 26, 1945 in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The members present were; -Gilliam, Blackwell, Carmichael, Noell, Morrison, Caskie, Hart, Barnwell, Frost, Grainger, Magill, Russell.

The President, Mr. Frost, was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There was some discussion as to banquet speaker.

The paper of the meeting was read by Mr. Morrison.

His subject was "The Negro and the Courts".

It was a discussion of the bearing of the federal constitution and Legislation with the court interpretations of these with regard to Negro status and rights.

In the discussion that followed the following took part; - Hart, Carmichael, Morrison, Frost, Gilliam, Caskie, Blackwell.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

O. J. Grainger

Secretary.

The four hundred thirty ninth meeting of the Sphex Club was held at 8:15 P.M. on February ninth 1945 in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The members present were; Gilliam, Peake, Caskie, Frost, Grainger, Jack, Blackwell, Russell, Carmichael, Morrison, Noell.

The president Mr. Frost was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Obituaries for Dr. Perrow, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Faulkner were read and ordered filed with the minutes.

Dr. Blackwell paid a tribute to Dr. Perrow for his services to the Club through the years.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Carmichael. His subject was; -"Many roads to the same end".

It was a discussion of the public schools and their administration.

In the discussion that followed these members took part. Gilliam, Carmichael, Caskie, Morrison, Noell, Peake.

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Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

O. J. Grainger, Secretary.

ALSEN FRANKLIN THOMAS

Alsen Franklin Thomas, leader for a half-century in movements for educational, civic and economic reform in Virginia, one of the founders of First Unitarian Church, retired export tobacconist and official of Thornhill Wagon Works, and for four years a member of the Virginia State Senate, passed away on the 21st day of November, 1943. He was one of the founding members of the SpheX Club.

Born December 1, 1862, in Appomattox County, Mr. Thomas was on the eve of his 81st birthday. His parents were Rev. Alsen Thomas, one of a line of Baptist clergymen, native of Nelson County, and Mrs. Virginia Whitehead Thomas, who was born in Amherst County. They settled on a farm near Oakville, in Appomattox County.

He attended Appomattox County schools until he was 14 years old and after that extended his education by application to study along historical, economic, and classical lines. He prepared himself and taught in the county schools, and later came to Lynchburg with Adams, Chambers and Company, tobacconists. For a short time he was connected with the export tobacco business in Danville, but returned to Lynchburg when he was 25 years old. Since that time he has held interests in export tobacco companies. In 1900, in association with tobacconists from abroad, he effected the organization of the Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britian and Ireland, of which he was founder and first president. After two years he severed his connections there and with his brother, W. C. Thomas, formed the W. C. Thomas Tobacco Company, from which he retired some years ago.

For about 20 years Mr. Thomas was secretary-treasurer of Thornhill Wagon Works, and was foremost among those responsible for the promotion of this industry.

Mr. Thomas was a member of the Virginia Senate from 1904 to 1908, and during that time with Judge Aubrey E. Strode and the late Walter E. Addison sponsored a bill providing for Blue Ridge Tubercular Sanitorium, where the children's building now bears his name. He introduced championed measures for increased support by the State of public education, and this subject was one in which he remained vitally interested until his death.

Mr. Thomas was a charter member of the Club and took great delight in the meetings of the club. He was always ready to take his turn in reading papers at the

ALLEN FRANKLIN THOMAS-Continued.

Club meetings. He was always ready and free in the discussion of papers read by other members. While frequently disagreeing with things advocated by other speakers his criticism was always kindly and graciously expressed.

Born December 1, 1882, in Appomattox County, Va. Thomas was one of his 31st birthday. His parents were Rev. Allen Thomas, one of a line of Baptist clergymen native of Nelson County, and Mrs. Virginia Whitbread Thomas, who was born in Albemarle County. They settled on a farm near Davulie, in Appomattox County.

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DR. MOSBY GARLAND PERROW

Dr. Mosby Garland Perrow, who passed away on the 26th day of February, 1943, was one of the founders of the Sphex Club. Descendant of Virginia families of historical importance, including those of Spottswood and Dandridge, Dr. Perrow was the son of Fletcher C. Perrow and Mrs. Sallie A. Payne Perrow, and was born September 20, 1876, at their home, Ivy Hill, in Campbell County.

Graduate of Lynchburg, now E. C. Glass, High School, Dr. Perrow received his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees in 1897 and his doctor of philosophy degree in 1906 from Washington and Lee University. At Washington and Lee he won many honors and was editor of the Southern Collegian, the literary magazine, and of the Calyx, the college annual.

Dr. Perrow did graduate work also at the University of Chicago. He was a founding member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Among scientific groups to which he belonged and in which he took active interest were the American Association for the Advancement of Science, New York Academy of Science, American Academy of Science, American Public Health Association, Virginia Academy of Science and Lynchburg Academy of Science.

Upon graduation from Washington and Lee University, Dr. Perrow became principal of Onancock High School. He returned to Lynchburg in 1901 and became the head of the science department of Lynchburg High School, taking at the same time his work toward his doctorate. In 1908 he was appointed city milk inspector, but continued his teaching along with this part-time city work until he became full-time health officer in June, 1910.

Dr. Perrow became a member of Memorial Methodist Church, which membership continued to the time of his death.

One of the first public officers in the South, he employed the first tuberculosis nurse in the South and was the first in the United States to demand tuberculin testing of all herds furnishing milk in the City. Many other such steps as milk and water testing and gasoline testing were established for the protection of Lynchburg.

DR. MOSBY GARLAND PERROW-Continued.

During his service, Lynchburg has won acclaim from health officials for its reduction of infant mortality, maternal mortality and death rates of typhoid fever, tuberculosis, diphtheria, enteritis, and other so-called preventable diseases.

Dr. Perrow was one of the most active members of the SpheX Club. He was very regular in attendance on its meetings. The success of the activities of the Club and the prestige it has attained in Lynchburg are due in a large measure to his wisdom and leadership.

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JOHN ADAMS FAULKNER

John Adams Faulkner passed away on the 29th day of April, 1944. He became a member of the SpheX Club in 1913, which membership continued until his death.

President of Craddock-Terry Shoe Corporation since 1938, Mr. Faulkner became connected with the company in 1934, when he assumed the duties of vice president and treasurer, becoming acting president in 1936, and named president two years later.

At the time of his death he was president also of Knight-Snead Company and a director of Peoples National Bank. He was former treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He was a director of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Y. M. C. A., was member and former president of the Rotary Club.

Mr. Faulkner's first business venture was with the Lynchburg Daily Virginian, on which he worked first as a reporter and then as business manager, a position he left in 1892 to become a deputy collector for the Internal Revenue Department. He read law and in 1896 became associated with his brother-in-law, the late Alfred B. Percy, in the practice of law, later discarding it to re-enter business life. He was vice-president and treasurer of Beasley Shoe Company from 1909 until the concern went out of business in 1918. Later he was treasurer, vice-president and president successively of the Suhling Tobacco Company, with which he was connected from 1919 to 1933.

He was connected for short periods with both the Southern and Norfolk and Western Railway passenger service. He was at one time secretary of the now extinct Lynchburg Board of Trade.

For practically 25 years Mr. Faulkner was the secretary of the Club, that is, from January 1914 until some time in the year 1938. He kept the Club records in his own hand writing for most of that time.

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The four hundred fortieth meeting of the Sphex Club was held at 8:15 P.M. on February 23rd 1945 in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The members present were; Peake, Frost, Grainger, Scruggs, Barnwell, Freer, Russell, Blackwell, Noell, Hart, Gilliam.

The President, Mr. Frost was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The paper of the meeting was read by Professor Freer. His subject was; - Energy Sources of the Future.

The following members took part in the discussion that followed; - Blackwell, Russell, Hart, Grainger, Frost, Noell. A general discussion took place in which every one present participated.

Adjourned at 9:45.

J. Grainger
Secretary.

The four hundred forty first meeting of the SpheX Club was held on March 9th, 1945 at 8:15 P.M. in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The members present were; Scruggs, Peake, Grainger, Frost, Blackwell, Barnwell, Jack, Carmichael, Russell, Morrisson, Noell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

The membership committee reported by suggesting two persons for consideration for membership.

In accordance with our tradition it was decided to act on the recommendations at our next meeting.

The paper of the evening was read by Professor Peake.

His subject was; "American Foreign Policy".

It was a scholarly presentation of the historical development of the foreign policy of the United States of America.

In the discussion of the paper the following took part; Barnwell, Peake, Russell, Blackwell.

Adjourned at 10:- P.M.

O. J. Grainger, Secretary.

The four hundred ~~footy~~ second meeting of the Sphex Club was held on March 23rd 1945 at 8:15 P.M. in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The members present were Blackwell, Kilby, Caskie, Gilliam Grainger, Hart, Scruggs, Arnold, Frost, Jack, Russell, Morrison.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read ^{Corrected} and approved.

There was discussion of speaker for annual banquet.

There was election of new members the results of which are to be announced later.

The paper of the evening was read by Capt. Hart on the subject "Omphalos." It was a discussion of a new treatment of abnormal blood pressure and associated ailments.

The following participated in the discussion of the paper. Kilby, Blackwell, Grainger, Hart, Arnold, Gilliam, Scruggs, Caskie, Morrison.

Adjourned at 10:- P.M.

O. J. Grainger, Secretary.

The four hundred forty third meeting of the SpheX Club was held on April 6, 1945 at 8:15 P.M. in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The members present were: Gilliam, Caskie, Peake, Scruggs, Kilby, Frost, Grainger, Noell, Arnild, Blackwell Barton, Jack, Russell, Magill, Morrison, Hart, Barnwell.

General Alexander was a guest at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and ~~approved~~ approved.

There was discussion of the matter of speaker for the annual banquet.

It was announced that the election of new members at the meeting of March 23 had resulted in the election to Membership of Dr. Barton and Dr. Harper both of whom have accepted membership. Dr. Harper sent his regrets that a previous engagement taking him out of town made impossible his attendance at this meeting.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Jack whose subject was; Observations on Some Old Books.

In the discussion that followed the following took part; Caskie, Blackwell, Arnold, Gen. Alexander, Russell, Jack.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

O. J. Grainger
Secretary.

The four hundred forty fourth meeting of the Sphinx Club was held on April 20, 1945 at 8:15 P.M. , in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

Members present were; Harper, Frost, Blackwell, Russell, Morrison, Scruggs, Noell, Kilby, Grainger, Hart, Barnwell, Caskie.

The president, Mr. Frost was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Program Committee announced that the Annual Banquet of the club would be held at the Virginian Hotel on Wednesday May 9th and that the speaker would be Brigadier General John Magruder.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Blackwell on the subject; "Caesar's Gallic War."

Members taking part in the discussion of the paper were; Kilby, Hart, Frost, Caskie, Russell, Grainger, Scruggs, Noell, Barnwell, Blackwell.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

J. Grainger
Secretary.

The four hundred forty fifth meeting of the Sphex Club.

May 4, 1945 8:15 P.M.

In the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

Members present were; Scruggs, Barnwell, Caskie, Gilliam, Capron, Frost, Kil by, Grainger, Barton, Blackwell, Russell, Carmichael, Harper, Noell, Morrison.

The President Mr. Frost was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There was discussion of the arrangements for the Annual Banquet.

Mr. Gilliam reported that Mr. Maurice Moore requested to resign from the club on account of inability to attend meetings.

It was

~~NNNN~~ moved and carried that Mr. Moore's request be granted and that the Secretary so inform him.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Capron. His subject was; Government Bureaucracy.

The paper was discussed by the following members; Caskie, Kil by, Barton, Carmichael, Capron, Harper, Morrison, Grainger, Noell.

Adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

O. J. Grainger, Secretary.

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The four hundred forty sixth meeting of Sphex Club

Sphex Club Hears Talk By Magruder

Guest Speaker

V. M. I. Graduate Gives "Off Record" Address At Annual Banquet



General John Magruder

The Sphex Club, holding its annual banquet last evening in accordance with a custom established in 1913, had as its guest speaker to address the club members and their guests, General John Magruder of the Office of Strategic Services in Washington. General Magruder, a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, has a long and distinguished career in the Army, during which times he has served in a somewhat exceptional capacity, interspersed with a period of teaching military science and tactics at his Alma Mater.

In what was necessarily an off the record talk because of the nature of his work, General Magruder impressed his audience with the skill with which he was able to tell enough to wholly engross their attention while at the same time divulging nothing that could injure the work of what he referred to as our "unorthodox" warfare division.

Satisfies Questioners

Even in an especially interesting question and answer period General Magruder managed skilfully to satisfy his questioners without "giving away any secrets," resulting in not only an interesting informational evening for his audience but one touched with wit and humor, revealing altogether a man of keen intelligence and a personality conducive to liking and admiration of this high-ranking Virginian representative of the Army.

Officers of the Sphex Club are E. M. Frost, president; Dr. Robert A. Magill, vice president; Dr. O. J. Grainger, secretary; James T. Noell, Jr., treasurer.

Members are Dr. B. W. Arnold, Dr. Carlton Barnwell, Dr. Henry D. Blackwell, Dr. George Barton, John D. Capron, Omer Carmichael, James R. Caskie, Ruskin S. Freer, E. Marshall Frost, James R. Gilliam, Jr., Powell Glass, Robert Glass, Dr. O. J. Grainger, Dr. J. I. Hamaker,

Capt. E. C. Hamner, Jr., Dr. Edwin A. Harper, R. W. B. Hart, Dr. Theodore H. Jack, John Early Jackson, Dr. C. M. Kilby, Rev. Robert A. Magill, R. D. Morrison, James T. Noell, Jr., Dr. James D. Paxton, J. F. Peake, E. Campbell Russell,

Phillip L. Scruggs and Dr. Arthur L. Wilson.

Guests were John L. Abbot C. C. Adams, I. F. Adams, Dr. George B. Arnold, W. W. Averett, Leigh Ballenberg, Joseph K. Banks, George M. Bell, Maj. J. H. Boice, Dr. E. M. Bowman, H. Stafford Bryant, C. G. Burton, R. M. Booker, W. H. Burruss, Dr. R. D. Caldwell, George E. Chamberlin, Dr. Robert Cox, Allan Cucullu, David Carroll, F. G. Davidson, Jr., Robert Q. Davis O. B. Drinkard.

Dr. W. W. Ferguson, Dr. C. C. French, Dr. Clarence Garrard, C. W. Gooch, Carter Gunn, J. G. Hamaker, Richard A. Harris, R. S. Harris, T. R. Hawes, Ames B. Hettrick, J. B. Hodges, Dr. John G. Holland, H. P. Holt, E. B. Horner, L. D. Horner, Jr., Dr. John Hundley, Richard S. Horner, B. E. Isley, S. S. Johnson, S. V. Kemp, Dr. A. A. Kern, Warren King, Charles Kirkland, Floyd L. Knight, Dr. W. W. Koontz.

A. P. Lankford, Rev. Richard A. Lee, Jr., L. E. Lichford, Dr. H. C. (Continued on Page 11; Column 3)

Lipscomb, Lunsford Loving, Salvatore Mangiatico, S. T. Martin, Walter Mason, R. J. McGregor, Dr. R. D. Meade, Giles H. Miller, Dr. R. B. Montgomery, Donald G. Motre, J. V. Morrison, L. H. McCue, Scott Nesbitt, L. S. Nottingham.

C. G. Patterson, J. Gordon Payne, Phil Payne, F. Kirk Perrow, F. Kirk Perrow, Jr., Mosby G. Perrow, Jr., C. Raine Pettyjohn, Walker Pettyjohn, Dr. Simon Rosenthal, H. M. Sackett, Jr., Paul E. Sackett, A. M. Schewel, Dr. D. P. Scott, Dr. Ernest G. Scott, K. D. Scott, C. L. Snidow, R. C. Sommerville, Dr. R. P. Sickley, L. A. Strader.

Herbert Thomson, H. T. Thornhill, John Victor, Dr. John Walker, Dr. Faul Walker, Dr. R. W. Wallace, James O. Watts, R. C. Watts, A. M. White, Clyde H. White, L. B. Whitehouse, S. H. Williams, T. J. Williams, E. M. Wood, W. Bass Wood, H. A. Wells, J. Lewis White

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The four hundred forty ~~sixth~~ seventh meeting of the
SPHEX CLUB.

MAY 18, 1945. 8:15 P.M.

In the ~~Room~~ Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and
Savings Bank.

Members Present were; Blackwell, Caskie, Frost, Noell, ~~from~~
Scruggs, Grainger, Russell, Hart, Harper, Morrison,
R. Glass, Kilby.

The President Mr. Frost was in the chair.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and
approved. (This included Annual Banquet.)

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Caskie, whose sub-
ject was; "Our Worldly Goods When We Die."

The following participated in the discussion that
followed; Hart, Caskie, Frost, Grainger, Harper, Russell,
Blackwell., Morrison.

Adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Secretary.

O. J. Grainger