

SPHEX CLUB MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 1945-MAY 3, 1946

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STILL A 3 MEETING GAP IN  
NUMBER OF MEETINGS

The four hundred and forty eighth meeting of the Sphex club was held in the directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M. on October 5, 1945.

The members present were; Caskie, Kilby, Blackwell, Scruggs, Harper, Gilliam, Grainger, Glass, Noell, Russell, Arnold, Jack, Barnwell, Frost, Morrison.

As the president was late in arriving Mr. Noell was chosen as chairman protem.

It was moved and carried that the election of officers be deferred till the next meeting of the Club.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Robert ~~MMMMM~~ Glass whose subject was; "What's Wrong With Editors? "

All present took part in the discussion that followed.

After the discussion the president, Mr. Frost took charge of the meeting to appoint a nominating committee. He named Dr. Kilby, Dr. Barnwell and Mr. Scruggs to nominate officers for the coming year.

Adjourned at 9:50.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary.

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DEATH OF  
POWELL  
GLASS.

NOELL IS PRESIDENT AND TREAS.

The SpheX Club met for the four hundred forty ninth time at 8:15 P.M. on the 19th day of Octpber A nno Domini nineteen hundred and ~~four~~ forty five, in~~d~~ the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The members present were; Kilby, Scruggs, Blackwell, Frost, Caskie, Grainger, Glass, Gilliam, Noell Barnwell, Capron, Harper, Jack, Russell.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The nominating Committee read the following report.

For President; Mr. James T. Noell Jr.

Vice President; Mr. Philip L. Scruggs.

Secretary; Dr. O. J. Grainger.

Treasurer; Mr. James T. Noell Jr.

It was moved and unanimously carried that the report of the committee be accepted and that the persons named be our officers for the coming year.

A letter was read from Mrs. Powell Glass thanking the Club for its floral memorial on the death of Mr. Powell Glass.

The President read an obituary of Mr. P. Glass which ~~is~~ included in these minutes.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Scruggs whose subject was "Read and Unread". It was a discussion of reading habits in general and especially an autobiography of the reading habits of the author.

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The following members took part in the discussion that followed.

Blackwell, Jack, Caskie, Capron, Scruggs,  
Kilby, Frost.

Adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary.

## OBIT

Powell Glass, a member of the Sphex Club for many years, died in the early morning hours of July 8th, 1945, in Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, after a prolonged illness. He was fifty-eight years of age.

He was born in Lynchburg on October 9th, 1886, the son of Carter Glass and the late Aurelia McD. Caldwell Glass.

He was educated in the Public schools of Lynchburg and at Washington and Lee University, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in 1907. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity, Kappa Sigma social fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi journalistic fraternity and Omicron Delta Kappa leadership society.

After leaving college, he followed the family tradition by joining the staff of the Lynchburg newspapers as reporter, serving in that capacity from 1907 until he was made State editor in 1910. Two years later he was managing editor.

He was granted leave of absence to enter the Army when the United States entered the First World War. He served in France as a major of the First Battalion of the 317th Infantry. At the time of the Armistice he was assigned to the office of public relations on the staff of the American commission to negotiate peace, and later was retired from active service with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Returning to Lynchburg, Powell Glass resumed his position on The Lynchburg News and Advance and began devoting his energies to bettering their service to the community. He also took an active part in civic, social and religious affairs, serving both as a director and vice-president of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.

He also took a wide interest in State affairs, serving on a special commission to make a study of the State's primary highway system in 1934 and 1945, and as a member of the committee on taxation and government of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He was always an advocate of good roads.

In Lynchburg he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Company. He was also a member of the Court Street Methodist Church.

In his younger days he was an ardent trout fisherman, but in the latter part of his life floriculture became his chief hobby and the development of rhododendrons at his home attracted wide national attention.

As a result of a hunting accident after the war, Mr. Glass' eyesight was impaired, but this did not prevent him from keeping in close touch with local, State and national affairs. His physicians advised him to read sparingly and, when he followed this advice, he would have associates or his wife read to him. He had a memory which amazed his newspaper associates.

Powell Glass' keen sense of humor, his friendliness and his devotion to the newspaper profession made him the personal friend of virtually every newspaperman in Virginia, as well as of hundreds of other States. Many prominent newspapermen were trained on his newspapers and never lost their interest in "PG." It was his delight to see them when they returned to Lynchburg.

During World War II complete responsibility of the newspapers fell upon him and a cousin, Robert Glass, editor of The Lynchburg News. His father was in advanced years and suffering from illness and his brother, Carter Glass, Jr., reentered the Army to serve with the American forces in the China-Burma-India area.

It was during this same period that he served as president of the Virginia Press Association-- a period of stress when newspapers were confronted with many war-time problems. He was always ready and willing to devote his energies to their solution.

Until his failing health prevented, he was a regular attendant at the meetings of the Sphinx Club. He had been president of the Club and served on several of the committees. His papers were most interesting and informative, and he will be greatly missed by the members.

The Sphex Club met for the four hundred fifti eth time at 8:15 P.M. on November 2nd 1945 in the directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The members present were; Kilby, Campbell, Peake, Caskie, Blackwell, Frost, Scruggs, Glass, Morrison, Barton, Noell, Capron, Grainger.

Mr. Noell presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There being no business to transact the paper of the evening was read by Dr. Kilby whose subject was "The Atom and its energy." It was a clear description of the structure of the atom and of the processes used in breaking up the atom.

The following persons took part in the discussion of Dr. Kilby's paper; Campbell, Kilby, Grainger, Peake, Frost, Noell, Caskie, Blackwell, Burton, Capron.

Adjourned at 9:45.

*O.J. Grainger.*

Secretary.

At 8:15 P.M. on November 16, 1945 in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, the Sphinx Club met for the four hundred fifty first time.

Members present were ; Capron, Blackwell, Peake, Kilby, Frost, Caskie, Noell, Grainger, Glass, Jack, Gilliam, Harper, Morrison, Campbell, Hart. Dr. Morrison was present as ~~as~~ a guest.

Mr. Noell, President, was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The president appointed the following committees.  
 Chairman,  
 Membership Committee: Mr. E.M. Frost, Dr. Jack, Mr. R.D. Morrison.

Program Committee: Mr. James R. Gilliam, Chairman, Mr.

James R. Caskie, Mr. E. Campbell Russell.

The Club Secretary.

The Paper of the evening was read by Mr. E. Campbell Russell

whose subject was: British Politics and Problems

Members taking part in the discussion of Mr. Russell's paper were: Hart, Russell, Peake, Caskie, Jack, Glass, Campbell, Grainger, Frost, Harper, Blackwell.

Adj urned at 10:00 P.M.

*O. Grainger*  
 Secretary.

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+ A.L. WILSON  
MAGILL TO INACTIVE  
T.M. CAMPBELL  
RE-ELECTED

At 8:15 P.M., on November 30, 1945, in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, The four hundred and fifty second meeting of the SpheX Club was held.

The members present were; Scruggs, Caskie, Kilby, Grainger, Hamaker, Noell, Gilliam, Frost, Blackwell, Peake, Barnwell, Glass, Morrison, Harper, Campbell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved/

A letter was read from Dr. Magill, asking that he be placed on the list of inactive members.

It was moved and carried that Dr. Magill be ~~made~~ put on the list of inactive members.

It was moved and carried that <sup>ad.</sup>Dr. Wilson be placed on the list of inactive members.

It was moved and carried that Dr. T.M. Campbell be ~~re~~reelected to membership in the club.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Hamaker, whose subject was, Matt: 6:27. It was a discussion of methods of instruction in colleges.

The members taking part in the discussion of the paper ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup>; Kilby, Campbell, Blackwell, Gilliam, Grainger, Hamaker, Caskie, Scruggs.

Adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

O. J. Grainger  
Secretary.

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On December 14, 1945 at 8:15 P.M. the Sphinx Club met for the four hundred and fifty third time, at the usual place of meeting, the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and savings Bank.

The members present were; Kilby, Frost, Glass, Scruggs, Capron, Jack, Blackwell, Barton, Campbell, Harper, Grainger. Vice-president Scruggs was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Barton on the subject "On Being a Headmaster".

The discussion of the paper was participated in by Kilby, Frost, Glass, Barton, Capron, Blackwell, Harper, Grainger, Scruggs, Jack.

Adjourned at 10:05.

*O. J. Grainger.*  
Secretary.

The four hundred and fifty fourth meeting of the Sphex Club took place in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M. on January 11, 1946 .

The following members were present: Caskie, Jack, Frost, Scruggs, Blackwell, Campbell, Barton, Kilby, Morrison, Grainger, Freer, Hart.

In the absence of Mr. Noell , the president, Vice president Scruggs took charge of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. E.M. Frost whose subject was "Their Day in Court." The paper gave a clear ~~mhmtamno~~ statement of the circumstances and conditions leading to the trial of war criminals, <sup>and</sup> of the procedure adopted; and concluded with the writers estimate of the value and results of the trials.

All ~~ommm~~ present took part in the discussion that followed.

Adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary.

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At eight fifteen P.M. on January 25, 1946, in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, the SpheX club met for the four hundred and fifty fi fth time.

The members pre ent were; Frost, Russell, Scruggs, Gilli am, Caskie, Morrison, Noell, Kilby, Glass, Grainger, C apron, Hart, Harper, Barnwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The problem of speaker for the annual banquet was di scuse sed.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Morrison. Hi s subject was; L abor Laws in the making.

Th following members took part in the discussion of the paper. Capron, Glass, Hart, Morrison, Caskie, Kilby, Grainger, Glass, Campbell, Scruggs.

Adjourned 10;- P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary.

The four hundred fifty sixth meeting of the Sphex Club was held at 8:15 P.M. on February 8, 1946 in the directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

Members present were; Gilliam, Noell, Scruggs, Grainger, Harper, Jack, Blackwell, Glass, Hart Frost, Russell, Kilby, Morrison, Caskie, Campbell, Freer, Barnwell .

The President, Mr. Noell was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

The membership committee called for suggestions as to new members.

There was discussion as to the method of deciding ~~who~~ who should be proposed for membership.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Harper on the subject; "Socialised Medicine".

The following members participated in the discussion of the paper; Kilby, Hart, Frost, Barnwell, Morrison, Blackwell, Campbell, Glass, Caskie, Harper, Gilliam.

Adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*  
Secretary.

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The four hundred fifty seventh meeting of the Sphex Club occurred on February 22, 1946 at 8:15 P.M. in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

Members present were; Kilby, Campbell, Grainger;, Blackwell, Caskie, Frost, Capron, Barnwell, Glass, Barton, Scruggs, Magill.

Vice-President Scruggs was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Barnwell on the subject; "A Parson Looks at the Church."

The discussion of the paper was participated in by Kilby, Caskie, Campbell, Blackwell, <sup>B</sup>Barton, Barnwell, Grainger.

Adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary,.

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On March 8, 1946 at 8:15 P.M. in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank the SPHEX CLUB met for the four hundred and fifty eighth time.

Members present were; Glass, Scruggs, Blackwell, Grainger, Morrison, Campbell, Russell, Barnwell, Freer, Harbt, Caskie, Noell, Gilliam.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Scruggs. President Noell took the chair later.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The membership committee presented the names of two gentlemen for the consideration of the club, recommending their election to membership in the club. According to the constitution these persons will be voted on at the next regular club meeting.

The program committee reported that there was prospect of obtaining Major General Grove as speaker at the annual banquet.

The paper of the evening was read by Professor Freer on the subject; "Hidden Hunger." It was a discussion of foods vitamins and diet.

The discussion of the paper was participated in by; Harbt, Caskie, Freer, Blackwell, Grainger, Campbell, Barnwell, Gilliam, Noell, Russell.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*  
Secretary.

The four hundred fifty ninth meeting of the Sphex Club took place in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, on March 22, 1946 at 8:15 P.M.

Members present were; Noell, Jack, Gilliam, Frost, Capron, Hart, Scruggs, Russell, Blackwell, Campbell, Caskie, Harper, Barnwell, Glass, Kilby, Grainger,<sup>R</sup>Morrison.

The president, Mr. Noell was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The program committee reported that Major General Grove had proved unavailable for the Banquet speaker., but that through the efforts of Mr. John Early Jackson the services of Dr. John ~~L~~<sup>B</sup> Bowles ~~MM~~ would be available for the occasion. The time would be decided upon later.

The election of new members resulted in the unanimous selection of Dr. Geo. B. Craddock and Dr. Fred M. Morrison both of whom have accepted the privileges and responsibilities of membership.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Blackwell on the subject "The Mind and Ideas". It was a discussion of the peculiarities and marvels of functioning of the human mind.

The discussion of the paper was participated in by the following members; Campbell, Kilby, Hart, Blackwell, Grainger, Caskie, Capron, Scruggs.

Adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*  
Secretary.

The Sphex Club met for the four hundred sixtieth time, in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M. on April fifth 1946.

Members present were;-Capron, Blackwell, Scruggs, Kilby, Grainger, Caskie, Frost, R.Morrison, F.Morrison, Glass, Craddock.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The program Committee reported progress but had been unable to fix the date of the annual dinner.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Capron on the subject; "The Mineral Springs of Virginia." It was a presentation of a very interesting phase of social life in Virginia in the nineteenth century.

The following members participated in the discussion of the paper; Caskie, Blackwell, Capron, Kil by, F.Morrison, Glass Grainger, Scruggs, Frost.

Adjourned at 9:30.

*O. J. Grainger,  
Secretary.*

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The four hundred sixty first meeting of the SpheX Club was held in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M. on April 19. 1946.

Members present were; Campbell, Blackwell, Kilby, Grainger, Hart, Gilliam, Frost, Scruggs, R?Morri son, Harper  
Vice-president Scruggs was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Program committee stat d that the annual Dinner would take place at the Virginian Hotel on the evening of April 27th with Dr. Edward L. Bowles as Speaker.

The paper of the evening was read by Capt. Hart on the subject; "Experts and Surveys." Capt Hart called attention to the different types of experts and vrying kinds of surveys and showed the futilit of certain types and the necessi ty of and value  
others.

The following took part in the discussion of the paper:  
Kilby, Gilliam, Hart, Blackwell, F rost, Harper.

Adjou rned at 10:05.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary.

459 - ANNUAL MEETING

The four hundred sixty second meeting of the Sphex Club took place at the Virginian Hotel at 6:30 P.M. on April 27, 1946. It was the occasion of the annual dinner of the Club. Members of the club present together with their guest numbered one hundred <sup>76</sup> persons.

The address of the evening was given by Dr. Edward L. Bowles formerly of M.I.T. and now advisor to the Secretary of War. A description of the occasion together with the names of the guests is in the attached clipping from the Lynchburg News.

*O.J. Grainger*

Secretary.

MANY GUESTS  
AT MEETING  
SEE  
OVER

NEWS: LYNCHBURG, VA.,

## Bowles Says War Lessons Still Of Use

Edward L. Bowles, consultant to the Secretary of War and special advisor to the Commanding General of the Air Forces, asserted in an address last night before the Sphex Club that "military victory is just the license to discuss peace" and urged translation into our peace-time economy the lessons of integration and cooperation learned during the war.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the club at the Virginian Hotel, Dr. Bowles said this can not be achieved through "directives or legislation," but must be brought about by "education and evolution."

### Asks Harmony

He declared the military and civilian population should attempt to evaluate their interdependence and education should be used as a "mixing bowl" to promote the same harmony that existed during the war. The military, he continued, deserves to be accepted as part of the peace-time society and "not regarded as something to be tolerated."

Dr. Bowles appealed for a strong nation within, mentally, physically and socially, to build a nationalism other countries will respect and to enable the nation to rally in the event of another emergency. He explained that he did not mean a race to build bigger armies and navies than other powers, but a healthy spirit capable of combatting hysteria and defeatism.

#### Three-Dimensional War

World War II demonstrated that conflict is three-dimensional and not simply a two-dimensional encounter as formerly, in which one nation terminated the struggle by defeating the army of the other, Dr. Bowles said. Now while one army is routing the other, the retreating army's air force might be raining ruin on its enemy's homeland and supply center. He added that it was necessary to make an evaluation of methods of warfare and that it was determined that the damage inflicted by a B-29 bomber on the enemy took 50 times as much out of his economy as it cost the United States, establishing a ratio of 50 to 1 in our favor. On the same plane, the ration of destruction delivered by the atomic bomb was described as 300 to 1.

The speaker said various ages of revolutionary discovery have given the feeling to the contemporaries of that age that it held the potential of world destruction, citing the belief of Benjamin Franklin that the balloon could be turned into a means of destroying a nation through sudden invasion. Not attempting to minimize the destructive powers of atomic energy, Dr. Bowles recommended healthful thinking as a substitute for the trend toward "hysteria."

#### Decorated by Arnold

Dr. Bowles was decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal by General H. A. Arnold last November 14. His first assignment with the War Department was to tackle the submarine menace off the Atlantic seaboard. He has also served as a member of the Micro-wave Committee of the National Defense Research Committee, and a member of the National Academy of Sciences and National Council Board for National Security, the latter on nomination of Secretary of War. A native of Westphalia, Mo., he holds a B. S. degree, Washington University; M. S. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and honorary doctor of science, Norwich University. He also served as professor of electrical engineering at M. I. T.

The speaker was introduced by John Early Jackson of Lynchburg, now serving with the military intelligence branch of the War Department. Philip L. Scruggs presided at the dinner.

Guests of the club were as fol-

## EDUCATION FOR SAFETY

The talk given before the SpheX Club and its guests on Saturday evening possessed more than a casual importance. Dr. Edward L. Bowles, Advisor to the Secretary of War, made the address and is a man exceptionally equipped to speak, as he did, on the subject of integration of our resources for national defense. Dr. Bowles is fully aware, it might be said dynamically aware, that the power of this nation must be maintained and on the alert if we are to be secure and peace is to become permanent.

The United Nations will succeed only if we provide security through power enabling it to have a chance to succeed.

Dr. Bowles believes that the integration of our military, industrial and educational assets that brought victory in war must be maintained and further developed in peacetime. The interchange of leaders in these three fields, the close cooperation between them, the removal of the barriers between them that exist in time of peace, must be brought about through education.

To directly quote Dr. Bowles, "We have the machinery and the talent for the basic job in our educational centers. In these, as the mixing chamber, we must bring together our potential leaders, military and civilian, statesmen and scholars. It is in this atmosphere, the cloisters of the graduate schools, that we must promote research on problems of national scope and importance to acquaint our future leaders one with another, and at the same time with the common problems of the nation and the world. It is this technique which promises the greatest assurance of future security."

This is not to be confused with the total mobilization of a nation for war, as was attempted in Germany under Hitler. It is not a militaristic plan. It is an organization of and integration of our resources against militarism and any militaristic nation or nations. It is an educational program designed to make us through study and research and close cooperation able to and ready to defend ourselves at a moment's notice. It is a program to counter our present trend

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Guests of the club were as follows:

Col. Robert L. Snider, chief of the scientific branch, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Paul Scherer, deputy executive officer, National Defense Research Committee; John L. Abbot, James D. Adams, I. F. Adams, G. M. Alexander, Dr. G. B. Arnold, B. C. Baldwin, Jr., Leigh Ballenberg, R. M. Barker, G. M. Bell, W. H. Burruss, A. B. Burton, P. N. Burton, H. S. Bryant, W. M. Black, Dr. R. D. Caldwell, Frank Carrington.

R. A. Carrington, Jr., G. E. Caskie, Jr., George E. Chamberlin, D. W. Copeland, Dr. Robert H. Cox, Jr., C. G. Craddock, Allen Cucullu, F. G. Davidson, Jr., R. Q. Davis, D. H. Dillard, Rev. Harry Fifield, H. D. Forsyth, C. Clement Franch, J. W. Gannawaay, Dr. H. H. Garretson, Philip Girling, A. C. Gleason, C. W. Gooch, Dr. E. C. Groseclose, Frank Grossman, Max Guggenheimer.

Ed R. Harris, Richard A. Harris, R. S. Harris, T. R. Hawes, Fred Helsebeck, Ames B. Hettrick, M. B. Hickson, Dr. John Holland, H. P. Holt, E. B. Horner, L. D. Horner, Jr., S. S. Johnson, Cary Jones, R. J. Keller, Jr., S. V. Kemp, Floyd Knight, Dr. W. W. Koontz, Dr. Bernard Kyle, A. P. Lankford, L. E. Lichford, Dr. H. C. Lipscomb, Lunsford Loving, Judge S. D. Martin, S. T. Martin, Walter G. Mason, R. J. McGregor, Henry E. McWane, G. H. Miller, Dr. R. E. Montgomery.

Scott Nesbit, G. R. Neubauer, J. D. Owen, Gordon Payne, Senator Mosby Perrow, Jr., C. R. Pettyjohn, Walker Pettyjohn, T. J. Powell, John Tucker Percy, Douglas A. Robertson, William Rosenberger, Jr., Dr. S. H. Rosenthal, Henry Sackett, Col. Ernest Samusson, Dr. D. P. Scott, Prof. William Scott, F. C. Scruggs, Jr., M. E. Shea, Henry Smiley.

George Snead, C. L. Snidow, Prof. R. C. Somerville, Rev. Russell C. Stroup, C. A. Sydnor, Jr., H. T. Thornhill, G. B. Walker, Jr., Dr. John Walker, Prof. Paul Walker, Rev. W. P. Watkins, J. O. Watts, Robert C. Atis, Robert C. Watts, Jr., M. E. Webber, H. A. Wells, A. M. White, J. Lewis White, S. H. Williams, William L. Wilson, Ernest M. Wood, Jr., W. B. Wood, E. F. Younger, Jr.

immature plan, it is an organization of and integration of our resources against militarism and any militaristic nation or nations. It is an educational program designed to make us through study and research and close cooperation able to and ready to defend ourselves at a moment's notice. It is a program to counter our present trend in slipping into an indifference and impotency such as that following the first World War. There is, as Dr. Bowles suggests, even greater danger now, for we marshalled our resources so magnificently for victory in the past few years that we may think we can repeat that performance as successfully if need arises. War and weapons have changed too much for this. The time element is now more important. There will be no time to get ready—we must be ready. There must be an immediate readiness of the military, industrial and educational resources for mobilization and action, already integrated, already trained to cooperation.

We are the leading world power only if our resources are immediately available for coordinated use. New weapons, such as the atomic bomb, will be hardly less potent than the weapon of biological warfare which can be developed

inexpensively and under the guise of medical research, and which was being developed in Japan.

To abhor war is, when intelligence is present, to take a positive attitude toward war, to put aside hysteria over the prospect of atomic bombs being used against us and build the nation to a social, economic and political health that can produce and utilize its resources to the full more effectively than any potential aggressor. This is demonstrably, as Dr. Bowles asserts, much cheaper to maintain as a security bulwark than it is to fight a war.

That it will be difficult to bring these desirable conditions about in this country is obvious. The trend is already strongly in the other direction. But responsible citizens should however and whenever possible aid those leaders who advocate this method of security to stir the popular will toward its accomplishment. We need to organize our power against war, else the political devices such as the United Nations will be ineffective and will die as did the League.

460<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The four hundred sixty third meeting of the SpheX Club was held in the director's room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M. on May the third, 1946.

Members present were Barton, Gilliam, Russell, Scruggs, Caskie, Freer, Kilby, Glass, Grainger, R. Morrison, Harper.

Vice President Scruggs was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There being no business to transact the paper of the evening was read by Mr. James R. Carkie, whose subject was; Something of forgery and a bizarre case.

It was an instructive and very interesting description of methods of forgery and of its detection, illustrated by a startling case with which the speaker had to deal.

The paper was followed by a general discussion in which all present took part.

Adjourned and 9:35.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary.

SPHEX CLUB MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 1946=MAY 16, 1947

46<sup>th</sup> meeting n - STILL NUMBERING GAP OF 3

At 8:15 P.M., October fourth, nineteen hundred forty six anno Domini, the four hundred sixty fourth meeting of the Sphex Club was held in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

9 Members present were; Scruggs, Glass, Balckwell, Campbell, Gilliam, Jack, Arnold, Grainger. *Barton,*

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Scruggs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following nominating committee was appointed.

Dr. Campbell, Chairman.

Dr. Blackwell,

Mr. Gilliam.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Arnold, whose subject was; Nations and the Rod of Iron; O bvious L essons.

It was a discussion of the condition of the world today growing out of past conditions.

Those who took part in the discussion of the paper were Blackwell, Glass, Campbell, Arnold, Gilliam.

Adjourned 9:55 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

O. J. Grainger, Secretary.

The four hundred sixty fifth meeting of the SpheX Club occurred in the Director's room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, ~~on~~ at 8:15 P.M. on October 18, 1946.

Members Present were; Scruggs, Frost, Jack, Capron, R. Morrison, Arnold, Blackwell, Campbell, Glass, Grainger.

Vice-President Scruggs was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary write Dr. Wilson with reference to his ~~becoming a member in the membership~~ continued absence from the meetings of the Club and suggesting that if unable to resume attendance at meetings of the Club his name be placed on the inactive list.

The nominating committee reported as follows;

For President        Mr Philip L Scruggs.  
Vice-president    Mr. James R. Caskie.  
Secretary.        Dr. O. J. Grainger,  
Treasurer;        Mr. J. T. Noell, Jr.

Moved and unanimously carried that the nominations be accepted and that the persons named be the officers of the Club for the coming twelve months.

The paper of the evening ~~and~~ was read by Mr. Robert Glass. His subject was; Freedom is Freedom is Freedom.

It was a discussion of the freedom of the Press.

The following persons took part in the discussion of the paper; Arnold, Jack, Glass, Campbell, Blackwell, R. Morrison, Scruggs, Capron.

Adjourned at 10:02 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger, Secretary*

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WILSON TO INACTIVE  
FOR 2ND TIME

The SpheX Club met for the four hundred sixty sixth time in the Director's room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M. on Friday Nov.1st 1946.

The members present were; Gilliam, Capron, Caskie, Frost, Kilby, Campbell, Blackwell Grainger, Scruggs, Glass, Russell, Craddock, Harper, R.Morrison, Barton, Barnwell.

President Scruggs was in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary ~~announced~~ reported that Dr. Wilson had agreed to the status of inactive member.

Moved and Carried that Dr. Paxton be placed on the inactive list.

The President appointed the following committees.

Program Committee; Mr. R.Glass Chairman.  
Dr. Harper.  
Mr. R.Morrison.

Membership Committee; Mr. James R.Gilliam Chairman.  
Mr. John D.Capron.  
Mr. James R.Carkie

ATT. { Dr. Blackwell made ~~some~~ a statement as to the responsibility of membership and on the necessity of as frequent attendance at meetings as possible.

Other members spoke to this question pointing out the impossibility of regular and unbroken attendance on the part of busy administrative officers of business concerns.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Campbell.  
His subject was "A Dialogue with Death".

It was a ~~paraphrase~~ paraphrase of a translation made

Wilson to Wainwright  
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by Dr. Campbell himself of a document written in Germany

in the fourteenth century a discussion between death and a man whose beloved wife had died.

In the discussion of the paper the following members shared; Scruggs, Blackwell, Grainger, Harper, Gilliam, Caskie, Barnwell, Frost, Russell, Glass.

Adjourned 10:05.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary.

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The four hundred sixty seventh meeting of the Sphex Club was held in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M. on Novmber 15th 1946.

Members present were; Scruggs, Glass, Campbell, Freer, Grainger, Craddock, Russell, Barton, Blackwell, Gilliam, Jack, Harper, R.Morrison.

President Scruggs was in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

No business was transacted.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. E Campbell Russell, whose subject was PALESTINE.

Mr. Russell discussed the historical background of the present difficulties in the present Palestinian situation.

Members taking part in the ~~discussion~~ discussion of the paper were; Blackwell, Grainger, Russell, H arper, Scruggs, Barton, ~~Mannton~~ Jack, Campbell.

Adjourned at ten P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*  
Secretary.

The four hundred sixty eighth meeting of the SpheX Club was held in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank t 8:15 P.M. on November ~~MMMM~~ 29, 1946.

Members present were Bl ackwell, Kilby, Gilliam, Grainger, Frost, Russell, Caskie, F.M.Morrison, R.Morrison, Barnwell, Ha rper, Scruggs. Mr. Braham ~~MMMMM~~ British Consul at B altimore was guest of the Club.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Caskie the Vice-president.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

The paper was read by Dr. F.M.Morrison on the subject

"An Unrecognized factor in early warfare in the Southwest

Mr. Scruggs took the chair at end of reading on paper. Pacific." It was a discussion of the large part played by disease in the destruction of J apanese armies.

The following participated in the discussion of the paper:

Mr. Braham made a few remarks. Barnwell, F.Morrison, Harper, Russell, Caskie, R.Morrison, Blackwell, Grain er, Scruggs, Frost.

Adjourned 10:00 P.M.

*F. Grainger*  
Secretary.

The four hundred sixty ninth meeting of the SPHEX Club was held in the directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:30 P<sup>M</sup> on December 13, 1946.

The following members were present; Kilby, Grainger, Glass, Scruggs, Capron, Blackwell, Frost, Barton, Campbell, Harper, Gilliam, Russell, Barnwell, F. Morrison, Hart.

President Scruggs was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Barton whose subject was "John L."

It was a discussion of John Lewis, the coal strike and of labor conditions in general in the U.S.A.

Every one present took part in the discussion of the paper.

Adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary.

At 8:15 P.M. on the 10th day of January 1947, in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank the four hundred seventieth meeting of the Sphex Club took place.

The following members were present; J ack, Kilby, Glass, Blackwell, Grainger, Barton , Barnwell, Frost, H arper, Gilliam, Capron, Caskie, F.Morrison, R.Morrison, Craddock.

Mr. Caskie, the vice-president was in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The membership Committee read names of persons recommended for membership.

According to the custom of the club these names were placed on the table to be voted on at the next meeting of the club.

The Program Committee reported that no one had yet been obtained for an address at the annual banquet.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Barnwell whose subject was "Religious Education in the Public Schools."

This paper set off an animated discussion which became general and was entered into by practically every one present.

Adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary.

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DR. FERGUSON  
ELECTED

At 8:15 P.M. on January 24, 1947, in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, the four hundred seventy first meeting of the SpheX Club took place.

Mr. Scruggs, the president, was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The membership Committee conducted an election of new members resulting in the election to membership of

Dr. W.W. Ferguson of Lynchburg College  
and

The paper was read by Mr. John D. Capron whose subject was "Federal Anti-trust Laws."

The following members took part in the discussion of the paper; - Frost, Capron, Caskie, R. Morrison, F. Morrison, Glass, Barnwell, Campbell, Harper, Jack, Scruggs, Barton, Russell, Gilliam, Kilby.

Adjourned at 10:03. P.M.

*O. J. Grainger.*  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Secretary.

The following members were present; Caskie, Gilliam, Capron, Frost, Scruggs, Kilby, Glass, Campbell, Freer, Russell, Grainger, Barnwell, Barton, Craddock, Jack, R. Morrison, F. Morrison, Harper.

The four hundred seventy second meeting of the SpheX Club was held in the Director's room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, at 8:15 P.M. February 7, 1947.

The following members were resent;- Kilby, Freer, Ferguson, Blackwell, Grainger, Noell, Capron, Gilliam, Frost, Caskie, Russell, R. Morrison, Harper, Scruggs, Glass, Craddock.

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president Mr. Caskie.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Glass reported on a nomination for membership and asked that the matter be placed on the table until fall.

The program committee reported no progress in obtaining a speaker for the annual meeting.

The paper for the occasion was read by Dr. Blackwell, whose subject was "Top Secret." It was a review of Ingersoll's book with that title.

Discussion of the paper was participated in by;- Russell, Caskie, Capron, Harper, Scruggs, Gilliam, Craddock, Glass, R. Morrison, Grainger, Frost, Ferguson, Blackwell.

Adjourned 10:00 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary.

The four hundred seventy third meeting of the SpheX club was held at 8:15 P.M. on February 21st, 1947, in the Director's room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

Members present were; Barnwell, Jack, Craddock, Scruggs, Campbell, Grainger, Freer, Ferguson, Gilliam, Glass, Frost, R. Morrison, F. Morrison, Caskie, Harper. Dr. Barker was a guest of the club at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the President Mr. Scruggs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The program committee reported progress in obtaining a speaker for the annual banquet.

It was moved and carried that we accept a date for the banquet in early May.

The paper for the evening was read by Dr. Craddock on the subject "Psychosomatic Medicine."

This paper stimulated a lively discussion in which the following took part; F. Morrison, Campbell, R. Morrison, Frost, Harper, Jack, Caskie, Barker, Glass, Ferguson, ~~EVERETT~~ Barnwell, Scruggs, Grainger.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger.*  
Secretary.

On March 7th 1947 at 8:15 P.M., the four hundred seventy fourth meeting of the SPHEX CLUB was held in the Director's room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

Members present were ; Campbell, Glass, Gilliam, Kilby, Jack, Scruggs, Frost, Grainger, Ferguson, Russell, Craddock, Barnwell, Caskie, Harper, Noell, F. Morrison, R. Morrison.

The Meeting was called to order by the President Mr. Scruggs

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Program Committee reported that the annual banquet would be held on May 16, 1947 with Dr. F.B. Snyder, President of North Western University as speaker.

The Date and the speaker were declared acceptable to the Club.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Robert NINE Morrison whose subject was "Portals and Bus Rides." It was a discussion of two recent decisions of the Federal Supreme Court.

The paper was discussed by; Barnwell, Glass, R. Morrison, Caskie, Harper, Gilliam, Hart, Ferguson, Kilby, Scruggs, Russell, Noell, Grainger.

Adjourned at 10:0 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary.

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On April 4th 1947, at 8:15 P.M. the four hundred seventy fifth meeting of the Sphex Club was held in the Director room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

Members present were :- Frost, Gilliam, Scruggs, Kilby, Glass, Campbell, Blackwell, Harper, Grainger, Ferguson, Russell, R. Morrison, Hart.

Mr. Russell a nephew of Mr. E. Campbell Russell was guest at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Scruggs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The paper of the evening was <sup>read</sup> ~~read~~ by Dr. Harper whose subject was "The Common Cold."

Members taking part in the discussion were;- Kilby, Harper; Gilliam, Hart, Blackwell Frost, Campbell, Ferguson, Grainger, Russell (Guest.).

Adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger,*  
Secretary.

On April 18, 1947 at 8:15 P.M., the four hundred seventy sixth meeting of the SPHEX CLUB was held in the Director's room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

Members present were; Capron, Frost, Kilby, Grainger, Gilliam, Russell, Scruggs, Blackwell, Hart, R. Morrison, Barnwell Harper.

The meeting was called to order by the president Mr. Scruggs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Capt. R.W.B. Hart whose subject was "ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES."

It was a discussion of the financial condition of the City of Lynchburg and a comparison of that with other cities of the state.

The paper was discussed by; Frost, Hart, Kilby, Gilliam, Barnwell, Capron, R. Morrison, ~~Harper~~ Harper.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary.

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On May 2nd 1947 at 8:15 P.M., in the Director's room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, the four hundred seventy seventh meeting of the SPHEX CLUB was held.

Members present were; Gilliam, Capron, Frost, Scruggs, Kilby, Campbell, Blackwell, Russell, Grainger, R. Morrison, F. Morrison, Harper, Glass.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. E.M. Frost whose subject was; "Is a Sales Tax the Answer?"

The discussion of the paper was taken part in by; Campbell, Frost, Gilliam, Capron, Blackwell, F. Morrison, R. Morrison, Russell, Grainger, Kilby.

Mr. Glass reported on arrangements for the annual dinner.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger,*  
Secretary.

## 475 ANNUAL DINNER

The four hundred seventy eighth meeting of the SPHEX CLUB was held at the Virginian Hotel at 6:30 P.M. on May 16th 1947. it being the annual dinner of the club.

The attached news paper clippings give the list of members and guests present and a description of the dinner and the address given

*O. J. Grainger.*  
Secretary.

## British Empire To Stay, Huson Tells Sphex Club

*Asserts Only Funeral For Island Kingdom Being  
Held In American Press*

Neither the death pangs of old age nor the strangulation of "sadistic socialistic controls" threaten Great Britain's homeland nor the dominions beyond the seas, and any funeral that is held for the Empire is being held in the American press alone.

Sphex Club members and guests heard last night that England is not a corpse-to-be but a live and husky warrior on the economic battlefields of the post-war world, according to a distinguished student of world finance Gordon Huson, formerly associated with British Government, press and bar, now attached to the British Embassy in Washington as an economic specialist.

The dynamic, stocky Englishman denied vividly for the more than 125 members of the cultural-scientific organization and guests that charges in the American press of British disappearance from the world scene as a major power, have any basis in fact; Englishmen, despite shortages and post-war dislocations can't even understand how such an opinion can exist, the speaker declared.

### Doctrine Fallacy

He insisted the "doctrine that Britain is being slowly suffocated by \* \* \* socialistic red tape" was a fallacy:

"Despite all difficulties, already in 1946, production has more than achieved its pre-war level," he maintained.

It was the speaker's contention that strength of the British Commonwealth of Nations was shown in dispersion of heavy industries throughout the world to Australia, South Africa, Canada and India, but he admitted the charge that "the central heartbeat has been painfully irregular" could not be dismissed so easily.

Developing his thesis that "Britain is Worth Saving," Mr. Huson, former member of the Board of Trade and the Foreign Office, said post-war dislocations and weather played huge parts in apparent British suffering which the rest of the world observed.

"It is not due to socialistic controls," he said flatly, adding that the prospectus issued by the Conservative Party for its next election campaign contained promises to permit nationalization of coal mining, electricity, communications and the Bank of England to remain as the Labor Government left them.

He said the origins of Britain's present troubles were the cause rather than the effect of the left-wing government in Britain, retracing the empire's history to pre-war days when the British Isles had a chronically unemployed burden of 1,000,000. The government's four measures to prevent this occurring again were, he said: nationalizing the Bank of England, controlling new issues of capital to restrict investments and control economic expansion, nationalizing a fifth of industry, and encouraging distribution of industry to former depressed areas.

He quoted British Cabinet Minister Herbert Morrison's claim that the Labor Government is "an attempt to combine large-scale economic and social planning with a full measure of individual rights and liberties."

### Up To U. S.

He threw the ball to United States at the end of a summary of British difficulties caused by keeping 2,000,000 men under arms and supplying food to recovering Europe:

"The solution to the world problem is not up to Britain, it's up to the United States," and then he showed how one-seventh of the United States loan to Britain was used to buy food at increased American prices, in America, to feed Germany. He told his hearers the dollar shortage was a world shortage, not just British and stressed British contributions in excess of \$3,000,000,000 to rehabilitate Europe and the Far East. That would be "equivalent to \$14,000,000,000 for the United States," he observed.

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"We demobilized all our forces, reconverted our industry and at no time had more than 2 per cent unemployed; we had one-tenth the strike loss in man-hours of post-war years of the other conflict and one-thirtieth those lost in the United States; manpower controls were removed; 300,000 families were rehoused by the end of 1946, 300,000 more will be this year; last month, exports were 12 per cent above the pre-war level; Britain, in short, has not done badly."

#### Sees More Credits

He forecast further drawing against United States and Canadian loan credits, restricting imports, encouraging highest possible exports to get a dollar balance.

After the address, the speaker conducted a brief open forum at which club members and guests, many of them leading Lynchburg business men asked questions about specific phases of the Labor Government's controls and the British nation's world position.

President Phillip L. Scruggs conducted the meeting and introduced the speaker.

Moore, guests of Mr. Caskie; Dr. John G. Holland, Dr. Frank Ellis, Dr. Joseph E. Warren, Ernest M. Wood, Jr., Mosby G. Perrow, Jr., and H. E. McWane, guests of Dr. Craddock; Prof. John Turner, guest of Dr. Ferguson; Dr. R. C. Somerville, guest of Prof. Fréer; J. D. Adams, R. A. Harris, D. A. Robertson, H. S. Bryant, R. C. Watts, Jr., and James Owen Watts, Jr., guests of Mr. Frost.

E. F. Younger, Jr., G. M. Alexander, W. R. Perkins, Jr., Don C. Wheaton, T. W. Gilliam, R. J. McGregor, B. McC. Gilliam, J. G. Conrad, F. G. Davidson, Jr., Leigh Ballenberg, L. D. Horner, Jr., G. B. Walker, Jr., G. E. Chamberlain, A. C. Gleason, E. H. Lane and J. O. Watts, guests of Mr. Gilliam; Allen Cucullu and John L. Abbot, guests of Mr. Glass; Dr. John Hundley, Jr., Dr. Fred Helsabeck, T. R. Hawes and W. W. Aversett, Jr., guests of Dr. Grainger.

Charles Kirkland and Richard Hamaker, guests of Dr. Hamaker; M. Carter Gunn; Phillip Girling, J. Barnett Hodges and Dr. E. S. Groseclose, guests of Dr. Harper;

W. H. Brantley, Mrs. Condit, Mrs. Moore, guests of Mr. Russell; and F. C. Scruggs, Jr., Samuel A. Scruggs and Frederick T. Scruggs, guests of President Scruggs.

ANCE: LYNCHBURG, VA., FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 16, 1947

## Guest List Announced For SpheX Session

A list of nearly 100 guests to attend the annual SpheX Club dinner this evening at which Gordon Huxen, distinguished British economist, will speak, was announced today by Phillip L. Scruggs, president of the club.

Members of the club are: Dr. B. W. Arnold, Dr. Carleton Barnwell, Dr. George L. Barton, Dr. H. D. Blackwell, Dr. T. M. Campbell, John D. Capron, James R. Caskie, Dr. George B. Craddock, Dr. W. W. Ferguson, Prof. Ruskin S. Freer, E. Marshall Frost, James H. Gilliam, Jr., Robert Glass, Dr. O. J. Grainger, Dr. J. I. Hamaker, Capt. E. C. Hamner, Jr., Dr. E. A. Harper, Capt. R. W. B. Hart, Dr. Theodore H. Jack, John Early Jackson, Dr. C. M. Kilby, Dr. R. A. Magill, Dr. Frederick M. Morrison, Robert D. Morrison, J. T. Noell, Jr., Dr. James D. Paxton, Prof. J. F. Peake, E. Campbell Russell, Dr. A. L. Wilson and Mr. Scruggs.

They have invited these guests: Willard Ogden, guest of Dr. Campbell; A. B. Burton, W. D. Hodges, Walter G. Mason, Herbert Thomson, W. M. Heald, D. H. Dil-

Clarence G. Burton, J. V. Morrison, R. A. Carrington, Jr., the Rev. John L. Suttensfield, A. P. Lankford, M. B. Hickson, Royston Jester, III, the Rev. Harry A. Fifield, Thomas J. Williams, Lewis E. Lichford, T. J. Powell, A. M. Schewel, R. S. Harris and J. D. Wright, guests of Mr. Hart.

Dean C. Clement French, R. C. Watts, Walker Pettyjohn, C. W. Gooch and Dr. A. A. Kern, guests of Dr. Jack; Dr. S. H. Rosenthal and A. M. White, guests of Dr. Kilby; W. G. Suhling and Dr. J. W. Houck, guests of Dr. Frederick M. Morrison; L. L. Loving, S. T. Martin, H. M. Sackett, Jr., and J. T. Percy, guests of Mr. Morrison; Dr. W. Wesley Shrader, Dr. R. D. Caldwell, S. H. Williams, Giles H. Miller, W. M. Black, R. M. Barker, C. L. Snidow and H. A. Wells, guests of Mr. Noell; S. S. Johnson and Dr. H. C. Lipscomb, guests of Prof. Peake; E. L. Knight, J. Gor-

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DEATH OF DR. WILSON

In the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at eight fifteen P.M. on October the tenth 1947 the SPHEX CLUB met for the four hundred seventy ninth time.

Members present ~~were~~ were; Scruggs, Freer, Blackwell, Capron, Gilliam, Caskie, Arnold, R. Morrison, Ferguson, Grainger.

The minutes of two previous meetings were read and approved.

Attention was called to the death of Dr. A.L. Wilson, one of our members.

Dr. Kilby was appointed to write up a statement concerning Dr. Wilson for inclusion in the records of the Club.

Messrs. Gilliam, ~~Freer~~, ~~Y~~, Hart were appointed nominating committee to report at the next meeting.

A paper was read by Mr. Caskie on the subject; Naturalization and Qualified Loyalty.

The paper was discussed by; R. Morrison, Caskie, Gilliam, Blackwell, Arnold, Grainger, Ferguson.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

*O.J. Grainger*  
Secretary.

The four hundred eightieth meeting of the Sphinx Club was held in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M. on October 24, 1947.

Members present were; Scruggs, Freer, Glass, Blackwell, Campbell, Grainger, Ferguson, Arnold, Harper, R.Marrison.

The minutes of two previous meetings were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

We nominate for

President, - Mr. James R. Caskie.  
 Vice- President, - Mr. Capron.  
 Secretary, Dr. Grainger.  
 Treasurer, - Mr. Noell.

On motion these were elected by acclaim.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Ferguson whose subject was; Russia and Economic Threat<sup>a</sup>.

The following members took part in the discussion of the paper: Campbell, Arnold, Blackwell, Ferguson, Freer, Harper, Grainger.

Adjourned at 9:51 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary.

On November 7, 1947 at 8:15 P.M. In the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, the four hundred eighty first meeting of the SpheX Club was held.

Present were the following members.: Blackwell, Capron, Freer, Grainger, Campbell, Gilliam, Scruggs, Harper, Caskie, Glass, F. Moorison, R. Morrison, Ferguson.

The president, Mr. Caskie, was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

At the meeting on October 10, 1947 Dr. Kilby was asked to write up suitable statement concerning Dr. A.L. Wilson, one of our members who died during the summer. On account of illness Dr. Kilby is unable to do this.

Dr. Blackwell was asked to undertake this task.

Professor Freer read a paper entitled "Along Blue Ridge Trails."

It was a discussion of the methods used and the experiences in a botanical research project carried on in five counties of the Blue Ridge of Virginia.

The ~~paper~~ paper was followed by a general discussion in which practically every one present took part.

Adjourned at 10:- P.M.

*O.J. Grainger.*

Secretary.

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DR WILSON ~~DEBIT~~ TRIBUTE  
ATTACHED

Members of the SPHEX CLUB gathered for their Four Hundred eighty second meeting at 8:15 P.M. on Friday November twenty first nineteen hundred forty seven, in the directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

Members present were; Scruggs, Blackwell, Capron, Grainger, Barton, R. Morrison, Russell, Glass, Hart, F. Morrison Craddock, Campbell, Caskie.

Meeting called to order by the president, Mr. Caskie.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President appointed the following standing committees.

Membership Committee;

Dr. Harper  
Mr. Hart  
Mr. R. Morrison .

Program Committee;

Mr. Capron  
Mr. Gilliam  
Dr. Jack  
The secretary of the club.

In accordance with the request of the Club made on November 7, Dr. Blackwell read a statement he had prepared concerning Dr. A.L. Wilson who died the past summer.

Mr. R. Morrison read a paper he had prepared for the Club on the subject "Cities and Air Ports."

The following members took part in the discussion of the paper; Blackwell, Glass, Hart, Caskie, Morrison, Capron, Barton, Campbell, Scruggs, Russell.

Adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*  
Secretary.

Dr. A. L. Wilson.

The adjective that comes to the mind when thinking of Dr. Arthur Lee Wilson is the word - urbane. The son of the Postmaster-General in Cleveland's cabinet - afterwards president of Washington and Lee University - Dr. Wilson had early in life the surroundings and culture that shaped his ideals, enlarged the scope of his mind, and gave to him his characteristic poise and ease of manner. Any visitor to the club, looking around the circle, would be struck by his face so like the face of an actor, sensitive, mobile, expressive.

He loved things of the mind. A life-long student of French literature he presented before this club the fruit of that interest in informed and thoughtful papers, notably - to mention two - one on Dumas and one on Flaubert.

The public prints have testified abundantly to his worth as a citizen, it remains for his fellow members to say, out of their intimate knowledge, of Dr. Wilson: an accomplished speaker, an interesting and responsive companion, a courteous gentleman.

N. B. B.

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Members of the SpheX Club met for the four hundred eighty third time o n Friday December fifth nineteen hundred and forty seven at eight fifteen P.M. in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The following members were present. Gilliam, Barton, Caskie, Glass, Hamner, Ferguson, Barnwell, Russell, Arnold, Blackwell, Frost, Harper, Hart, Scruggs.

The president, Mr. Caskie was in the chair.

I n the absence of the Secretary Mr. Frost was asked to keep the minutes of the meeting.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Barton whose subject was "The Welland Canal." The paper dealt with the construction, History and importance of the canal.

~~Minutes~~ The reading of the paper was followed by a general discussion.

Adjourned at 9: 35 P.M.

E. Marshall Frost Secretary Pro Tem.

The SPHEX CLUB met for the four hundred and ei ghty fourth time at eight thirty P.M. on January nine, nineteen hundred and forty eight in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

Members present were;- Blackwell, Barton, Frost, Gilliam Russell, Caskie, Harper, Campbell, Scruggs, Grainger.

Presidebt Caskie was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved .

The paper of the evenin g was read by Mr. Russell, who e subject was "The Law in England".

The reading of the paper ws followed by a general discussion in w ich practically every member present took part.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary.

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The four hundred eighty fifth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held at eight fifteen P.M. on J anuary 23, 1948  
in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.  
Members present were; Scruggs, Barton, Capron, Blackwell,  
Campbell, Ferguson, Grainger, R. Morrison, Caskie, Frost,  
Hart.

The President, Mr. Caskie was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and  
approved.

The ~~main~~ paper of the evening was read by Mr. Capron  
whose subject was "Mark Twain s a Criti c."

M mbers taking part in the discussion of the paper were;  
Scruggs, Capron, Balckwell, Hart, C ampbell, ~~Bannington~~ Barton,  
Caskie, R. Morrison.

Adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secr etary.

The four hundred eighty sixth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held at eight fifteen P.M. on February sixth nineteen hundred and forty eight, in the Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

Members Present were;- Gilliam, Campbell, Blackwell, Frost, Hart, Grainger, F.Morrison, R.Morrison, Scruggs, Craddock, Harper:

General Vandergrift was present as guest of the club.

In the absence of both president and vice president Mr. Gilliam was asked to take the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Campbell whose subject was "Tristan and Isolde".

Members taking part in the discussion of the paper were; Blackwell, Hart, Campbell, Frost, Grainger, Harper, Scruggs, F?Morrison.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger.*  
Secretary.

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The four hundred eighty seventh meeting of the  
SPHEX CLUB

~~MEMBER~~ was held in the director's room of the  
Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M. on  
~~MEMBER~~ February 20 1948.

Members present were; H arper, Frost, Blackwell, Campbell,  
Scruggs, Craddock, Capron, Caskie, Gilliam, Grainger.

The president Mr. Caskie was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.  
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There short discussion of arrangements for the annual  
dinner.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Craddock whose  
subject was, "Certain Observations on the Progress of Medicine".

All present took part in the discussion of the paper.

Adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary.

The four hundred eighty eighth meeting of the  
Sphex Club

March 5, 1948, 8:15 P.M.

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

Members present; Blackwell, R. Morrison, Grainger, Frost, Glass,  
Russell, Caskie, Harper, Hart, Scruggs.

Meeting called to order by the president Mr. Caskie.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee on new members ~~now~~ reported suggesting three  
persons for consideration for election to membership.

According to the Club rule ~~the~~ action on  
the acceptance of these persons into membership was postponed  
until the next regular meeting.

There was discussion as to the speaker for the annual  
dinner.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Blackwell whose  
subject was "The Second Charles Dickens." It was a discussion  
of the character and personality of Dickens as revealed by some  
of Dickens writings not read so widely as most.

The paper was followed by a discussion in which all ~~members~~  
present took part.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*  
Secretary.

*✓ E. J. Faulkner Jr.*  
*✓ E. S. Grainger*  
*✓ Prof. [unclear]*  
*J. M. [unclear]*

~~1946~~ NO MEETING DUE TO DEATH OF  
2 MEMBERS

On the night of March twelve 1948 Dr. Kilby, a  
charter member of the Club died. The Club attended his funeral in  
a body as Honorary pall bearers, on Monday March 15<sup>th</sup>

On the night of March 17, 1948 Dr. Blackwell, another  
charter member of the Club, died. The Club attended in a body as  
Honorary pall bearers at his funeral on March 19, 1948.

The club meeting scheduled for March 19th was by common  
consent cancelled in respect to ~~the~~ the death and memory of  
these two charter members who died within a week of each other.

*O. J. Yraviger*  
Secretary.

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FAUBERT BARBER ELECTED

The four hundred eightyninth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

OBITUARY FOR  
KILBY

WAS HELD IN THE Directors room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at eight fifteen P.M. on Friday April 2, 1948.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Caskie.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Members present were; Capron, Frost, Campbell, Ferguson, Scruggs, Harper, Gilliam, Caskie, Grainger, Russell, Glass, Barnwell, F. Morrison, C raddock.

It was moved and carried that the regular meeting falling on April 16th be postponed until April 23 since it falls on the night following the Annual Club Dinner.

Dr. Campbell was asked to write for <sup>inclusion in the club records</sup> ~~memorandum~~ statements concerning Dr. Kilby and Dr. Blackwell both of whom died during the current month.

Mr. J.E.Fauber Jr., and Professor J. B arber were elected to membership in the Club.

Joseph E. BARBER

The paper for the evening was read by Mr. Scruggs, whose subject was; "Why They Live". It was a discussion of why certain literature persists through the centuries in the interest of masses of people.

The following members took part in the discussion of the paper; C ampbell, Grainger, Russell, Capron, Ferguson, Barnwell.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

O.J. Grainger  
Secretary.

MARCH 14, 1948.

*Obituary*

## *Funeral Of Dr. Kilby To Be Held Tomorrow*

*Professor Emeritus At RMWC And Nationally  
Known Physicist Succumbs At 73*

Funeral services will be held Monday morning for Dr. Clinton Maury Kilby, 73, one of the country's leading physicists, for 36 years professor of physics and astronomy at Randolph-Macon Woman's College until becoming an emeritus professor in 1946, whose death occurred early yesterday in Lynchburg General Hospital.

The services will be conducted at 10 o'clock in Dinguid Memorial Chapel and Burial will take place in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suffolk, at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. The Rev. Edgar A. Potts of Centenary Methodist Church, which Dr. Kilby attended in Lynchburg, will have charge of the services here and the Rev. John Blakemore of Main Street Methodist Church, Suffolk, of which Dr. Kilby was a life-long member, will officiate at the committal.

**Varied Contribution**

Among varied contributions to the national field of scientific investigation was his work published under the title "Redetermination of Wave-lengths of the Arc and Spark Lines of Titanium, Manganese and Vanadium," subtitled, "The Effect of Capacity and Self-induction on the Wave-lengths of the Spark Lines." This is still considered the authoritative findings in the subject indicated, his conferees here said yesterday. He was credited also with advancing modern methods of instruction in elementary physics throughout the country by his textbooks and laboratory manual. Dr. Kilby was author of other volumes concerned with the teaching of both astronomy and physics and of several additional scientific books, among them Elements of Optics, published in 1943, and The Constellation. Reporters often interviewed him for interpretations of meteorological and physical phenomena, which he adapted to newspaper use. He also compiled several family genealogies and wrote articles of lay interest for various publications.

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Besides Dr. Kilby's sister and brother-in-law, members of Mrs. Kilby's relationship have joined them here and will attend the funeral Monday. They are her brother, Robert Graham of Norfolk, her sister, Mrs. Samuel Graham of Charlottesville, and her nephew, Robert Graham, II, of Farmville.

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Dr. Kilby was a pioneer in experimentation in wireless and radio and set up in his home what is thought to have been the first receiving set in practical use in Lynchburg. When he came to the college about two years before the death of Dr. William Waugh Smith, founder-president, he induced Dr. Smith to erect an annex to house a physics laboratory, for which there was no adequate provision until then.

Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Physics Society, Optical Society of America, Virginia Academy of Science, American Association of Physics Teachers, Phi Beta Kappa honorary society, Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, Dr. Kilby was one of the small group which founded the SpheX Club of Lynchburg. He was affiliated all of his adult life with the Democratic party.

#### **Born in Suffolk**

Born in Suffolk November 1, 1874, Dr. Kilby was the son of Wallace and Margaret Tynes Kilby. His marriage to Miss Jean McDonald Graham, daughter of Judge Samuel Cecil Graham and Elizabeth Spotts Graham, of Tazewell, took place June 11, 1912, in Tazewell. During the greater part of their residence in Lynchburg, they have made their home at the present address, 345 Norfolk avenue. Besides Mrs. Kilby, Dr. Kilby's nearest surviving relative is a sister, Mrs. G. Lloyd Bell of Suffolk who with Mr. Bell arrived yesterday.

Prepared for college at Suffolk Military Academy, from which he entered Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, in 1892. Dr. Kilby received his master's degree from Randolph-Macon in 1896 and his doctor of philosophy degree from Johns Hopkins in 1909.

His teaching experience included serving as principal of public schools, 1896-98, and master in mathematics and physics, Woodberry Forest School, 1898-1905. He

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The four hundred ninetieth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

AS THE ANNUAL DINNER MEETING HELD AT THE Virginian Hotel, at  
6:30 P.M. on April 15, 1948.

The speaker for the occasion ~~was~~ was M. Colgate W. Darden  
ex governor of Virginia and at present President of the  
University of Virginia.

A description of the meeting and the address ~~is contained~~  
together with a list of Club members present and their guests  
is contained in the accompanying clipping from the Lynchburg  
news of April 16th.

*O. J. Spangler*  
Secretary

# Intellectual Force Key To Western Civilization Survival, Darden Asserts



James R. Caskey, (left) president of the Sphex Club, greets Colgate W. Darden, Jr., president of the University of Virginia, shortly before the annual banquet of the organization last night. (Staff Photo).

## Role Of Education Emphasized In Sphex Talk

President Colgate W. Darden, Jr., of the University of Virginia, speaking last night at the annual banquet of the Sphex Club, expressed to more than 100 members and guests his conviction that the survival of Western Civilization depends ultimately upon intellectual superiority.

"It is well to understand," the former governor of Virginia declared, "that no civilization of the past has ever been able to build a political system that could endure. None of the nine great civilizations, other than our own, has ever left more than traces of its greatness."

Mr. Darden declared that the institutions of learning, and especially the colleges and universities, must marshal the intellectual force needed to stem the rising tide of tyranny from Asia.

"We are faced for the first time since the fall of the Roman Empire, with the rise of tyranny on a scale never before known. The Roman Empire was destroyed from within by a deterioration of the processes in it that had made it great.

### Military Might Won't Win

"The greatness of our Army, Navy and Air Force," he continued, "will not in the long run win this mortal contest with Communism. It will be won only in the minds and hearts of the peoples of the world."

Tracing the greatness of the "American experiment," as he termed it, to its source, he recalled that our growth and survival have been

dependent physically and intellectually upon the protection of the military and naval strength of Great Britain and France. With the exception of the conflict of 1812, he said, America's growth was unhampered by strife and was assured of safety behind the superiority of England's sea power and upon the military might of France.

The American system of individual freedom has never before been put "to the acid test," he asserted. Our system of political freedom was taken from, and built around, the English sense of individual freedom. The English Revolution of 1688 was the real beginning of our form of government, when the English people expressed the intention that their freedom should be determined by law, he said.

For about 150 years after the American Revolution, Mr. Darden declared, our development was relatively unimpeded because of the security we enjoyed behind the protection of England and France. The first great danger came with the destruction of the French Army during the First World War.

Describing the effect upon himself and other members of the Naval Affairs Committee early in the Second World War when they were shown a secret film of the Germans destroying the remnants of the French Army, he declared, "we all felt it was too late." But the ensuing year, he continued, we were able to arm and to produce the needed supplies because of the brilliant fighting of the Russian and the British forces.

"This was made possible," he said, "because of our industrial know-how and our intellectual competence."

#### War Won By Intellect

"The war was won by intellectual capacity. It was won far behind the lines by scientists working under the direction of Johns Hopkins University."

The atom bomb, he continued, is the one thing now that is stopping the onrush of war with the autocracy coming out of Asia.

"But for the atom bomb, Russia would now be on the shores of the English Channel and the North Sea," he declared.

The race for intellectual superiority, he continued, must be conducted by all classes of people.

"Self-government," he declared, "is an incredibly intricate system. We've got to demonstrate that we have the know-how to make the system function. The responsibility of a free government is the \*\*\* conception of the obligation that goes with it."

We must, he declared, build up our intellectual capacity in order to marshal the forces of a free civilization against an autocratic civilization.

#### Introduced By Scruggs

Mr. Darden was introduced by Phillip L. Scruggs, after introductory remarks by James R. Caskie, club president.

Regular members of the SpheX Club attending the banquet included Dr. B. W. Arnold, Dr. Joseph E. Barker, Dr. Carlton Barnwell, Dr. George L. Barton, Dr. T. M. Campbell, John D. Capron, James R. Caskie, Dr. George B. Craddock, J. Everette Fauber, Dr. W. W. Ferguson, R. S. Freer, E. Marshall Frost, James R. Gilliam, Jr., Robert Glass, Dr. O. J. Grainger, Dr. J. I. Hamaker, Capt. F. C. Hamner, Jr., Dr. E. A. Harper, R. W. B. Hart, Dr. T. H. Jack, Dr. R. A. Magill, Dr. Frederick M. Morrison, Robert D. Morrison, J. T. Noell, Jr., Dr. James D. Paxton, J. F. Peake, E. Campbell Russell and Phillip L. Scruggs.

Guests included Capt. R. A. Abernathy, J. D. Adams, J. H. Addison, G. M. Alexander, W. W. Averette, Jr., B. C. Baldwin, Jr., Leigh Ballenberg, J. K. Banks,

R. M. Barker, Judge A. D. Barksdale, Dr. Elisha Barksdale, J. H. Boice, A. B. Burton, C. G. Burton, H. S. Bryant, Frank Carrington, R. A. Carrington, Dr. J. S. G. Carson, G. E. Caskie, Jr., G. E. Chamberlain, J. G. Conrad, Dr. R. H. Fox, Jr., Allen Cucullis, F. G. Davidson, F. G. Davidson, Jr., R. Q. Davis, Dr. John Devine, Jr., D. H. Dillard, Dr. H. H. Jarrett, Thomas W. Gilliam, Phillip Girling, Carter Glass, Jr., Powell Glass, Jr., Malcolm Griffin, Dr. E. S. Groseclose, Max Guggenheimer, Richard Hamaker, R. A. Harris, R. S. Harris, T. R. Hawes, Dr. Fred Hellsbeck, M. B. Hickson, Dr. John G. Holland, J. B. Hodges, E. B. Hornes, Dr. John T. Hundley, Jr., Dr. Holcombe H. Hurt, Royston Jester, III, Dr. A. A. Kern, Charles Kirkland, Floyd L. Knight, Dr. W. W. Koontz, A. P. Lankford, L. E. Lichford, Dr. H. C. Lipsecomb, L. L. Lovins, George Lupton, Henry E. McWane, Judge S. Duval Martin, Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, Donald G. Moore, Scott Nesbit, Karl V. Ogden, J. G. Payne, J. T. Percy, W. R. Perkins, Jr., Mosby G. Perrow, Jr., Walker Pettyjohn, T. J. Powell, Henry M. Sackett, K. D. Scott, Frederick T. Scruggs, Samuel A. Scruggs, Dr. W. W. Shrader, Harold Singleton, Henry Smiley, Dr. R. C. Somerville, Dr. J. Gordon Stine, Jr., Dr. R. C. Stroup, the Rev. Joan L. Sutfenfield, C. J. Stephenson, Raine Svdnor, J. F. Taylor, R. Stockton Terry, H. B. Thomson, Dr. Thomas Upshur, Dr. Manning C. Voorhis, Gorham B. Walker, Jr., James O. Watts, R. C. Watts, R. C. Watts, Jr., Don C. Wheaton, A. M. White, Lewis White, H. A. Wells, L. B. Whitehouse, S. H. Williams, J. D. Wright and A. F. Young.

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The four hundred ninety first meeting of the

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MEMORIALS KILBY  
AND BLACKWELL

was held in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Saving Bank at 8:15 P. M. on the 23rd day of April, 1948.

Members present were; Scruggs, Noell, Grainger, Capron, Harper, Russell, Barker, R. Morrison, Campbell, Hart, Fauber, Glass.

In the absence of the president, the vice-president Mr. Capron presided.

The minutes of two previous meetings were read and approved.

Dr. Campbell read memorials for Dr. Kilby and Dr. Blackwell. These are included in these minutes.

Mr. J. T. Noell Jr., tendered his resignation as treasurer. This was accepted and Mr. J. R. Gilliam Jr., was elected as treasurer in his place.

Two new members, Mr. Joseph Barker and Mr. J. E. Fauber Jr., were present and were introduced to the club.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Harper whose subject was "Pioneer Medicine".

The following members participated in the discussion that followed the reading of the paper; Campbell, Hart, Harper, Grainger, Capron, Morrison, Barker.

Adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary.

## DR. KILBY

A personal note in this memory may perhaps be pardoned. I have known Clinton Kilby since boyhood days in Suffolk, and though he was what might be called a boy's generation ahead of me, my impressions of him at that time were very definite. We boys looked up to him as physically strong, absolutely fearless, and always dependable. He said what he meant and meant what he said. This reputation, coinciding wholly with his character, followed him through college. He was a champion athlete and everybody respected his ability as a student and his forthrightness in speech.

The first word that comes to my mind when I think of Clinton is integrity, which literally means oneness. If there is anything in the sea of troubles that is human life which lends courage to the heart and fortifies the mind, it is integrity, or simplicity in character, a man who stands in his place, unmoved, unvenal, strong in himself, drawing upon some inner support of faith, and above the vicissitudes of pain or pleasure, of fortunes, good or bad. One could not imagine Clinton quailing before misfortune or corrupted by good fortune. It was this integrity, this oneness, of character that made him dependable as few men are dependable. He was a rock and a tower of strength to friend or foe.

Clinton was often frank to the point of bluntness. Those who did not know him well might easily misunderstand or resent his forthright expression of his opinions. It was a characteristic of his teaching, his discussion in faculty meetings, and of his conversation in general. Yet at heart he was a man of deep understanding and sympathy. Few who did not know him intimately would have suspected his interest in Boys Town, which he remembered generously in his will. That is illustrative of the wide range and depth of his interest in his fellow men.

A second quality in Clinton's character, which really derived from his integrity and like it pervaded both his daily association and his scientific activity, was his independence. It is indeed rare and refreshing to find a man who so consistently looked facts and statements in the face and then arranged them according to his own logic. He may, like the rest of us, frequently have been wrong, but he was never wrong out of complacency, indolence, or neglect. He was definite in his beliefs and articulate in his reasons for them. This was true in his scientific studies and in his general reading. He was no respecter of authority or of persons but followed his own line of thinking courageously where it led him. Thus he carried out his conception of the demands of honest investigation.

By virtue of these qualities, and by his loyalty and faithful attendance, he proved himself to be a valuable member of the Sphex Club from the time of its foundation. Dr. Fernando Wood Martin and Mosby Perrow first conceived the

idea of the Club. They found eager recipients in A. F. Thomas, Henry Blackwell, B. W. Arnold, Clinton Kilby and others. Names honored in Lynchburg were added to the roll sooner or later: Randolph Harrison, Armstead Long, Bishop Tucker, Dr. Joseph Dunn, Dr. Paxton, Judge Christian, and many others. The fact that the SpheX Club has shown itself to be vital through all these years is a testimony to the soundness of its original principles and purpose, and to the faithful support of such members as Clinton Kilby. When his chair was vacant, it was for a reason beyond his control. And he regularly showed his interest in the paper by discussing some phase of it that most concerned him. His loss is indeed irreparable, but I feel sure that I voice the sentiments of this Club in saying that both in the restricted interests of this organization and in the larger interests of life we are all heartened and strengthened by the memory of his integrity, his devotion to high thinking, and the unflinching courage of the mind which supported his frail body to the last hour.

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## DR. BLACKWELL

It is not unusual for sons of ministers of the Gospel to turn to the teaching profession. The two ways of life have always been closely allied. Dr. Blackwell's family was a good illustration of these ties. His father was a Methodist preacher, widely known and beloved. Of the sons by his first wife, one, Dr. Robert Emory Blackwell, long professor of English at Randolph-Macon College at Ashland and then its president for over forty years, was among the most influential educators in the South or in the Country, a man of culture, wide information, and profound human sympathy. The other, Mr. John Blackwell, was greatly honored and esteemed in private secondary education in Virginia. Dr. Henry Blackwell was one of five children by a second wife, three boys and two girls. All of them were teachers at one time or another, and three of them adopted teaching as a profession. I was privileged to know all the Blackwells more or less intimately, with the exception of Mr. John Blackwell, whom I met and talked with long enough to recognize in him the same refinement of manners and intellectual culture that characterized the whole family.

They were all noteworthy on the one hand for their broad human interest and a spirit of tolerance and understanding, and on the other hand for a penetrating and never failing intellectual and artistic interest in the things that make up our cultural heritage.

This was the background of Henry Blackwell. If in his case the emphasis seemed to be more on the second of the two qualities I have mentioned, it was only because his talents in that direction amounted to near-genius and absorbed his energies to a greater extent. No one who knew him intimately missed the other quality of human interest, comprehension, and tolerance. They were there but he was not obsessed, as was Robert Emory Blackwell, with the desire to put them to active and open use. He once remarked that his father, the minister, was interested in people and in nothing else, and he recalled with amusement that his father, seeing him with his nose forever in a book, said to him on one occasion: Henry, you will never amount to anything.

In his case it was not that he loved people less but that he loved ideas more. No one could ask for a more devoted and highminded friend. If some persons thought him lacking in what is called public spirit, they should remember that there are subtler ways of enriching the community than those widely proclaimed. Intellectual and spiritual

life in America is none too rich in individuals of independence in taste and judgement, gifted also with the ability to express their opinions, and the presence of a man so distinguished in all these respects as Henry Blackwell was refreshing and heartening in the extreme.

Henry was in the teaching profession but there never was less of a professional teacher than he. As far as I know he never attended a meeting of the Modern Language Association of America, and he told me he could not stand all the gossip, confusion, and petty promotionism that went on there, as it does in all such professional gatherings. He was utterly indifferent to professional honors. There was surely not in the teaching profession in the United States another man of equal ability in scholarship and teaching with the same degree of carelessness as to his personal promotion.

Born teacher though he was, he was a good example of that everlasting nostalgia of the human mind for the pathways which any specialization cuts us off from. Not long before he died, I asked him whether, if he had his life to go over again, he could think of anything he would rather do than teach. He looked at me with a certain wistfulness and replied: "I would like to paint." For a man of his ability and decision, what a world of yearning lay in those words! It is this kind of incompleteness in our earthly span that made Goethe believe in immortality, the spiritual insatiability and unfulfilled longing in all human life. His colleagues on the faculty remember the summer he spent feverishly working on his classroom to beautify it in accordance with his conception of the surroundings that students of English literature, particularly Shakespeare, should have. The bare and cheerless walls turned into panels of pleasing texture, the spaces above blackboard level received murals illustrating Shakesperean scenes, the whole done by his hands. It was the creation of a mind active in its own right.

For a man whose reading was unusually extensive in many directions, Henry was remarkable both for a very retentive and accurate memory and for the ability to integrate his reading with his active personality. It was this combination of equities that enabled him to contribute to the discussion of such a wide range of subjects something vital and original of his own. He was usually so sure and definite in his information that it was risky to challenge him, and I daresay not many men were his superior in that respect.

As to the originality of his contributions to our discussions, it is not necessary to swell on that here. No more is it necessary to comment on the regularity with which he attended our meetings. Henry was not a gregarious person. The SpheX Club was his only Club, and it must be said that he was the ideal member of such a group. He enjoyed the intellectual stimulus in the exchange of idea. He was of the opinion that every member, as far as possible, should attend the meetings

and should show his appreciation of the speaker's efforts by commenting on his paper in whatever way his own interests were affected.

From the inception of the Club to the last meeting we had him with us, no one carried out more conscientiously and more effectively the ideal purpose of the organization than Henry Blackwell. We all learned to respect his abilities as a scholar, to esteem and admire his character as a man, and to love him as a friend. No one can fill his place, but we may take courage in remembering his steadfastness and his unfailing loyalty to his own high ideals.

*T. Moody Campbell*

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The four hundred ninety second meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Saving Bank at 8:15 P. M. on the 30th day of April, 1948.

Members present were: Campbell, Frost, Noel, Russell, Grainger, Caskie, Scruggs, Fauber, Barnwell, Barton.

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

There was discussion of the problem of new members for the club.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Frost, whose subject was Gensis 37:6. It was a discussion of dreams and the problems involved in the understandings and interpretation of dreams.

All present took part in the discussion of the paper.

Adjourned at 10:10 P. M.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary

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The four hundred ninety third meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Saving Bank at 8:15 P. M. on the 14th day of May, 1948.

Members present were: Craddock, Scruggs, Fauber, F. Morrison, R. Morrison, Arnold, Harper, Glass, Caskie, Barker, Barton, Grainger.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Caskie. The paper of the evening was read by Dr. F. Morrison, whose subject was "Some Thoughts on Euthanasia."

This paper gave rise to a vigorous discussion in which all present took part.

Adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

*A. J. Grainger*

Secretary

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OF MEETINGS STILL HOLDS

SPHEX CLUB MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 1948-MAY 13, 1949

491st Meeting

TEMP MEETING ROOM

The four hundred ninety fourth meeting of the  
Sphex Club

was held in the Directors Room of the Chamber of Commerce  
in the Allied Arts Building at 8:15 P. M. on the 1st day  
of October, 1948.

Members present were: Barker, Campbell, Gilliam,  
Russell, Ferguson, Freer, Scruggs, Glass, Grainger, Capron,  
Hart, R. Morrison, Arnold, Barnwell.

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president  
Mr. Capron. There was discussion of the meeting place until  
the room in the Lynchburg Trust and Saving Bank should again  
be available to us. It was decided to ask the Chamber of  
Commerce to <sup>permit us to</sup> continue to use their room until the bank  
room shall again be ready. It was decided that in view  
of the nature of Dr. Barnwell's paper, the meeting of  
October 29, should be held at St. Pauls Church. The  
paper of the evening was read by Dr. Grainger, whose  
subject was "Truth and Tradition!" A spirited discussion  
followed the reading of the paper in which the following  
members partook: Hart, Arnold, Grainger, Glass, ~~Barker~~  
Gilliam, Campbell, Barnwell, Barker, Ferguson, Capron.

Adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

*O. J. Grainger,*  
Secretary.

On October 5, the President, Mr. Caskie, appointed the follow-  
nominating committee: Mr. James R. Gilliam, Jr., chairman;  
Mr. Phillip Scruggs and Dr. W. W. Ferguson.

The four hundred ninety fifth meeting of the

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SPHEX CLUB

was held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce in the Allied Arts Building at 8:15 P. M. October 15, 1948.

Members present were: Barnwell, Capron, Glass, Campbell, Harper, Gilliam, Grainger, Frost, Hart, Ferguson, Arnold, Scruggs.

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president Mr. Capron. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The nominating committee made the following nominations

for officers: President	Mr. Capron
Vice-president	Mr. Campbell Russell
Secretary	Dr. Grainger
Treasurer	Mr. Gilliam

It was moved and carried that these persons be elected by acclamation.

The secretary called attention to the importance of keeping the records of the club in some place, free from danger of fire. At the suggestion of Mr. Gilliam, it was decided to put the records in the vault of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Robert Glass, whose subject was "The Choice". It was a discussion of the effort made in Congress to pass an anti-poll tax law and of the bearing of this effort on States Rights, and on the general liberty of the American people.

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Practically every person present took part in the discussion which followed the reading of the paper.

Adjourned at 10: 00 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary

The nominating committee made the following nominations

Mr. Carson

President

Mr. Campbell Russell

Vice-President

Mr. Grainger

Secretary

Mr. Gilliam

Treasurer

It was moved and carried that these persons be elected

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keeping the records of the club in some place, free from

danger of fire. At the suggestion of Mr. Gilliam, it was

decided to put the records in the vault of the Lyonsburg

Trust and Savings Bank.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Robert Glass,

whose subject was "The Politics". It was a discussion of the

effort made in Congress to pass an anti-poll tax law and of

the bearing of this effort on States rights, and on the

general liberty of the American people.

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The four hundred ninety sixth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in Parish House of the St. Paul's Church at  
8:15 P. M. October 29, 1948.

Members present were: Barnwell, Freer, Grainger,  
Barton, Jack, Arnold, Russell, Frost, Glass, Hart, Campbell,  
Scruggs, Caskie, Harper.

Mr. Campbell Russell, the vice-president was in the  
chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and  
approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Barnwell,  
whose subject was "New Land For Holland". It was a des-  
cription of how the people of Holland acquired more land  
for their use by shutting out the sea. In the discussion  
that followed, with one or two exceptions, all present took  
part. At the close of the discussion, it was moved and  
carried that until a meeting place in the Lynchburg Trust  
and Savings Bank is again ready for our meetings, we meet  
in the Parish House of St. Paul's Church instead of using  
the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. This was deemed wise  
because of greater accessibility and better parking space.

Adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

*O. J. Grainger.*  
Secretary

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The four hundred ninety seventh meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the parish House of the St. Paul's Church at  
8:15 P. M. November 12, 1948.

Members present were: Campbell, Gilliam, Jack, Barker,  
Barton, Grainger, Russell, Fauber, Caskie, R. Morrison,  
Craddock, Scruggs, Ferguson, Harper, Frost.

The vice-president, Mr. Campbell Russell, was in the  
chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and  
approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Jack, whose  
subject was "Splinters". It was a discussion of the party  
system in the U. S. A. with a special emphasis on third and  
fourth parties, which from time to time, splintered off  
from the two main parties.

In the discussion following the reading<sup>of</sup>/the paper,  
all present took part, excepting one member who had to leave  
just before the discussion began.

Adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary

On November 15, Mr. Capron, president of the Club  
appointed the following standing committees.

Membership Committee

Mr. Marshall Frost, Chairman  
Dr. T. H. Jack  
Mr. Jas. R. Caskie

Program Committee

Mr. Philip L. Scruggs, Chairman  
Mr. Jas. R. Gilliam  
Mr. Robert Glass

The four hundred ninety eighth meeting of the

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SPHEX CLUB

was held in the parish house of the St. Paul's Church at  
8:15 P. M. November 26, 1948.

Members present were: Hamner, Russell, Barnwell,  
Caskie, Grainger.

Guests were: Col. George Oliver, Mr. DuVall Lee,  
Mr. S. G. Hamner.

In the absence of the president, the vice-president,  
Mr. E. Campbell Russell, called the meeting to order. The  
minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Captain Hamner,  
whose subject was "Inspection Service in the Navy." It was  
a very informative and detailed description of the organization  
of the Navy for making sure that all materials and equipment  
supplied to the Navy were in perfect shape.

All present took part in the discussion that followed  
the reading of the paper.

Adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary

*It was a very rainy windy  
night.*

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The four hundred ninety ninth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the parish house of the St. Paul's Church at  
8:15 P. M. December 10, 1948.

Members present were: Capron, Scruggs, Barton, Grainger,  
Campbell, R. Morrison, Russell, Gilliam, Frost, Hart, F.  
Morrison, Barnwell, Barker, Harper.

Dr. Crocker, of Sweet Briar College was a guest.

The president, Mr. Capron, was in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Barker, whose  
subject was "In Spite of Censorship". It was a discussion  
of the publication by Diderot, of the encyclopedia in France  
in the 18th century, and of the hinderances and difficulties  
experienced by him on account of the censorship exercised by  
the church and the government. In the discussion which  
followed the paper, the following members took part: Capron,  
Campbell, Barker, Barton, Barnwell, Hart, Scruggs, and Dr.  
Crocker.

Adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary

The five hundredth meeting of the

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SPHEX CLUB

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was held in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P. M. January 7, 1949.

Vice president Russell was in the chair.

Members present were: Freer, Scruggs, Hamner, Noell, Barnwell, Ferguson, Gilliam, Grainger, Jack, Barton, Russell, Frost, Fauber, Harper, Campbell.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given Dr. Barnwell for the use of the Parrish House of St. Paul's Church, while we were unable to meet at the bank.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Ferguson, whose subject was "The Influence of Congregationalism on the Growth of Democracy."

The following members took part in the discussion of the paper: Jack, Ferguson, Gilliam, Barnwell, Harper, Fauber, Campbell, Barton, Scruges, Freer, Grainger, Noell, Frost.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary.

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The five hundredth first meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P. M. January 21, 1949.

Members present were: Gilliam, Campbell, Fauber, Harper Scruggs, Russell , F. Morrison, Grainger, Frost. Mr. B. M.

Gilliam attended the meeting as a guest.

The vice president, Mr. Russell called the meeting to order

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The club, unanimously expressed its gratitude to Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, and to its president, Mr. Gilliam, for the many years the club has been permitted to use the Directors Room of the bank for its meeting place and that the club is now permitted to use the new Directors Room with its beautiful and comfortable appointments.

There was considerable discussion as to the availability of a speaker for the annual club dinner.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Campbell, whose subject was "The Case of Friedrich Nietzsche."

Members taking part in the discussion of the paper were: Harper, Campbell, Russell, F. Morrison, Gilliam, B. M. Gilliam (guest), Frost, Scruggs.

Adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary

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The five hundred second meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P. M. February 4, 1949.

7 Members present were: Freer, Gilliam, Hart, Campbell, Caskie, R. Morrison, Harper.

In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, Mr. J. R. Caskie called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Freer, whose subject was "Sic Transit Scientia". It was an account of the author's search for a will-o-the-wisp in Campbell County, Virginia.

All present took part in the discussion that followed the reading of the paper.

Adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

Rebecca Munsie  
Acting Secretary

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The five hundred third meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P. M., February 18, 1949.

Members present were: Campbell, Gilliam, Fauber, Craddock, Hart, F. Morrison, Frost, Caskie, Harper, Jack, R. Morrison.

In the absence of both the President and Vice President, Mr. Gilliam presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There was some discussion regarding a speaker for the annual meeting.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Fauber and the subject was "Shelter - 1949". It was an account of the architecture of the past and a discussion of contemporary design.

The following members took part in the discussion of the paper: Jack, Hart, Campbell, Frost, Caskie, Gilliam.

Adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

*Robert Morrison*  
Acting Secretary

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The five hundred fourth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P. M., March 4, 1949.

Members present were: Hart, R. Morrison, Capron, Scruggs, Campbell, Frost, Caskie, Barnwell, Grainger, Craddock.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The program committee reported that it had obtained Dr. Mayo, of the University of Virginia, as speaker of the annual dinner. His subject will be "Biography As An Index to History". The date was not yet determined.

The membership committee suggested two names of persons suitable for membership. According to custom, these will be voted on at the next regular meeting of the club.

The paper of the evening was read by Captain R. W. B. Hart, whose subject was "Special Purpose Highways." It was a discussion of the proposed special highway for Lynchburg. It was a very informative and interesting discussion of the plans and purposes and difficulties of the proposed highway.

In the discussion which followed the reading of the paper, all present took part.

Adjourned at 10:05 P. M.

*O. J. Grainger*  
Secretary

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The five hundred fifth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

NO RECORD OF  
GRAVES BEING ELECTED  
BEFORE THIS MEETING

was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P. M., March 18, 1949.

Members present were: Scruggs, Freer, Frost, Capron, Hamner, Russell, Graves, Caskie, Grainger, Hart.

The President, Mr. Capron, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The chairman of the program committee announced that the annual dinner will be held on April 15, at the Virginian Hotel. The speaker will be Dr. Mayo, of the University of Virginia. On account of failure to give adequate notice, the election of new members was postponed until the next meeting.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Graves, on the subject "Some Examples of Military Justice." The speaker gave of his own experience some very interesting and illuminating examples of trials before military courts. The following members took part in the discussion of the paper: Hamner, Graves, Hart, Caskie, Frost, Russell, Scruggs, Capron, Grainger.

Adjourned at 9:45.

*O. J. Grainger.*

Secretary

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The five hundred sixth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P. M. April 1, 1949.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Capron.

Members present were: Campbell, Scruggs, Arnold, Craddock, R. Morrison, Russell, Jack, Caskie, Barton, Freer, Capron, Grainger, Barker, Harper, F. Morrison, Frost, Graves, Fauber, Hart.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Caskie and Mr. R. Morrison were appointed tellers for the election of new members. Both persons presented by the committee on new members were elected.

Arrangements for the annual dinner were explained. It is to be held on April 15, at 6:30 P. M., at the Virginian Hotel. The speaker is to be Dr. Mayo, of the University of Virginia who will speak on the subject, "Biography As An Index of History."

It was moved and carried that the annual dues and charges be adjusted to cover the cost. ~~The paper~~

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. F. Morrison, whose subject was "Some Aspects of Health Insurance."

The discussion which followed was entered into by the following members: Freer, Capron, Harper, Hart, Frost,

Arnold, Caskie, Russell, Grainger, Jack, Barton, R. Morrison, F. Morrison.

Adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

*D. J. Grainger.*  
Secretary

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# ANNUAL MEETING

The five hundredth seventh meeting of the

## SPHEX CLUB

was held at the Virginian Hotel, at 6:30 P.M. on April 15, 1949.

The occasion was the annual dinner of the Club. The speaker of the occasion was Dr. Mayo, professor of history of the U. of Va., whose subject was

### BIOGRAPHY AS AN INDEX TO HISTORY

The names of the members and their guests, together with a short summary of the speaker's paper is found in the attached clipping, taken from the Lynchburg News of April 16.

Adjourned at 9:30.

AND DR. LIPSCOMB  
Secretary

GRAVES LISTED AS MEMBER  
IN NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT



E. Campbell Russell (left), vice president of the Sphex Club, is shown greeting Dr. Bernard Mayo, University of Virginia American history professor, who was guest speaker before the club at a dinner meeting at the Virginian Hotel last night. (Staff Photo)

## Biography As Applied To History Is Topic Of Mayo Lecture At Sphex Club

"If all men were different we should not care to study them, nor for that matter, if they were all exactly similar," said Dr. Bernard Mayo, professor of American history at the University of Virginia, during a lecture on biography as applied to history to members and guests at Lynchburg Sphex Club annual dinner held at the Virginian Hotel last night.

It is the similarity between men's deeds and their desires that makes the reading of great men interesting and educational, explained Dr. Mayo, stressing that the "biographical approach to history is an absolute necessity" if man is to grasp the spirit of the times and people of any event.

The question of whether events make the man great or whether the great man makes the events was closely examined by the biographer. He concluded that there is an intermediate position, for men, he said, are limited by events and also make events.

"My study of history, and especially my study of American biography has convinced me of this:

human beings, you and I, are certainly limited, in public and private life, by all kinds of factors. And I do not, by any means, overlook the economic forces and modes of production which the materialistic determinists stress in a narrow, exclusive, doctrinaire manner. Yet, within these limits, human being individually and to a greater degree human beings joined in collective action, do make a difference in the shape of events. It is essentially true of the average man no less than of an F. D. Roosevelt or a Winston Churchill, of recent days when so few men decided the fate of so many millions."

Dr. Mayo, who was introduced by Dr. Theodore H. Jack, Randolph-Macon Woman's College president, immediately following a brief introductory talk by E. Campbell Russell, vice president, presiding in the absence of President John D. Capron, traced the rise of biography in time and style, giving as notable examples works from the Bible, Plutarch's Lives, Boswell's Johnson and numerous more recent works.

A native of Lewiston, Me., Dr. Mayo studied at the University of Maine, and George Washington University. He taught at American University and Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown before joining the Virginia faculty in 1940. Among the books of which he is author is Henry Clay, spokesman of the New West. He edited the letters of Thomas Jefferson into the book Jefferson Himself, and contributed learned thesis material to magazines and journals.

Those in attendance at the annual dinner and lecture are as follows:

Members—Dr. B. W. Arnold, Dr. Joseph Barker, Dr. Carleton Barnwell, Dr. George L. Barton, Dr. T. M. Campbell, James R. Caskie, Dr. George B. Craddock, J. E. Feaber, Jr., Dr. W. W. Ferguson, Professor R. S. Freer, E. Marshall Frost, James R. Gilliam, Jr., Robert Glass, Dr. O. J. Grainger, Edward S. Graves, Dr. J. I. Hamaker, Capt. E. C. Hamner, Jr., Dr. E. A. Harper, R. W. B. Hart, Dr. Theodore H. Jack, Dr. H. C. Lipscomb, Dr. F. M. Morrison, Robert Morrison, W. T. Noell, Jr., E. Campbell Russell, Philip L. Scruggs and Dr. R. A. Magill.

Guest—John L. Abbot, James D. Adams, G. M. Alexander, W. W. Averett, Jr., Leigh Bellenberg, Judge A. D. Barksdale, H. S. Bryant, Judge Charles E. Burks, Hon. Clarence G. Burton, Frank Carrington, Dr. J. S. G. Garson, G. E. Caskie, Jr., J. Gilliam Conrad, Dr. Lester G. Crocker, Allan Cucullu, Dr. John W. Davis, Jr., R. Q. Davis, D. H. Dillard, Dr. J. C. Ellington, V. Howard Ford, Harry D. Forsyth, Walter Galliford, B. McCluer Gilliam, Thomas W. Gilliam, Powell Glass, Jr., Max Guggenheimer, Richard Hamaker, S. Garland Hamner, R. A. Harris, R. S. Harris, T. R. Hawes, Dr. Fred Helsabeck, M. B. Hickson, J. B. Hodges, Dr. John G. Rolland, E. B. Horner, Robert Hudgens, Dr. J. T. T. Hundley, Jr., Royston Jester, III, V. V. Kelsey, Dr. A. Kern, Dr. John Kirby, Floyd L. Knight, Dr. W. W. Koontz, A. P. Lankford, H. G. Leggett, L. L. Loving, R. J. McGregor, Henry E. McWane, Judge S. D. Martin, Dr. R. D. Meade, Dr. R. B. Montgomery, Graham Napier, Scott Nesbit, J. D. Owen, John Tucker Percy, Senator Mosby G. Perrow, Jr., Walker Pettyjohn, G. R. Plunkett, T. J. Powell, Dr. W. T. Pugh, Henry M. Sackett, Jr., Paul E. Sackett, E. G. Scott, Dr. Ernest G. Scott, Frank C. Scruggs, Samuel A. Scruggs, Dr. R. C. Somerville, G. J. Stephenson, R. Stockton Terry, W. G. Terry, Dr. Manning C. Voorhis, Gorham B. Walker, Jr., E. C. Watts, M. E. Weber, A. M. White, Paul Whitehead, Dr. F. R. Whitehouse, P. B. Winfree, Jr., Wilbur Winfree, J. D. Wright, William Wyatt and E. T. Younger, Jr.

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The five hundred eighth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

FIRST MEETING  
FOR LIPSCOMB

was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M., April 29, 1949.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Capron, the President.

Members present were: Jack, Freer, Barker, Arnold, Capron, Frost, Caskie, Scruggs, Grainger, Russell, Hart, Glass, Noell, Campbell, Harper, Fauber, Lipscomb.

Dr. Don C. Wheaton, of Sweet Briar College, was present as a guest.

Minutes of two previous meeting were read and approved.

Membership committee announced that Dr. H. C. Lipscomb accepted membership in the Club.

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The question was raised as to the status of certain elderly members of the Club, who are unable to attend meetings with any regularity. It was moved and carried that the President should appoint a committee to review the status of the members of the Club and make recommendations to the Membership Committee as to any who are unable to read papers, or to attend regularly.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Scruggs, whose subject was "The Theater." Persons entering into the discussion that followed the reading of the paper were: Barker, Caskie, Campbell, Scruggs, Capron, Arnold, Lipscomb.

Adjourned at 9:40 P. M.

On May 2, the President appointed Mr. Caskie and Dr. Grainger on the above mentioned committee.

Secretary

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The five hundred ninth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

NOELL NOT ATTENDING

DR HAMAKER → INACTIVE

was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P. M., May 13, 1949.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Capron.

Members present were: Craddock, Jack, Barker, Arnold, Russell, R. Morrison, Capron, Gilliam, Grainger, Hart, Harper.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed by the President to consider and report on the status of members not attending regularly, reported as follows. "Your committee finds only two members whose lack of attendance needs consideration. Mr. Noell and Dr. Hamaker. Since Mr. Noell's daughter is now in better health, it is thought he will be able to attend more frequently in the future, hence his case needs no action. Dr. Hamaker requests that his name be placed on the inactive list." It was moved and carried that the report of the committee be accepted and that Dr. Hamaker's name be placed on the inactive list.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. R. Morrison, whose subject was "State's Responsibilities". The following members took part in the discussion of the paper: Harper, R. Morrison, Hart, Jack, Gilliam, Capron, Arnold, Barker.

Adjourned at 9:45.

*O. J. Grainger*

Secretary

SPHEX CLUB MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 1949\*- MAY 12, 1950

The five hundred tenth meeting of the

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SPIEX CLUB

DR. BARNWELL MOVING

was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P. M., October 7, 1949.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Capron.

Members present were: Campbell, Caskie, Fauber, Freer, Gillian, Grainger, Harper, Jack R. Morrison Russell, Barker, ~~Barton~~, Capron, Craddock, Ferguson, Frost, Scruggs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Dr. Carleton Barnwell was read in which Dr. Barnwell resigns from the club on account of his moving away from the city.

It was moved and carried that with regret we accept Dr. Barnwell's resignation, and that a letter be written to him expressing our regret and our disappointment that he can no longer meet with us.

The president appointed the following nominating committee: Chairman, Mr. Scruggs; also Mr. Caskie and Mr. Gillian.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Craddock, whose subject was, "They Also Ran". It was a review of the book of that name.

In the discussion that followed the reading of the

paper every member present with two exceptions  
took part.

Adjourned at 9:55 P. M.

Secretary.

The five hundred~~th~~ Eleventh meeting of the 508

Sphex Club ~~was~~ held in the directors room of the  
Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P.M.  
on the twenty first day of October. 1949

Members present were; Capron, Glass, Gilliam, Grainger,  
Harper, Craddock, Scruggs, R.Morrison, Russell, Arnold,  
Caskie, Ferguson.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Capron, the president .  
The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved.

The nominating Commi tee made the following report.

For ~~President~~ President, Mr. Campbell Russell.  
For vice president M r. R.Morrison  
For secretary Mr ~~E. H. Frost~~ J. E. Fauber, Jr.  
For treasurer, Mr. J.R.Gilliam Jr.

It ~~was~~ was moved and carried that the Secretary Cast the un  
Unanimous vote of the Club for the persons nominated.

The paper of the evening was read by M r. J.R.Gilliam Jr.

His subject ~~was~~ was Some facts concerning  
Virginia's educational rank.

Every member present took part in the discuaaion of the  
paper.

Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

The 512th meeting of the SpheX Club was held in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P. M. on the 4th day of November, 1949. The following members were present: Grainger, Russell, Ferguson, Barker, Caskie, Capron, Freer, Scruggs, Arnold, R. Morrison, Harper, Craddock and Frost. There were two guests.

The President appointed the following committees: Membership: Dr. Edwin A. Harper, Chairman, Mr. Robert D. Morrison and Mr. Philip L. Scruggs. Program: James R. Gilliam, Jr., Chairman, Dr. Theodore H. Jack and Mr. J. Everette Fauber, Jr.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. James R. Caskie, and his subject was "When We Die".

The paper dealt with the distribution of our worldly goods.

The discussion which followed was participated in by Russell, Grainger, Harper, Capron, Arnold and Scruggs.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P. M.

Edwin A. Frost  
Acting Secretary

The five hundred thirteenth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 p.m., Friday evening, November 18, 1949. The meeting was attended by the following members: Russel, Campbell, Lipscomb, Barker, Grainger, Scruggs, Morrison, Fauber, Harper and Capron.

Dr. Grainger suggested more formality and more organization during the discussion period, indicating that the discussion periods might be implemented if each member who wished to speak would address the Chair and request the floor, and made a motion that this procedure be revived and followed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Harper and brought to vote and carried.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. John D. Capron and his subject was "An Unimportant Event in Virginia History". The paper dealt with an account of a voyage to Virginia and the trials and tribulations and other events in the life of the leader of the expedition, Colonel Henry Norwood. Both the paper and the discussion, which was participated in by virtually all persons present, provided a great insight into Virginia history and particularly concerning the life and manners of the early days of Virginia's colonization.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

  
Secretary

The five hundred and fourteenth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

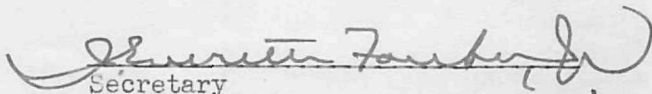
was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15, Friday evening, December 2, 1949. The meeting was attended by the following members: Barton, Russell, Gilliam, Caskie, Barker, Hart, Campbell, Fauber, Grainger, Frost, Arnold, Lipscomb and Harper. Dr. Barker had as a guest for the meeting, Dr. L. G. Croker, associate Professor of Romance Languages at Sweet Briar College.

Dr. Harper, the Chairman of the Membership Committee, announced that his Committee had made a selection of a slate of proposed new members and after excusing the guest for his announcement and discussion, he presented the names of five men that the Committee wished to place in nomination, all of which would be voted on at the next meeting.

Dr. George L. Barton read the paper of the evening, entitled "A Roman Gentleman", which dealt with the career and writings of the younger Pliny. Dr. Barton's paper gave an interesting account of the man, referring repeatedly to published and unpublished personal and official letters which gave an insight to the effectiveness, efficiency and gentility of the man and laying somewhat more emphasis on official letters. Dr. Barton made pointed reference to the similarity of the threat of political pressure group action, even in that day, to our present situation, and pointed out how unique and how refreshing it was that, in a day of much incompetence and corruption in civil life, this man, Pliny, stood so uniquely above others as a gentleman of the highest order.

The discussion period followed as usual. Those participating in the discussion were Russell, Hart, Campbell, Caskie, Gilliam, Harper, Arnold and Lipscomb. Dr. Lipscomb added considerable flavor to the discussion period, telling many anecdotes to illustrate the warm human qualities of the man, perhaps placing more emphasis on personal letters that have come down to us.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

  
Secretary

The five hundred and fifteenth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15, Friday evening, December 16, 1949. The following members were in attendance: Glass, Russell, Scruggs, Grainger, Gilliam, Frost, R. Morrison, Caskie, Campbell, Fauber, Harper, Capron and Hamner. The President opened the meeting and Mr. Capron spoke concerning the advisability of bringing prospective members to one or two Club meetings before presenting them for membership. Further discussion came from the floor, Mr. Russell and Scruggs speaking as opposed to the proposal as a firm policy and Mr. Frost speaking in support of Mr. Capron's suggestion. (Mr. Capron then made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Glass that this particular one candidate who was relatively unknown to most of the membership be brought to at least one meeting so that other members of the Club would have the opportunity of meeting him and thus formulating their opinions, and suggested that in this one case, the voting on this man's candidacy be postponed until such procedure could be followed.)

The group voted on the four other names as presented by the Membership Committee, three of which were unanimously elected and one of which did not qualify. In accordance with the usual practice, the three candidates who were approved for membership will be approached and, doubtless, the membership Committee will have a report on the interviews at the next meeting.

The paper of the evening was read by Capt. Hamner and his subject was "Leadership". Capt. Hamner outlined many of the qualities that go to make up the personality of a great leader, using such historic figures as Moses, Soloman, Sir Henry Morgan, George Washington and Napoleon, to illustrate various traits and personalities who have been recognized leaders in their time. Capt. Hamner cited Admiral Halsey as a fine example of a great leader in our time and ended his paper with a plea for some organized system for educating and preparing promising men for leadership in this day and time.

In the discussion period that followed, the following spoke briefly, some in support of such a training program and some obviously opposed, but all agreeing on the urgency and the immediate need for a leader or several leaders of great stature. Those participating in the discussion were Glass, Russell, Campbell, Frost, Caskie, Harper, Scruggs and Grainger.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

  
J. Everette Fauber, Jr.

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The Five Hundred Sixteenth meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

3 NEW MEMBERS:  
HUNDLEY, NEWTON, MUNDAY

was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15, Friday evening, January 6, 1950. The following members were in attendance: Caskie, Hart, Newton, Frost, Jack, Mundy, Ferguson, Grainger, Hundley, Barton, Gilliam, Hamner, Barker, Fauber, Capron and Lipscomb, with the President, Mr. Campbell Russell, in the Chair. Guests were Dr. Crocker of Sweet Briar with Dr. Barker and Dr. Kirby with Dr. Moody Campbell. The President opened the meeting and requested the reading of the minutes of the December 16th meeting. Mr. Frost brought up the matter of the selection of the principal speaker for the annual dinner meeting and Mr. Gilliam, the Chairman of the Committee, asked for suggestions from the Club. President Russell invited Mr. Capron, the former President, to take the Chair at the annual meeting in his stead, in view of the fact that he failed to preside at the annual meeting during his tenure of office, to which Mr. Capron responded graciously, stating that he would if he was in the city.

The President welcomed the three new members, Dr. J. T. T. Hundley, O. B. Newton, Jr., and William S. Mundy, Jr., all of whom attended this, their first meeting.

There being no further business to come before the group, the paper of the evening was announced by the Secretary and read by Dr. Herbert C. Lipscomb.

Dr. Lipscomb's subject was "The Poet of Science" and his paper consisted of an eloquent account of the life and writings of Lucretious, quoting frequently from the Roman poet's "On the Birth of Things".

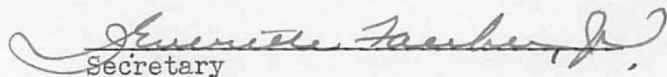
Dr. Lipscomb, in his glowing and sympathetic way, expounded on the poet's description of the creation of all things and cited him as a forerunner of modern science, the atom theory and the theory of evolution.

Dr. Lipscomb literally brought the Roman poet and his works to life, quoting frequently from "this sublime poetry that elucidates science".

During the discussion period that followed the paper, Dr. Jack, Dr. Barton, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Barker, and Dr. Grainger participated, each paying high tribute

to the scholarly manner in which Dr. Lipscomb had prepared and presented his paper. Both Mr. Capron and Mr. Russell spoke briefly, likewise complimenting Dr. Lipscomb and the manner in which he presented his subject.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

  
Secretary

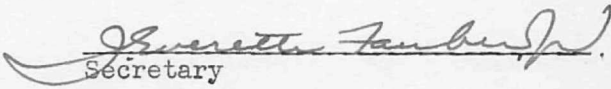
The SPHEX CLUB held its five hundred seventeenth meeting in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, Friday evening, January 20, 1950, at 8:15.

This meeting was attended by: Campbell, Jack, Lipscomb, Grainger, Frost, Ferguson, Scruggs, Newton, Mundy, R. Morrison, Barker, Capron, Russell, Hamner, Freer, Craddock, Fauber, Harper and F. Morrison.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Barker, his subject being "Lights Burn Brighter in France-- Impressions of 1946-49". Dr. Barker's paper outlined both the favorable and unfavorable developments in France since 1946, indicating how the Communist Party, the Blackmarket and the Marshall Plan had affected the nation, politically and economically in the face of all the destruction and crippling effect of the recent War. Dr. Barker referred to cultural attainments of that nation since 1946 and dealt at great length with the comparison of the French and American educational systems. He placed particular emphasis on several established systems of interchanging students of college age during their Junior year and commended this and other methods of broadening the cultural ties and understanding between these two nations.

Those participating in the discussion following the reading of the paper were Capron, Campbell, Fauber, Harper, Grainger, Russell, Mundy and Ferguson.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:00 p.m.

  
Secretary

The five hundred eighteenth meeting of the

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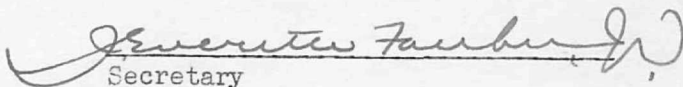
was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank Friday evening, February 3. The following members were in attendance: Grainger, Campbell, Caskie, Frost, Newton, Scruggs, Mundy, Graves, Gilliam, Fauber and Hundley.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Gilliam presided and after opening the meeting, Mr. Gilliam, as Chairman of the Program Committee for the Annual Meeting, made one or two suggestions to the group and asked for further suggestions from the group for a principal speaker. Several names were suggested for investigation by the Committee.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, after which Mr. Edward S. Graves read a paper entitled "Children Within the Purview", which consisted of a very careful and interesting analysis of the machinery that we have in the state of Virginia for administering justice and dealing with offenders who are of juvenile age. Mr. Graves also pointed out many of the inadequacies that he has discovered, even in the new pending legislation that is designed to meet these problems here in our state.

After the reading of the paper, the meeting was open for discussion and practically everyone present participated.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

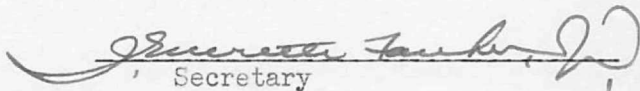
  
Secretary

The SPHEX CLUB held its five hundred nineteenth meeting at the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank, Friday evening, February 17, 1950.

In the continued absence of President Russell, Mr. James R. Gilliam, Jr., presided and made a progress report on the activities of the Program Committee in arranging for a speaker for the coming Annual Meeting; however, no definite arrangements have yet been made. The members who attended this session were Campbell, Frost, Newton, Scruggs, Fauber, Barton, Hundley, Freer, Ferguson, Gilliam, Barker and Harper. Dr. Barker again had as his guest for the meeting, Dr. L. C. Croker, the Associate Professor of Romance Languages at Sweet Briar College. ?

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. W. W. Ferguson, whose subject was "Europe - Our Economic Problem". This paper consisted of a rather concise analysis of our favored situation, in contrast to the severe poverty in which most present-day Europeans live and the demand that is now placed on the United States for leadership and prestige, in Western Europe which is our most promising market and whose ideologies, for the most part, coincide with our own. Dr. Ferguson quotes: "Never have so many had so much" in referring to our status and implies that we must go on doing business with the Old World, yet it is obvious that we cannot go on indefinitely salvaging Europe without ultimately wrecking our own economy. Dr. Ferguson implies that the present political unrest and constant threat of world conflict bears some relation to our high standard of living and that so long as we are as well fixed as we are, the peace of the world is threatened.

Virtually all persons present participated in the discussion which followed and which continued until 10:00 o'clock when the meeting was adjourned on motion of Mr. Frost.

  
Secretary

The five hundred twentieth meeting of the SPHEX CLUB was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank on Friday evening, March 3, 1950, at 8:15 o'clock. The President, Mr. Campbell Russell, presided, and the following members were present: Grainger, Gilliam, Mundy, Morrison, Campbell, Scruggs, Newton, Harper, Caskie, Russell and Frost.

In the absence of the Secretary E. Marshall Frost acted as Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Gilliam made a report on the plans for the Annual Meeting, and it was the wish of the Club that the meeting be held on April 21st at the Virginian Hotel, and if this date was not satisfactory, to have the meeting on either April 14th or April 28th. It was decided further that the total expense of the meeting would be pro-rated among the members, and each member would be charged, in addition, for the price of his dinner and the charges of his guests.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Grainger, whose subject was "New India". This paper dealt with the political history of India and, particularly, Hindustan, and set forth the numerous problems confronting the new government.

Messrs. Russell, Mundy and Gilliam participated in the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 o'clock.

E. Marshall Frost  
Acting Secretary

The five hundred twenty-first meeting of the

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SPHEX CLUB

took place in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank on Friday evening, March 17.

The meeting was opened by the President, Mr. Campbell Russell, at about 8:15 o'clock and Mr. James R. Gilliam gave a progress report on the plans for the annual dinner meeting at the Virginian Hotel and indicated that Colonel Ogle, the guest speaker, had confirmed the April 21 date. Several menus for the meal were presented and the membership selected the steak dinner, which, like the annual dinner, has almost become traditional with the Club. The time was set at 6:30, April 21.

A most provocative and interesting paper entitled "My Neighbor" was read by Mr. Marshall Frost, in which he cited the place of the negro in our modern community and outlined the legal aspects and the religious significance of discrimination and segregation which still prevails in many southern communities and which is, obviously, based on prejudice. Mr. Frost's paper indicated that the negro is, indeed, becoming of age, that he resents segregation and that he justly wants equality under the law. Likewise, Mr. Frost indicated that social equality was no legal necessity and certainly not a Christian necessity and he advanced the theory that we should promptly rid ourselves of all of those relations between the races that are purely and simply based on prejudice and he implied that the negro race, with the possible exception of a few, cared very little about social intercourse with the whites, being content to live happily among their neighbors, associating, in a social way, with members of their own race whose background and culture and traditions are more understandable and more readily accepted by them.

Members present at this meeting were Campbell, Frost, Newton, Mundy, Harper, Hundley, Grainger, Fauber, Russell and Gilliam, all of which participated in some degree in the spirited discussion that took place at the conclusion of the paper. Many who spoke, complimented the judicial approach of Mr. Frost, and his moderate and well-balanced discussion of this very vital problem.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

*J. Everett Fauber, Jr.*  
Secretary

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The five hundred and twenty-second meeting of the

SPHEX CLUB

was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 P. M., March 31, 1950.

Members present were: Russell, Freer, Lipscomb, Campbell, Newton, Mundy, Hundley, Scruggs, Hamner Grainger, Capron, Caskie, Gilliam, ~~Harper~~. Mr. Avery was present as the guest of the Club.

In the absence of the Secretary, Dr. Grainger was asked to keep the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected and approved.

The paper of the evening was read by Professor Freer whose subject was: "Fluctuations of Animal Populations".

In the discussion that followed the reading of the paper, practically everyone present took part.

Adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

*O. J. Grainger*

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O. J. Grainger, Secretary Pro. Tem.

The five hundred twenty-third meeting of the  
SPHEX CLUB

was held in the Directors Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 p.m. on April 14, 1950.

Members present were Barker, Ferguson, Frost, Hundley, Scruggs, Caskie, Russell, Harper, Gilliam, Newton, Glass, Grainger, Craddock. Minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The paper of the evening was ready by Dr. Harper whose subject was "The Life Span, Then and Now". It was a presentation of the reasons for and the consequences of the great increase of the span of life of human beings in civilized countries.

The discussion of the paper was entered into by all present.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

*O. J. Grainger*

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O. J. Grainger, Secretary Pro Tem

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ANNUAL MEETING

The five hundred and twenty-fourth meeting of the  
SPHEX CLUB

was held at the Virginian Hotel at 6:30 p.m., April  
21, 1950.

This was the annual dinner of the Club and the guest  
speaker of the occasion was Brig. Gen. Dan C. Ogle,  
deputy surgeon general of the air force.

The names of the members and their guests and a summary  
of the speaker's paper is found in the attached clippings  
taken from the Lynchburg News and the Daily Advance  
of April 22, 1950.

*O. J. Granger*

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Secretary

# Air Force's Top Problem Leadership, Ogle Asserts

## General Addresses Annual Dinner SpheX Club

Brigadier General Dan C. Ogle, deputy surgeon general of the air force, last night told members of the SpheX Club at the Virginian Hotel that the biggest problem the air force faces today is to determine what can be done to find the best leadership for this country.

John D. Capron, president of Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Company, introduced the speaker at the club's annual banquet.

"Psychology is something with which we all have to deal, and cannot escape," Gen. Ogle declared. "Learning how to control a man is vastly more complicated than operating a machine."

### Peace of Mind

After citing a few definitions of psychology, the speaker told his audience that the goal of all human behavior is peace of mind. This peace of mind, he said, is based on the satisfying of human wants, including companionship, recognition, new experiences and security.

Noting that it costs the government about \$20,000 to train a pilot, the general said psychological tests which have been developed by the air force have helped determine in advance which men have an aptitude for flying.

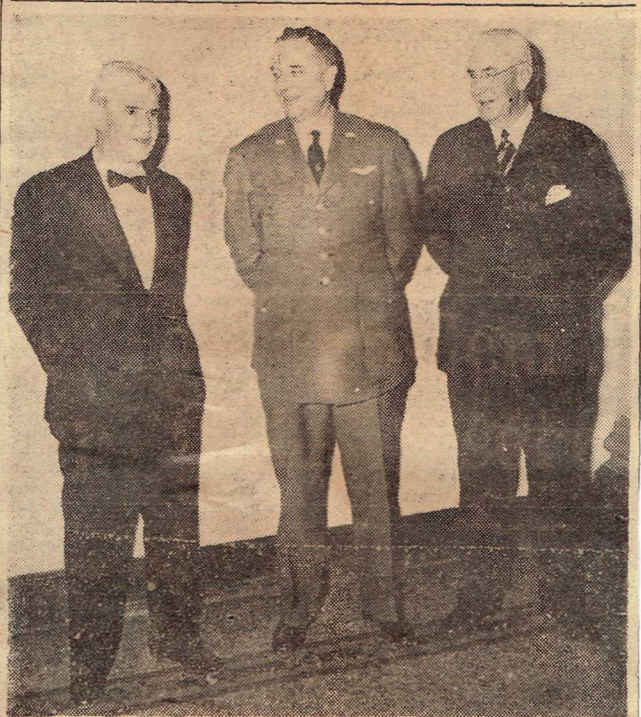
He said that in 1912, 87 per cent of the flying students could not learn to fly.

Men who pass air force's psychological tests today have a 96 per cent chance of becoming pilots, he said. He added that of the men who psychologists said would not learn to fly, 77 per cent failed to learn.

### No Normal People

"There are no normal people," the air surgeon told his listeners.

Thirty per cent of all ills are traced to mental, rather than organic trouble, he said. Another 30 per cent are traced to a combination of mental and organic trouble, he added.



Brig. Gen. Dan C. Ogle (center) deputy surgeon general of the U. S. Air Force, was principal speaker at the annual banquet of the SpheX Club at the Virginian Hotel last night. With him are John D. Capron (left) president of the Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Company, who introduced the speaker, and E. Campbell Russell, club president.  
(Staff Photo)

The problem of the air force, he said, is to get the proper man for the proper job, the proper job for the proper man, and then to improve them both. The problems, he said, is being tackled by job requirement and human analyses.

General Ogle grouped leadership in four general classes, including the dominant, administrative, technical and spiritual types.

No one of these types is the final answer to leadership, he said. A person combining all of these qualities would be the ideal type of leader, the air surgeon said.

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Guests at the banquet were: John L. Abbot, James D. Adams, G. M. Alexander, R. C. Atherholt, W. W. Averett, Charles G. Baber, B. C. Baldwin, Jr., Judge A. D. Barksdale, Dr. E. M. Bowman, H. S. Bryant, Dr. Frank N. Buck, Jr., Judge C. E. Jr., Dr. J. S. G. Carson, G. E. Caskie, Jr., Burks A. B. Burton, R. A. Cartington, J. Gilliam Conrad, Dr. G. K. Cotts, Dr. Robert H. Cox, Jr., Dr. Jacob Cunningham, F. G. Davidson, F. G. Davidson, Jr., H. Dillard, Rev. Harry A. Fifield, V. How- A. B. Davies, III, Dr. C. L. Dickens, D. and Ford, Harry D. Forsyth, Thomas W. Gilliam, Philip Girling, L. R. Growdon, R. S. Harris, Thomas R. Hawes, M. B. Carter Gunn, S. G. Hamner, R. A. Harris, Hickson, J. B. Hodges, Dr. John G. Holland, E. B. Horner, Royston Jester, III, Dr. A. A. Kern, Dr. John P. Kirby, Floyd L. Knight, Dr. W. W. Koontz, Albert P. Lankford, Harold G. Leggett, Lunsford L. Loving, Judge S. DuVal Martin, Dr. L. R. O'Brian, Karl V. Orden, Gordon Payne, John Tucker Percy, Walker Pettyjohn, T. J. Powell, Douglas A. Robertson, Henry M. Sackett, Jr., Paul E. Sackett, E. G. Scott, F. C. Scruggs, Jr., Samuel A. Scruggs, A. M. Schewel, Dr. R. C. Sommerville, G. H. Stalling, Jr., Dr. R. C. Stroup, Francis D. Tappan, R. Stockton Terry, Philip Thayer, General A. A. Vandegrift, Orville Wake, Gorham B. Walker, Jr., R. C. Watts, M. E. Webber, A. M. White, G. C. White, L. E. Whitehouse, William L. Wilson and James D. Wright.

## Leadership Search Termed Top Task Facing Air Force

A search for leadership is the biggest task faced by America's air force, Brig. Gen. Dan C. Ogle, deputy surgeon general of that military branch, told SpheX Club members last night at their annual dinner at the Virginian.

John D. Capron, president of Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Company, introduced the speaker.

General Ogle described psychology's place in air training, saying it is used to screen out misfits before the army spends an estimated \$20,000 in training costs. Those who pass the tests have about a 96 per cent chance of learning to fly.

Asserting there are "no normal people," he said 30 per cent of all ills can be traced to mental rather than organic trouble.

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Lynchburg, Virginia

April 28, 1950

The 525th meeting of the Sphex Club was held in the Directors' Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank on April 28, 1950. In the absence of the President and Secretary Dr. O. J. Grainger and E. M. Frost acted as President and Secretary, respectively. The following members were present: Dr. Hundley, Capron, Dr. Grainger, Scruggs, Dr. Campbell, Glass, Dr. Harper, Newton and Frost.

There was no business, and the paper of the evening was read by Mr. Philip L. Scruggs, his subject being "A Lynchburg Family". The paper was most interesting and instructive, and dealt with several illustrious descendants of Samuel Jordan Harrison.

There was a general discussion participated in by all present.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A. M.

Ed Marshall Frost  
acting Secretary

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DR. BARKER BECOMES CHEVALIER  
DR. GRAINGER LEAVING

The Five Hundred and Twenty Sixth meeting of the SPHEX CLUB was held in the Director's Room of the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at 8:15 p.m. on May 12, 1950. The President, Mr. Russell, was in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Dr. Grainger acted as Secretary. Members present were: Mundy, Russell, Harper, Caskie, Newton, Barker, Scruggs, Hundley, Campbell, Jackson, Glass, Gilliam, Grainger. The minutes of the former meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The President proposed on behalf of the Club, that hearty congratulations should be accorded to Dr. Barker, on the honor recently conferred upon him by the President of the French Republic, in appointing him a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Caskie and greeted with acclamation by those present.

Dr. Grainger having intimated that he was leaving Lynchburg, and therefore would be unable to attend future meetings of the Club, the President remarked how very much Dr. Grainger's presence would be missed. He also recalled the great services rendered to the Club by Dr. Grainger during the years he had been Secretary, and proposed that a very special vote of thanks should be accorded to him, and duly recorded in the Minutes. Mr. Caskie seconded this proposal and further proposed that Dr. Grainger should be made a Life Member of the Club, and that a cordial invitation should be given to him to attend meetings at any time he might be in Lynchburg. Both proposals were greeted with acclamation by those present.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Glass, whose subject was "Red Herring Words". It was a discussion of the use of words and their power to influence the thinking and behavior of men, when misused.

Everyone present was pleased with the paper and entered into the discussion which followed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

*O. J. Grainger*  
Sec'y.

O. J. Grainger, Sec't Pro Tem

*This wording inserted in the minutes by President Russell*