

January 20, 1941

The Board of Directors held a meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company.

President Gelotte and Directors Bowditch- Knapp- Olsson- Phippen- Galvin- Sage and Cazmay were present.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Christian Science Publishing Co., Xmas ad.	\$ 7.84
The Misses Littlefield, November meeting	3.80
Fred Hayden notice etc.	3.15
The Cambridge Sentinel, Preparedness adv.	5.00
J. Albert Goss, labor of Xmas tree	7.00
Frank Manzelli, 2 xmas trees	50.00*
Clark & Mills, xmas decorations etc.	60.00

The following was elected to membership:

W.T. Phelan & Company, 1384 Mass. Avenue, real estate & insurance, proposed by Arthur G. Haske II

The secretary was voted the authority to approve the January meeting bills.

It was voted to take a full page adv. in the new Cambridge Directory at a cost of \$25.00.

The secretary stated that there was a rumor that there may be an application for a hard liquor license by a new restaurant on Dunster Street, formerly occupied by the Georgian restaurant. It was brought forth that there are plenty licenses in the Harvard Square area and on motion of the secretary it was VOTED:

to notify the Cambridge License Commission that the directors of this association are opposed to the granting of any more hard liquor licenses in the Harvard Square area.

It was voted to bring this matter to the attention of the members at our association meeting on January 21st.

Mr. Olsson was delegated to prepare a list of the present licenses in the square.

The secretary was delegated to confer with Mr. Clarke

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in regard to securing free storage space for our Xmas decorations equipment.

We adjourned at 11:25 o'clock.


Secretary

ALBERT F. AMEE

A MEMORY

There's riches we measure in jewels and gold,
But the greatest wealth ever, is memories of old.

And Albert Amee has left us many such. Dates mean nothing; for of tomorrow we know naught; yesterday is past and today alone is here. So lived Bert Amee, Harvard Square merchant, loyal Cambridge citizen, friend to all, charitable, kindly, ever the same. We who knew him, knew him also as Bert, brother of John. And there is a record of sweet, brotherly fellowship that is outstanding. John, the dignified big brother and Bert the happy, gay, genial host; yet always remembering for what the name of Amee stood.

Yes, happy, smiling Bert with his hearty laugh, has lifted many of us out of despondent moments. Trustworthy, dependable Albert Amee showed us that life could be beautiful in spite of handicaps. He played to no class; poet and peasant alike received his happy salutations.

All who knew him loved him; all who knew him will miss him; yet none will wish him back from where we know he is now smiling down on us.


For the Committee

Above Resolutions passed at meeting of the Harvard Square Business Men's Association, January 21, 1941.

January 21, 1941

The association held its regular monthly meeting this evening at the Hotel Continental. There were 75 members and guests present.

President Gelotte presided and after the dinner asked those present to rise on account of the death of another charter member, Fred Hayden. On motion of the secretary, Mr. Samuel Anderson was appointed a committee of one to draw up suitable resolutions on Mr. Hayden's death and to present same at the next meeting of the association.

Mr. Frederic Olsson then presented his resolutions on the death of Albert F. Amee and it was voted that same be spread upon our records and a copy sent to the family.

The chair recognized Monsignor Augustine Hickey, who spoke fervently for the present Greater Boston Community Drive. Mr. Manning, in charge of the new Cambridge Directory reported progress and asked for the united support of our members.

The business session was then opened and the records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Galvin gave his final report for the Christmas Decorations Committee and at its conclusion the report was accepted and the committee commended by the chair for the excellent results obtained and it was voted that the secretary send a letter of appreciation to the Gulf Refining Company for its cooperation in financing etc. the decorations in Quincy Square.

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President Gelotte stated that our Board of Directors had recently gone on record

To notify the Cambridge License Commission that they are opposed to the granting of any more hard liquor licenses in the Harvard Square area.

Mr. Frederic Olsson spoke on this matter of too many licenses in the square and after some discussion Mr. Olsson presented the following motion which was carried:

To notify the Cambridge License Commission that the Harvard Square Business Men's Association is opposed to the granting of any more liquor licenses in the Harvard Square area.

The business meeting was concluded by the reading by Mr. Olsson of a poem.

The chair then introduced our Guest speaker, Mayor William E. Kane, of Woburn, who talked to us on his continued crusade for Good Government in Woburn. His analysis of city employees was interesting and at his conclusion on motion of Mr. Thomas F. Sullivan, Mayor Kane was given a rising vote of thanks.

We adjourned at 10 o'clock.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. Russell Raymond", written over a horizontal line.

January 26, 1941

The following bills of the January meeting were approved this day by the secretary under vote of authority given him at Board of Directors meeting held on January 20, 1941:

Hotel Continental, January dinner (75)	\$ 98.75
Leavitt & Peirce, Inc., January dinner smokes	8.40
The Misses Littlefield, January typing	3.80


Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
HARVARD SQUARE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION
AS A COMMITTEE OF ONE ON THE RESOLUTION ON THE
DEATH OF OUR CHARTER MEMBER, FRED HAYDEN, I HEREWITH
SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING.

FRED HAYDEN, born in Shelbourne County, Nova Scotia on May 4, 1864 and died on December 10, 1940 at Cambridge, Mass. As an office associate for some forty-three years in the civil and business life, I can truthfully say that he was a true exemplar of the Golden Rule, a man who was thoroughly interested in all the doings of good in his Community, where he was in the same business for over fifty years. A quiet man, friendly and an encouraging listener. One who saw what was going on, yet could keep decisive opinion to himself. He was a thinker. He was the type content to live and let live. Sincere, honest to the core, and his word was his bond.

Respectfully submitted,

(SGD) SAMUEL A. ANDERSON

For the Committee

Above resolutions passed at meeting of the Harvard Square
Business Men's Association, February 18, 1941

February 18, 1941

The Board of Directors held a short meeting this evening at the Hotel Continental. Messrs. Olsson, Galvin, Bowditch and Cazmay were present.

The following was elected to membership:

Dr. Nelson D. King, 1749 Mass. Avenue, endorsed by
Dr. Kenneth B. Hiscoe.

It was voted to authorize the secretary to approve for payment the February dinner bills and the following bills were approved:

Hotel Continental, February dinner	\$ 69.75
Leavitt & Peirce, Inc., February dinner smokes	6.82
Misses Littlefield, February typing	3.80
Powell Printing Co., 1000 stamped envelopes	24.42

We then adjourned.


Secretary

February 18, 1941

A regular monthly meeting of this association was held this evening at the Hotel Continental. There were 51 members and guests present.

President Gelotte presided after the dinner and announced the death of another member since our last meeting, Mr. Frank H. Golding, a Vice-President of the Harvard Trust Company. The chair then asked those present to rise in respect to his memory.

Mr. Francis W. Phelan, of W.T. Phelan & Co., a new member, was introduced to the gathering.

Mr. Samuel A. Anderson, then presented his resolutions on the death of Mr. Fred Hayden, a charter member, and it was voted that same be spread upon our records and a copy be sent to the family.

The reading of the records of the January meeting was approved as read.

There were no committee reports and there being no further discussion, the business session closed.

President Gelotte introduced our guest speaker, Mr. P.W. Linscott, formerly United States Superintendent of Claims for The Employers Group. He spoke entertainingly on "Some Interesting and Amusing Claims" as his subject. He was given a rising vote of thanks at his conclusion.

We adjourned at 9 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Secretary

March 18, 1941.

The Association held its regular monthly meeting this evening at the Hotel Continental. There were 64 members and guests present.

Vice-President Bowditch presided after the dinner, owing to the absence of President Gelotte caused by illness.

The chair announced the death of still another member since our last meeting, Mr. R. Currie Grovestein, a former president and director of this association. Mr. Edwin R. Sage was appointed a committee of one to draw up suitable resolutions on his death. The chair asked those present to rise for a moment of silence in respect to his memory.

Two of our latest new members were ~~then~~ introduced: Dr. Nelson D. King and Mr. Tyler A. Whitmore of the Cock Horse Restaurant.

The business meeting was then opened and the reading of the records of the February meeting was approved.

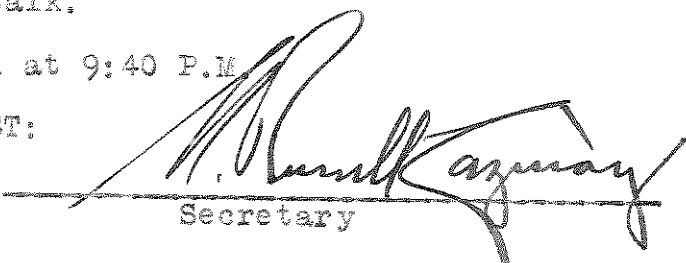
There being no committee reports or further discussion, the business session adjourned.

The chair then introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Cliff Davis, of The Boston Post. His subject was "Intimate Films and Stories From New Brunswick Salmon Streams". He showed many beautiful colored films ^{of} the wonderful fishing in this area and talked most interestingly of this grand sport of fishing.

He was tendered a rising vote of thanks at the completion of his talk.

We adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Secretary

March 18, 1941

The Board of Directors held a short meeting this evening at the Hotel Continental. Messrs. Bowditch, Knapp, Olsson, Phippen and Cazmay were present.

The following bills were approved for payment:

William L. Galvin, reimbursement for money paid out	\$ 36.70
Hotel Continental, March dinner (#64)	85.00
Leavitt & Peirce, Inc., March dinner smokes	8.82
Misses Littlefield, March typing	3.80

The resignation of the Harvard Square Garage was accepted as of October 1 last.

The following new members were elected:

University Studios, 8 Boylston Street, Photographers,
endorsed by N. Russell Cazmay.

Cock Horse Restaurant, 56 Brattle Street (Tyler A. Whitmore
Mgr., endorsed by Clement L. Cooledge.

We then adjourned.


Secretary

April 14, 1941

The Board of Directors held a meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company. Pres. Gelotte and Directors Phippen, Sage, Sumner, DeWitt, Galvin, Knapp, Malcolm, Danehy and Cazmay were present.

The matter of having an outingⁱⁿ June as usual was discussed and approved and to charge each member attending with their guests the sum of \$1.25 each and it was further voted to leave this matter in the hands of the Board of Directors for final arrangements.

The secretary was authorized to approve the April dinner bills.

The matter of nominations of officers was then discussed with Director Galvin absent from the room. A ballot was then taken for President and Vice-President and Frank K. Knapp and William L. Galvin were the choices for these respective positions. Messrs. Edwin R. Sage and Stanley Sumner were endorsed for re-election as directors, Claus O. Gelotte as a director to take the place of Mr. Knapp and Richard A. Dow, to take the place of Mr. Galvin.

Mr. Sumner brought to our attention the fact that this might be good time to attempt to get back the five cent fare by the Elevated Railway. It was voted that this matter be referred to our new Board of Directors.

We adjourned at 11:35 A.M.


Secretary

April 15, 1941

The annual meeting of this association was held this evening at the Hotel Continental. There were 64 members and guests present.

President Gelotte was in the chair at the business session and thanked the members for their cooperation received during his term in office.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The secretary stated that our Board of Directors had voted to charge the members \$1.50 per plate at the June outing and asked that this vote be ratified. Ratification followed unanimously.

Mr. Frederic Olsson entertained with an original poem which was well received.

The reports of the various Standing Committees and annual reports of the officers were read and accepted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then held and it was announced that Mr. Edward Bowditch, our Vice-President, is not a candidate for any office this year, this announcement being made at the request of Mr. Bowditch. It was further announced that those about to be nominated have been endorsed by our Board of Directors.

It was moved that the secretary cast one ballot for each of the following and they were declared unanimously elected:

Cambridge should look at Mayor Tobin's \$19,000,000 five year traffic improvement plan for Boston. There are four items that directly affect this city: first, the plan to use the railroad tracks thru Porter Sta., across Russell Field to the Concord Boulevard (what a chance to give up the inaccessible Russell Field for public games and use Callanan Field, at Concord Avenue!).

Second: a bridge across the Charles at Gerry's Landing.

Third: extension of Memorial Drive from Hawthorne St. to Gerry's Landing.

Fourth: circular traffic plan at Prison Point and Bridge St.

All of these will help the city at vital points. There has been no hint as yet that Cambridge should pay for these improvements. The Memorial Drive extension would divert much thru traffic that now gluts Brattle Sq. at the Brattle St. exit (made more complex by the foolish tolerance of slant parking here, creating an inexcusable bottle neck condition). Attempts have been made to get Metropolitan District Comm. action here, but the Cambridge Boat House Ass'n, a \$1 a year tenant at this point, doesn't want to move up river and so far has blocked the plan in spite of the fact that a few years ago the State paid over \$60,000 to fill in the bank west of the boat house in preparation.

As a unit in the metropolitan district, Cambridge should be alert to all Beacon Hill moves to solve Greater Boston problems. (See Harvard Sq. Business Men's Meeting story, Page 1.)

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President - - - - - Frank S. Knapp
Vice-President - - - - - William L. Galvin
Secretary - - - - - N. Russell Cazmay
Treasurer - - - - - E. Willard Phippen
Auditor - - - - - Robert B. Snow
Directors for 3 years - - - - - Edwin R. Sage
Stanley Sumner

Directors to fill vacancies, Claus O. Gelotte, term to
expire in 1942.
Richard A. Dow, term to
expire in 1943.

Messrs. Claus Gelotte and Willard Sprague were given
rising votes of thanks upon retiring from office.

Mr. Bill Coleman, an impersonator and entertainer,
gave many pleasing radio broadcast imitations.

The speaker of the evening was then introduced,
Mr. T.F. Creedon, Director of the Community Traffic Safety
Division and a member of the Massachusetts Safety Council.
His subject "Community Traffic Safety" and his topic was
enjoyed by all. He stated we should be much interested in
Mayor Tobin's \$19,000,000. five-year traffic betterment
plan. Considerable discussion followed his talk, and he
was given a rising vote of thanks.

The new president, Mr. Frank S. Knapp, was then
given the gavel of retiring President Gelotte. He thanked
the members for their confidence expressed in electing
him to the office and asked that in the fall we all work
for a bigger and better Harvard Square.

We adjourned at 10 o'clock.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Secretary

May 19, 1941.

The Board of Directors held a meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company. President Knapp and Directors Malcolm, Dow, Olsson, Danahy, Phippen, Sage and Cazmay were present.

The following bill was approved:

The Misses Littlefield, Postcards re parade \$ 4.17

The resignation of Ralph Harris Co. was accepted as of April 1, 1941.

It was voted to drop from membership the following delinquent members unless payment is made to the treasurer by May 26th next:

Interviewed:

✓ Stonestreet
✓ Blais
✓ Snell
Schrafft

J. Edward Nally Carlyle R. Hayes
The Georgian, Inc. Smoker's Den
Frank A. Colburn

The matter of a reduced fare to five cents by the Boston Elevated Railway was discussed and the Board went on record unanimously favoring this reduction on lines running into Harvard Square from Arlington, Belmont etc. Mr. Stanley Sumner was appointed a committee of one to confer with Mr. Maurice Corkery of the Central Square Theatre with a view to having him have his association work along these lines with us.

The outing to be held on June 30th was discussed and it was voted to charge \$1.50 per plate for the dinner. The secretary was appointed in charge of the outing with the president and treasurer on the committee. It was left with this committee to decide the place of said outing. It was voted to appropriate the sum of \$50.00 plus the cost of a new Class B golf cup for outing expenses. The secretary was authorized to approve the bills of the coming outing.

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President Knapp then named the Standing Committees for the coming year, and they were approved.

Mr. Richard Dow brought up the matter of more modern street lighting in the Harvard Square area and the board unanimously favored same and it was referred to our Municipal Affairs Committee for immediate consideration.

It was felt that Palmer Street should be better cleaned and the secretary volunteered to confer with the street department toward this end.

We adjourned at 11:35 A.M.


Secretary

May 29, 1941

The Board of Directors held a short meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company.

President Knapp and Messrs. Dow, Olsson, Danehy, DeWitt, Phippen, Sumner, Gelotte and Cazmay.

This meeting was called to take action on the presence in Harvard Square of so-called sandwich men used for advertising purposes. It was voted unanimously against the issuing of permits to these sandwich men in the Harvard Square area, as it is strongly felt by our directors that they tend to cheapen the square and are also a decided nuisance to pedestrian shoppers etc. The secretary was instructed to forward this vote to the proper city authority.

Director Dow stated that a new catch basin was needed near 8 Brattle Street.

We adjourned at 11:05 A.M.


Secretary

July 7, 1941

TO THE TREASURER:

The following bills of June 30th are sent to you for payment, approval having been voted the secretary at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 29, 1941:

Charles A. Elrick, 130 dinners etc.	\$ 211.95
Leavitt & Peirce, Inc., outing smokes	14.20
John Simpson, 7 cups for outing	42.50
Harvard Revision Co., 5 qts. liquor	11.15
The Misses Littlefield, June typing	10.72
N. Russell Gazway, reimbursements	53.78
Powell Printing Co., 1500 letterheads	22.00
" " " 150 tags for outing	4.75

Yours very truly,

Secretary

October 14, 1941.

The Board of Directors held a meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company, with President Knapp and Directors Phippen, Dow, Malcolm, Olsson, DeWitt, Sumner, Sage and Galvin present. Mr. Phippen acted as secretary in the absence of Mr. Cazmay.

The following bills were approved for payment:

The Misses Littlefield, September typing	\$ 3.20
John H. Derby, Jeweller, Inc., Engraving cup	.98

The following was elected to membership:

Edward F. Foley, 25 Brattle Street, Manager of First National Stores, endorsed by Richard A. Dow.

The directors signed the annual corporation report and the treasurer was authorized to pay the \$2.00 fee.

It was announced that the money for the balance of the year for modern lighting in the square has been passed by the City Council and that City Electrician O'Hearn has the order; Boylston Street was re-surfaced in fairly good time in which the state paid one half, the County paid one third, and the city only one sixth of the cost.

Dean James M. Landis, is to be the speaker at the October dinner and in case of his speech being broadcast over the air, it was voted to approve same only with the understanding that no candidates would be endorsed and that there be no expense to the our association.

The question of the parking conditions in the square was discussed at length and on motion of Mr. Stanley Sumner, seconded by Mr. Dow, it was voted to have our Traffic Committee investigate the advisability of using space beside the Boston Elevated Railway incline

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near the Cambridge Common. It was suggested that an effort be made to have an official of this railroad join our association as a member.

Mr. Sage spoke about re-routing traffic away from Brattle Street and Harvard Square to help the parking problem.

Adjourned at 12 noon.


Secretary pro tem

RESOLUTION ON ROBERT CURRIE GROVESTEIN

With the removal from our midst by death on February 21, 1941 of Robert Currie Grovestein, our Association lost a valued member, and Cambridge, a patriotic and loyal citizen.

Robert Currie Grovestein was born in Shelbourne, Nova Scotia, December 8, 1865. He came to Cambridge in 1886, where he resided at the time of his death.

For many years, he devoted his time to building and architectural work. His interest in his community was evidenced when he helped organize the Harvard Square Business Men's Association, of which he was a charter member, a Director and for two years, President, giving unsparingly of his time and counsel.

He was one of the organizers of the Kiwanis Club of Cambridge, and served many years as Treasurer.

He was an ardent worker for the Plan E form of government; a Director and Treasurer of the Cambridge Tax Payers Association. Being interested in cooperative movements, in 1917, he was elected Director of the Reliance Cooperative Bank, becoming President in 1932, in which capacity he was serving at the time of his death, giving unstintingly of his energy and experience in the conduct of its affairs.

He was a Trustee of Mount Olivet Lodge of Masons in Cambridge, and a member of Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter, Cambridge Commandry Knights Templars, and Aleppo Temple of Boston.

He was a lover of nature, an ardent fisherman of the ponds and streams in New England; Currie was fond of travel, and, with his family, had enjoyed trips and visits to many parts of the world.

His business friends and acquaintances can but admire the dignity and integrity which guided him through fifty years of active business life in this community.

In passing, R. Currie Grovestein left a host of loyal friends who were attracted to him by his kindly manner. He was retiring by nature, but a patriotic citizen, an honorable business man, a kind husband and father, a good friend, one whom we all will miss.

Edwin R. Sage

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The first meeting of the season of the association was held this evening at the Hotel Continental.

Dinner was served to 72 members and guests.

President Knapp presided and after the repast he welcomed the members and expressed a wish that all had enjoyed a pleasant summer and are now back in the harness to make Harvard Square a bigger and better place to do business.

Several new members were then introduced by the secretary.

The chair then announced the death since our last meeting of two of our members:- Messrs. Lucian Dan Fuller, co-owner of the Cambridge Chronicle & Sun, and William T. Anderson, of the firm of Anderson & Ruffe'. Those present arose for a moment of silence out of respect to their memory.

Mr. Edwin R. Sage presented Resolutions on the death of Mr. R. Currie Grovestein, a former president and director of this association, and it was unanimously voted that said resolutions be spread upon our records and a copy sent to the family, by a motion made by Mr. George E. Cole.

Reports of the Standing Committees were then called for by the chair. Mr. Edwin R. Sage, for the Committee on Municipal Affairs, reported progress on the proposed new modern street lighting for the Harvard Square area. Mr. Rodney Sage, reported for the Advertising Committee, and Mr. Willial Galvin for the Parking Committee. The business session then adjourned.

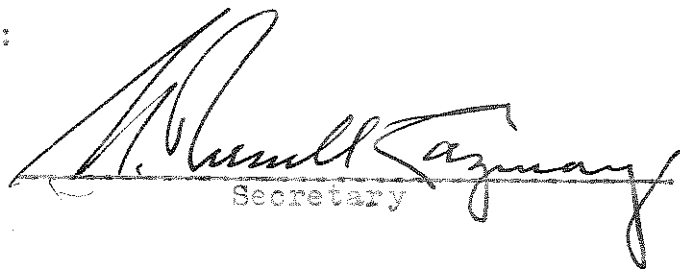
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President Knapp introduced our guest speaker, Dean James M. Landis, of the Harvard Law School, who talked to us on "Plan E- and What it Should Mean to Cambridge." A lively question period followed with some spice injected at intervals.

The chair thanked Dean Landis at the conclusion of his remarks and on motion of Mr. Thomas F. Sullivan, he was given a rising vote of thanks.

We adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Secretary

October 21, 1941

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President Knapp and Directors Dow, DeWitt, Olsson, Galvin and Cazmay were present.

The following bills were approved for payment:

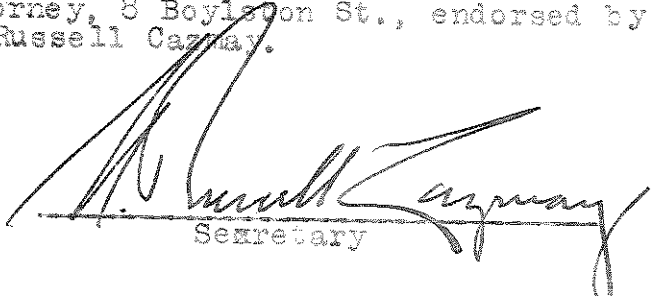
Hotel Continental, October dinner (#72)	\$ 95.00
Leavitt & Peirce, Inc., October dinner smokes	8.80
Powell Printing Co., 1000 postals	\$ 14.00
1000 billheads	6.00
	20.00

The following were elected to membership:

Freelon Morris, Asst. R.E. Dept. Camb. Savings Bank,
1374 Mass. Ave., endorsed by Lorenzo Maletta.

Dr. R.J. Burgio, podiatrist, 4 Brattle Street, endorsed
by E. Russell Cazmay

Joseph P. Coughlin, attorney, 8 Boylston St., endorsed by
E. Russell Cazmay.


Secretary

November 18, 1941

The association held its regular monthly meeting this evening at the Hotel Continental. Dinner was served to 74 members and guests.

President Knapp was in the chair and stated that we had a rather long program and if there were no objections the reading of the records of the previous meeting would be omitted. It was so voted.

The secretary introduced a new member in the person of Mr. Christopher Cammaratta, of the firm of Three Brothers, Inc., 2 Boylston Street.

Mr. William Galvin reported for the Parking Committee.

The chair stated that if anything was to be done by the association regarding Christmas decorations, that action should be taken at this time. Dr. DeWitt felt that we should continue as in the past and moved that Mr. William Galvin, be again appointed chairman of the Committee on Christmas Decorations, with power to select his own committee. It was so voted.

The business session then adjourned.

President Knapp next introduced the speaker of the evening, Prof. Andre' Morize, of Harvard University, who had as his subject, "A Frenchman Looks At Defeated France". Our speaker had been in a position to analyze conditions on the other side of the water as they have developed, and his talk was listened to most attentively and greatly enjoyed. A question period followed.

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A sound film of interest to business men entitled "A Million Dollars A Day", was then shown through courtesy of the Remington Rand people, depicting the value of protecting business records.

We adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Secretary