

PAST PRESIDENT GILL DIES

DR. E. G. GILL, International President in 1943-44, has passed away. He died suddenly following a heart attack at his home in Roanoke, Virginia.

A charter member of the Roanoke club, Dr. Gill was well known for his work with the deaf and blind. He was director of the Gill Memorial Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, which he founded in 1926. Physicians from many parts of the United States and Canada attended his annual graduate courses.

Aside from his professional work as doctor and hospital director, Dr. Gill was noted for his work in behalf of the handicapped. He was founder and director of the Eye Bank and Sight Conservation Society of Virginia, sponsored by the state's Lions clubs, and for many years was a member of the board of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. In addition to his memberships in local, state and national medical societies, he was a past president of the Virginia Society for Eye, Ear and Throat specialists and the Roanoke Academy of Medicine.

He was also a past president of the Alumni Association of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, and had been chairman of the board of health of Roanoke for 25 years.

Once Dr. Gill was asked to explain the vast expansion of Lionism. In answering, he may have explained his own dedication to service. He said: "Contributing enormously to the growth of our organization is, first, a genuine concern for the needs of others and, second, a determination to make possible the flowering of the human spirit."

Dr. Gill is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ruth M. Gill, three daughters and two sisters. Past Int. Dir. Gordon Ruble represented the Association at the funeral services in Roanoke.