

The University Club of Washington

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, 8.30 P. M.

**Major William F. Friedman**

Chief of the Signal Intelligence Service, War Department, will be the guest of honor of the Club, and give an **Illustrated** talk entitled


**A Cryptographer Looks at Literature**

Major Friedman, a most entertaining speaker, will among other things tell something about how ciphers are made and broken down. There will be ample food for thought.

Come and bring your friends next Thursday night. The main dining room will be open to ladies on that evening.

THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

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## The University Club of Washington

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*"The object of the Club shall be to promote science, literature, and art, and to maintain a Club House for purpose of social intercourse amongst its members and for mutual improvement."—Art. II, By-Laws.*

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### EMINENT CRYPTANALYST WILL LECTURE NOVEMBER 5TH

**D**ID Francis Bacon write the plays attributed to William Shakespeare? Do you believe with the late Professor Newbold that Roger Bacon had a microscope in the 13th century despite the fact that the date of invention of this device is generally regarded as 1686? What are ciphers and how are they broken down? These and other fascinating questions will be answered in the lecture to be given in the Club on Thursday evening, November 5th, by Major William F. Friedman, chief of the signal intelligence service of the War Department. "A Cryptographer Looks at Literature" is to be the subject of Major Friedman's talk, which will be illustrated with the only set of lantern slides of its kind in existence. Major Friedman is a Cornell alumnus of the class of 1914. He is considered the most eminent cryptanalyst in America.

Mr. James Oliver Murdock, a member of the entertainment committee of the Club, will introduce Major Friedman. The main dining room will be open to ladies for dinner and the lecture will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

### SOPRANO AND PIANIST TO FEATURE MUSICAL

**C**ONTINUING the series of programs that has built up for the University Club the reputation of being one of the musical centers of the community, the entertainment committee announces Miss Gretchen Hood, prima donna soprano, and Mr. Malton Boyce, pianist, in a joint recital on Thursday evening, November 19th, at 8:30 o'clock. Miss Hood has had leading rôles with the Aborn, San Carlos and Savage Opera

Companies. Mr. Boyce, a brilliant artist, will be remembered for his splendid playing when he appeared before the Club in a joint recital with Miss Marjorie Lowe in 1929 and with Mr. Robert Richard Dieterle, baritone, last April. Miss Eula Alexander will be Miss Hood's accompanist. The main dining room will be open to the ladies for dinner.

Many dinner parties preceded the October musical arranged by the entertainment committee. The list of artists was headed by Mr. George O'Connor and included our own Mr. Jack Bowie.

#### TWO-HEADED GOD IS DANCERS' PATRON SAINT

**T**ERPSICHOEAN members of the Club have adopted as their patron saint the god Janus—with one face looking back at the last dance and the other looking forward to the next one.

Manly figures, beauty and ballroom agility were in evidence at the Hallowe'en dance in the Club on October 27th. One hundred and fifty members and guests enjoyed the music of Sidney's Mayflower Orchestra.

Among those who were hosts at dinner before the dance were Mr. Proctor L. Dougherty, the president of the Club; Mr. Harry J. Anslinger, Mr. Edward L. Bacher, Mr. Harold A. Brooks, Dr. Marshall J. Brushart, Mr. Charles Campbell, Mr. John W. Cleaton, Mr. A. Lane Cricher, Mr. Northcutt Ely, Mr. Karl Knox Gartner, Mr. John P. Jackson, Mr. Howard S. LeRoy, Mr. Lewis Lofton Moneyway, Mr. J. B. Peat, Mr. J. W. S. Peters, Mr. Charles E. Phillips, Mr. Percy W. Phillips, Mr. Frederick L. Pierce, Mr. Mark H. Rathburn, Mr. John J. Reinhard, Mr. John G. Remy, Mr. Henry T. Saunders, Mr. Andrew Sharpe, Mr. Stanley P. Smith, Mr. Albert E. Stephens, Mr. W. Waverly Taylor, Mr. Norman T. Wall, Col. Rawson Warren, Mr. Wellstood White and Mr. Cecil J. Wilkinson.

The next dinner dance will take place on November 24th, the Tuesday evening of Thanksgiving week. Other dances calendared by the committee of which Mr. W. Waverly Taylor is chairman are as follows: Christmas, December 22nd; Mid-Winter, January 26th; Washington's Birthday, February 23rd; St. Patrick's, March 15th; Easter, April 19th.

#### MEMBERSHIP ELECTIONS AND PROPOSALS

**T**HE election is announced of the following new members: Mr. Kenneth Carl Macpherson, resident, University of Chicago; Mr. Henry Ravenel, resident, University of Michigan and George Washington University; Major George C. Royall, Jr., resident, University of North Carolina; Dr. Eugene E. Willison, non-resident, Kansas State Agricultural College.

Four proposals for membership are pending:

Mr. Frederick G. Brownell, non-resident, New York University. Proposed by Mr. Eliot C. Lovett; seconded by Mr. Howard S. LeRoy.

Dr. Carl B. McKinley, resident, University of Michigan. Proposed by Dr. Daniel L. Borden; seconded by Mr. Gilbert L. Hall.

Dr. Arthur R. Burnstan, non-resident, Lafayette College, Columbia University and Heidelberg University (Germany). Proposed by Mr. Cecil J. Wilkinson; seconded by Mr. George F. Snyder.

Mr. Harry C. Davis, resident, George Washington University. Proposed by Mr. Gilbert L. Hall; seconded by Mr. Lewis Lofton Moneyway.

#### BUILDING COMPANY CASE BEFORE COURT

**A**RGUMENT on the demurrer in the case brought by Clarence De Knight to restrain the Building Company from increasing the mortgage on the club property was heard in the Corporation Court, Alexandria, Va., on October 28th.

The Building Company was represented by Mr. Leo P. Harlow, while Mr. Henry P. Blair made a short statement on behalf of the Club. The Court took the case under advisement and it is hoped that an opinion will be handed down at an early date. The following members were present: Messrs. George F. Snyder, Gilbert L. Hall, Stanley P. Smith, George M. McClellan, Karl Knox Gartner, Proctor L. Dougherty, J. Raymond Hoover, Oliver Metzertott, H. L. Rust, E. H. Van Fossan and Thomas E. Brown.

#### NEWLY-ACQUIRED LIBRARY BOOKS COVER MANY THEMES

**P**URCHASE of a number of new books for the recent-acquisitions table has been authorized by the library committee of which Mr. Sewall Key is the chairman. The following will shortly appear: *Letters of Madame*, Volume II; *Peggy Eaton*, Pollack; *Along the Road*, Huxley; *The Story of the Confederacy*, Henry; *The Golden Vase*, Lewisohn; *Tide-water Maryland*, Wilstach; *The Virtuous Knight*, Sherwood; *A Correspondence*, Ellen Terry and Bernard Shaw; *Music at Night*, Huxley; *Mexican Maze*, Beals; *Epic of America*, Adams; *The Scientific Outlook*, Russell; *Women and Roccoco in France*, Toth; *Best Short Stories* (1931), O'Brien; *American Beauty*, Ferber; *Naked on Roller Skates*, Bodenheim; *The Good Companion*, Priestly; *The Basque People*, Canfield; *Duke of Wellington*, Guedalla.

At the suggestion of the ever-observing Mr. George McClellan, *Ed*

*Howe's Weekly* has been removed from the center table in the lounge and hereafter have its place in the newspaper room.

#### THINGS I NEVER KNEW TILL NOW

**T**HAT on the evening of the June (1908) day he was nominated for President of the United States the then Secretary of War William Howard Taft was serenaded at his home on K Street by his fellow members of the University Club who took some fireworks along with them; that the response to the greeting was the first porch speech Taft made in his campaign; that the U. C. gleers sang: "Taft for me! Taft for me! . . . Uni-Uni-Uni-Uni-varsity!"

That the Club in the pre-Volstead days sold a special brand of whiskey bearing the Club's name on the label.

That dogs in the days of the Grecian philosophers wore collars. See the mural in the lounge.

That the kitchen does a big business in baking Virginia hams to the order of members, especially when Santa Claus is packing his bags for the chimney trips.

That the Club's first home was at the southwest corner of 16th and K Streets.

That when "Moxie," *chef de salle de tap*, gets provoked his favorite exclamation is: "Plague take a mosquito!"

That during the joyous Yuletides of yore a bowl of egg-nogg was placed near the entrance door where he who would might nogg.

That Mr. Will Spurgin, who wields a deft paddle at ping-pong, was captain of Princeton's hockey team more than a quarter of a century ago.

That the present clubhouse was formally opened on December 31, 1912.

That Mr. J. Raymond Hoover won some sort of trophy at some sort of golf recently.

That the music editor of the *Sunday Star* said in a review that "great is the gnashing of teeth by local organizations which were not included" in Mr. Lewis Moneyway's University Club musicals.

The University Club of Washington

November 9, 1931.

Major William F. Friedman,  
3932 Military Road,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Friedman:

It gives me great pleasure to send you the thanks of the Club for the most interesting lecture which you delivered last Thursday evening. The comment of members with whom I have talked, have without exception, been most complimentary. We are greatly indebted to you.

Cordially yours,



JOHN A. SELSER  
Secretary.

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