

**THIEVES ACTIVE AT COMMUNITY HOUSE**

House of Guests, Employees Manager to Wave Off Party Stealing

Officials of the Community house are reporting increased criminal activity in the past few weeks of the year. The article which has resulted in the arrest of several persons during the past few weeks of the year, is the article which has resulted in the arrest of several persons during the past few weeks of the year.

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY—**  
Miss Carrie M. Stoddard, police clerk: "There were no fatal accidents in Birmingham during 1932."

House for distribution to poor children were taken almost from under the very eyes of persons in attendance, and the thieves have even gone so far as to steal coal from the basement, Mrs. Wall said.

"It is obviously impossible either for the police or attendants at the House to watch everyone who comes in, and so we are almost powerless to prevent the thefts," she added. "It is evident that they do not realize the purpose and significance of the House in the community, but who are only taking selfish advantage of it."

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**Norman H. Davis in Lead For Chief Cabinet Post**

**President Hoover's Foreign Negotiator Seen As Roosevelt's Probable Secretary of State**

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON—As the race for the Washington position of Secretary of State is in the hands of the Roosevelt cabinet, it is a peculiar situation.

Governor Roosevelt has made it clear that he desires to bind the administration to acceptance of any foreign policy which he may initiate and sponsor. The two men were extremely chummy.

Davis' acquaintance with President Hoover, however, also dates back to the war period. The Californian was not the individual to let a mere matter of difference in party affiliation stand in his way, when he needed a reliable representative to carry on financial conversations abroad.

Davis was and is admirably equipped for this sort of work. He had the training of a banker and an international big business man. He likewise was an intimate adviser of President Wilson, in connection with American governmental financing abroad both during and immediately following the war.

Accordingly President Hoover conspired him, despite his Jeffersonianism—not as an attempt to be nepotistic, but for the decidedly more delicate duties of an "unofficial observer."

For example, Davis acted as America's "unofficial observer" at Lausanne, where England, France and their associate powers cut German reparations to nearly nothing, on an implied pledge of some sort (so they now contend) that England would correspondingly scale down their obligations to the United States.

re-elected, and therefore to a position to make good later—may or may not have thrown out unofficially.

That is a matter upon which Davis is likely to be informed. So, and if he becomes secretary of state to Governor Roosevelt, it is reasonable to assume that he will similarly inform his boss, confidentially—which will be very helpful to him. Even if President-elect Roosevelt refuses to be bound by his predecessor's promises, it will pay him to be prepared for them, instead of stumbling over one every now and then, unwarmed.

Davis, it is mentioned, is precisely the person to make an ideal link between the two administrations. In the circumstances, this is understandable.

TRUE, ONE hears it whispered in a few quarters that European diplomats seem to like him almost too well.

The overseas press gradually is making the person to whom they hope that Americans can be "educated" to see the undesirability, to themselves, of further debt repayments into the United States Treasury. Those who question Davis suitability for the state portfolio express grave fears that he has been "educated" up to this point already.

Virtually everyone who meets Davis concedes the attractiveness of his personality. Though long transplanted in Maryland, his birth he is a Tennessean and still has the hog-and-honorary state's quirks of expression.

Even should he fail to become the next cabinet premier, it is agreed that he probably will be prominent in the influential White House group under the new regime.



James Aswell  
By Central Press  
NEW YORK—Everywhere I go I encounter again the incredible legend of "Prince Michael" and Harry Gerguson; probably the most successful impostor in the history of old world nobility from good Democrats and Republicans. He's back in town.

Gerguson, in a whirl of all-seeing and romantic fiction, of confiscated estates in Russia and elsewhere, has dined and appeared in popular magazines attempting to charm his hearers, humorous and unprincipled career.

The product of several orphan asylums, he early was stung by the cruel caprice of fate which brought him into the world, privileged and undraped with purple; his fertile imagination sought to correct this dearth of hereditary pomp and almost succeeded more than once. That is, he made his dream seem true for a while, blessed with money and hungry for the funbelows he could affect so well.

I met him once. Attired to full evening dress, he lounged to the rail of a respectable midtown bar—the sort of place where business big-wigs sip an aperitif before luncheon and the tip is as large as in a Mohammedan mosque.

Invitation—SLIGHTLY GARBLED  
He was neither upstage nor, apparently, obsessed with his high birth—high already I had heard was phony. And that was the secret of his ability to win friends everywhere and instantly. He appeared the good fellow able to mingle affably with commoners, forgetful for the nonce of his grade of aristocracy.

WHITE MUSKRAT CREATES FURORE



Prophet of Killedeer, N. D. is predicting everything from mild winter to bumper crop and this white muskrat came to town. Captured in the city's main street, the animal had old-timers guessing its previous owner. Recall seeing a white muskrat previously.

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**TONIEST CLUB**  
The other night I dropped into the Court Club, in East 6th street, for the first and doubting the last time. It is the most expensive organization in the world. There are seven members, each of \$20 from a nominally high-billed bartender, tipped the man \$10 of his own money, tipped \$5 at the bar-check girl and finally carried the remaining \$5 away to live on for a week.

The occasion which permitted so lowly a non-social register as myself to enter the Court Club was the holding of a tennis tournament in the city's main street, the animal had old-timers guessing its previous owner. Recall seeing a white muskrat previously.

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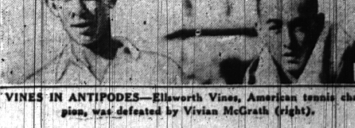
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sands of spectators at the movie are reputed to have taken it for granted that the "arms" referred to were Mr. Cooper's and Miss Hayes'—Dinner at Eight" and "As You Desire Me."

He has not, however, yet attempted to extract the remains and melody of "Criminal at Large."

**TUNES and TITLES**  
Now the bright young laborer in Tin Pan alley needn't seek new noons to conquer when he contacts his titles for songs. Maybe all the combinations of moonlight and June night have been used up for clubs of far more modest fees.

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**VINES SUFFERS DEFEAT**  
VINES IN ANTIPODES—Ellsworth Vines, American tennis champion, was defeated by Vivian McGrath (right).