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Dr. Allen,

You made first page on this article. Now I feel like the little boy who just discovered there "ain't no Santa Claus." I Will never have any confidence in the accuracy of the Lexington Herald's reporters. Any one who lives in Lexington and does not know that no hand book phone is ever listed in the directory, is just plain ignorant. Most hand books have two phones. I have called 3730 thousands of times for information about race horses, basketball games, election odds, baseball, and football games, and any one who called that number could have redeived the same information, I did. I imagine this reporter, who ever he is, has called that number himself or some other number, it all depends on who you patronize. Ask them about the following places. These are just a few of the larger ones right down in town.

Keith's, upstairs over 129 E. Main Street, another well known bar. William Keith operates a hand book, crap game and black jack. I might add there are no races going on now, so that is out. Most just operate the crap game and black jack and some have poker games going on.

M. B. Reinstein News Agency, 138 W. Short Street, up stairs. The news agency is in the center part of the building. The hand book in the front room, facing Short Street. In the rear is the central telegraph room for all hand books. They have a direct wire to that address in Chicago, you gave them once. A telegraph operator takes it down as it comes over the wire and calls it to another one who sits across the table from him, who has a telephone operator's mouth pæce hung around his neck and this is connected with all the wires to the various hand books in town. You can get a better idea how, the race is being run over this system, than the average person can get if they were at the track. They give you the first three horses at the quarter, half, three quarters, stretch and the finish. It is very interesting, if you like horse racing.

Tubby Byars and Cotton Berry, phone 1914, over the lobby of the Ben Ali Theatre, 119 E. Main Street. One of the largest poker games in town is operated here. If they get a sucker with a roll of money on him, they will put as many as four or five house men in the game, what chance has a man got with them??