

NATION'S HEADS REFUSE LISTING IN PHONE BOOK

Only Close Friends Know Numbers of Higher Officials.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The national capital is filled with persons who know many secrets, including the telephone girls.

Among the secrets which the telephone girls know are the private numbers of high officials—and they won't tell you.

There are more private telephone numbers here than in any other city in the world.

The practice extended from the cabinet and now one senator, the very wealthy Senator David Aiken Reed of Pennsylvania, has a private number for his luxurious new home in the S street neighborhood where the Hoovers used to live, where many other officials now live, and where are the homes once occupied by Woodrow Wilson, William Howard Taft and Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin.

Numbers Changed Often

If you drop in town some night and want to talk to your favorite cabinet officer, you'd better just go around camp in front of his house in the first place, for most of them are not listed in the phone book.

If you had some farm property and wanted to talk with Secretary of Agriculture Hyde, you could get him on the telephone, because he lives in a hotel.

Former Secretary of Labor Davis could be reached over the telephone, as can his successor, William N. Doak, who lives over in Virginia. So can Secretary of Navy Adams and Postmaster-General Brown.

But there's no use in looking in the phone book for Secretary of State Stimson, or Secretary of War Hurley, or Attorney-General Mitchell, or Secretary of Treasury Mellon—and the information girl won't help you any.

These high officials retire only to be called by a few close friends when they leave their offices and go home at night.

And the numbers are changed occasionally to be doubly sure.

President Not Listed

The city telephone directory is no help either to find out who is President of the United States—if you didn't happen to know.

Herbert Hoover's name is not in the telephone book.

The only Hoover you can get by calling the White House is a head usher by that name, unless you have special official business and can prove that you have.

In that case, you can reach Mr. Herbert Hoover through the main White House switchboard, that is, you may reach him.

The Vice-President is not surrounded with so much ceremony. Charles Curtis is listed along with the Browns, the Joneses and the Smiths.

You can't much blame these people who won't have their phones listed. They'd be sitting by the telephone most of the time.

Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes is listed in the telephone directory. He was, though when he was secretary of state.

INJURED MAN LOSES IN SUIT FOR \$40,000

Train Struck Automobile En Route to Hospital with Patient.

By Times Special

LAGRANGE, Ind., Feb. 27.—A Lagrange circuit court jury returned a verdict for the defendant in the \$40,000 suit of Robert V. Young of Elkhart against the Big Four railroad. He sought damages for injuries suffered Oct. 23, 1927, when an automobile he was riding was struck by a train.

At the time of the accident, the automobile was being driven at high speed to a hospital, carrying Louis Turnock, suffering from injuries sustained in a football game. He received additional injuries in the crash as did Ralph G. Hart and Steven Turnock. Two others in the car, Nick Carlo and Dick Dirlam, escaped with scratches.

Hart has a \$50,000 damage suit pending.

A BELOVED MEMORY COMES TO LIFE AGAIN

The Joyous Spirit of Jack Donahue in Life Is Felt Again in "Letters of a Hooper to His Ma."

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

SOMEHOW just now, I appreciate the loss of two great men in the world of laughs more than I ever have.

After finishing "Letters of a Hooper to His Ma," which was completed by Jack Donahue shortly before his sudden death last October, I felt a certain void.

My thoughts went back to the great joy that the beloved Kin Hubbard and his "Abe Martin" had given the world in print.

And then I had the thought that I must think of Kin and Jack at the same time. Two lovely memories that will live on because of their books.

I am really grateful that Donahue was spared long enough to finish "Letters of a Hooper to His Ma," which has just been published by Cosmopolitan Book Corporation.

Donahue has caught the gorgeous pathos and comedy behind the footlights as experienced by a "hooper" who graduated from the one hour stands of the smallest vaudeville in the east.

These imaginary letters of Jack to his "Ma," whom he lovingly addressed as "Dear Mud" and "Dear Mopsy."

Oh, there is glorious comedy of life interwoven in these letters. The "mother" in these letters is the type who worries about her son taking off his long winter underwear in the year 1910 and is frightened to see that her son is taking on swell airs.

In one letter, Jack writes that he has bought a cane and is sporting it in public. Mother writes in answer: "Your father says for you to get rid of that cane before you come home. He'd never hear the end of it at the navy yard."

And when Jack spent \$1.50 for a bathing suit, the mother wrote in horror: "We don't see how one bathing suit could cost you \$1.50 unless as your father says it has a lot of lace on it."

The Best of All

The best one of all is when Jack writes his mother about mistaking a female impersonator on the same bill with him for a lady. Jack made a date with "her" before the performer had removed his wig.

But Jack recites that he did take the guy out for coffee and doughnuts after the show.

Jack writes: "He's only a kid and very artistic. You should see some of the scarfs and handkerchiefs he makes for his friends."

Mother writes back, "I never heard of a real man making handkerchiefs although your father's brother Nell did used to do a little fancy needlework when he was on the fire department in Bayonne, and there was an excuse for him, with all the time on his hands."

And Another Gem

I cried when I read this one when his mother writes for money from her son because father had been on a spree.

Mother writes, "Please remember that it costs almost as much to sober your father up as to get him drunk and I must have something from you this week."

"Letters of a Hooper to His Ma" is the sweetest and most human bit of fun I have read in many a month. I appreciate more than ever the glorious spirit of Jack Donahue. You know that I went to Nelson Trembridge's theater in Cincinnati, O., to see Donahue in "Son's o' Guns," but he was too ill to appear. He died a few days later.

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PETITION LESLIE TO CANCEL BIG FINE OF DUVALL

Former Mayor Has Suffered Enough, Is Assertion of Sullivan.

Petitions of Indianapolis persons that John L. Duvall, former mayor, be released from paying his \$1,000 fine following serving of a thirty-day jail sentence were being considered today by Governor Harry G. Leslie.

Among those who have asked that the fine be canceled is Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, who addressed a letter to Leslie before Duvall started service of his thirty-day term.

Duvall, if the fine is paid or canceled, will be released from jail March 5. He is serving thirty days for violation of the corrupt practices act.

Sullivan set out that he did not know Duvall, but felt he had received sufficient punishment without serving the sentence or paying the fine.

At the jail Wednesday, Duvall admitted he was worried over payment of the fine, asserting that if the money was not obtained he would spend three years in the jail serving out the assessment at \$1 a day.

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Logansport, Ind.—"After the arrival of my first baby I was in miserable health, was unable to regain my strength. I was nervous and in such a weakened state of health that I was barely able to drag around to do my work. It was told that nothing but an operation would help my case. I would not consent to this. I finally made up my mind to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and it restored me to health without having to submit to an operation."—Mrs. Earl Hawkins, 511 Bates St.

La Porte, Ind.—"I have taken Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and have recommended it to my friends. It was very helpful to me during pregnancy—my health was better and I experienced less trouble when I took the 'Prescription.' I have also taken it for nervousness, sleeplessness, and when weak, worn out and rundown. Every time I took it I got the help I was seeking."—Mrs. Minnie A. Schultz, 310 J St., La Porte, Ind.