



(We have a guest columnist this week--Phil Casey of the Washington Post--who would like you to meet a remarkable guy from his home bailiwick in the District of Columbia. Take it away, Philip, m'boy.)

DET. SGT. MILLER A. DIXON of the Metropolitan Police Robbery Squad gladdened the hearts of every confidence man and flip-flam artist in the city the other day. He retired. For 23 years, the shrewd and dapper 51-year-old detective has been a thorn in the side of con men. Out-of-town con men didn't even like to come to town, the ones here wished they were somewhere else.



MILLER A. DIXON
... "con" expert retiring
games at the National Guard Armory in 1950. He was 37. He made some of his arrests at top speed.

Through the years, because of his interest in con men, Dixon became an expert on gypsies. He knows about every gypsy in the area and they all know him and like him. They knew he would arrest them, too, if they had it coming and he knew they had it

coming--but they figured it would be a fair arrest, with no hard feelings on either side. Through the years, Dixon got 36 official commendations and praise from out-of-town police across the country for his work and cooperation on various cases. He was known here and elsewhere as a foremost police expert on the confidence racket.

Dixon was born in Belton, S.C., Aug. 1, 1913, attended public schools in the District and was graduated from Cardozo High School, where he was a star athlete. He won letters in football, basketball and track. He organized and was captain of the school's first golf team.

At St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C., he played all those sports and also competed in the discus and shot put. He was a big medal winner in track and field events.

Dixon is a charter member of his college's alumni association and has been instrumental in obtaining many scholarships from the college for Washington students. A few years ago, the college named him one of its outstanding alumni.

Though he was known best for his confidence work, Dixon won numerous police commendations for work on murder, rape, robbery and other cases.

In later years, Dixon kept up his golf, competing in many tournaments here and elsewhere.

Now, retiring on disability after 23 years of service, Dixon remembers happily something a New York flip-flam artist said about him when the con man was picked up here:

"The boys know about Mr. Dixon. They know enough about him to stay away from Washington. On the East Coast, Washington and Philadelphia are the toughest towns to hit. If you're not already in his picture file, you've got a chance for maybe one job in Washington."

(Editor's note: Disabled or not, it occurs to us that Lorin Bunker or Ralph Lamb prob-

ably could use a guy like Miller Dixon right here in Las Vegas and Clark County.)

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