

Banker Plays Role of Santa For Prisoners

Distributed Money to Charity Under Name, "Mickey Finn"

Sioux City, Iowa.—A mysterious Santa Claus whose identity was revealed only at his death early in 1937, will be remembered here each Christmas as one of Sioux City's most beloved characters.

His name was Ed T. Kearney, a real estate man and banker who brought Yuletide joy to hundreds with anonymous contributions to inmates of prisons and missions. His gifts were always accompanied by poorly written letters bearing the signature, "Mickey Finn."

A sample of Kearney's unusual letters has been uncovered in the note written to the sheriff of Cook county, Ill., in 1930:

The identity of "Mickey Finn" was not discovered until Kearney was in a Sioux City hospital during his last illness. A daughter, possessed of some circumstantial evidence, confronted her father with the question and he confessed that he was "Mickey Finn." When his private papers were examined clippings were found substantiating his confession.

The character of Mickey Finn was created early in the 1900s when Mr. Kearney was president of a bank at Jackson, Neb. He met many bankers from over the country at conventions and when he started his Santa Claus role in the person of "Mickey Finn," he simply wrote his banker friends in other cities and obtained their co-operation in sending the checks and keeping his identity secret.

144,000 Applications For Tenant Purchase Loans

The Farm Security Administration has reported that more than 144,000 applications for tenant purchase loans have been received since the program started about a year ago.

Ancient Holly Still Spreads Holiday Cheer

In homes throughout America this Christmas the holly plant will carry on its age-old duty of spreading Yuletide spirit, a custom that dates back to the pagan tribes of continental Europe.

Originally the holly grew wild in the United States over a range from Massachusetts to Missouri and south to Florida and Texas. But too much harvesting in northeastern United States has destroyed much of the natural growth. Today most holly is grown from Norfolk, Va., to Florida within 50 or 60 miles of the Atlantic coast, and westward in the Gulf region to Louisiana.

Current popularity of the holly is a continuation of the custom of the Druid feasts which honored the mistletoe and holly in pagan rites. In Europe the tribes under Roman rule sent holly branches to each other as



evidence of good will. Homes and churches were decorated with holly laden with crimson berries when the pagans celebrated the feast of Saturnalia, the "turning on of the sun." Yuletide, the feast made to the Celtic sun god, Yaioul, finally became the celebration of Christmas, and the holly tree, known as the holy tree, became the sacred tree for decorations at our Christmas festivals.

A holly does not bear berries until it is five years old. Before that time the male and female trees cannot be told apart. There are more than 300 species of the plant, all of them native to the temperate and tropical regions of both hemispheres.

Only the American and English holly trees have rich green leaves. These are outlined with sharp spines or teeth, and the fruiting branches have round crimson berries.

Texas Farmer Scares Crows From His Corn

A Texas farmer claims that he successfully kept his fields free of crows by catching one alive and turning it loose with a small bell attached to its neck. The belled bird in trying to join the flock, scared the others away, but remained in the vicinity itself.

Teachers To Spend Holidays At Home

Their fourth month salaries tucked in hand, members of the local school faculty from out-of-town are leaving this afternoon and tomorrow morning for their respective homes in several states to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. They are to return New Year's Day to begin the new term on Monday, January 2.

Miss Mary Benson goes to Benson, Miss Nancy Glover to Roanoke Rapids, Miss Dorcas Knowles to Hertford, Mr. Lewis Enloe to Judson, N. C., Miss Mary Whitley to Murfreesboro, Miss Mildred Talley to Randleman, Mr. Frank Neeley to Hendersonville, Mr. Charles Toxey to Wake Forest, Miss Irene Mizelle to Snow Hill, Miss Clara Jones, music teacher, is already at her home in Red Springs recovering from an illness. She plans to return for the new term. Miss Lillian Aldridge and Mr. Sam Edwards are leaving for LaGrange, where they will be married Thursday and continue later to his home in Wanamie, Pa.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In the passing of Dr. Joseph Allen Eason on December 9, 1938, the Memorial Baptist Church, Williamston, N. C., as well as the family and many friends, has sustained a great loss.

Brother Joseph Eason was a modest, unassuming, big-hearted, sympathetic, Christian man; a character with purity and beauty. He was an outstanding physician who ministered over a short period of about six years to hundreds of suffering peo-

Jamesville High Wins Over Wilson Cyclone

The boys' basketball team of Jamesville High School defeated Wilson High School by the score of 44 to 36. The score at half-time was 26 to 9. Martin with 14 points led the Jamesville quint. Spit Martin, lanky center, caged nine, Brown 11, Carson 8, and Walters 2.

Cockrell, with 11, led the Wilson five. His heart as well as his skillfulness in medicine went out to his patients. We wonder why he had to go two days after his thirty-fifth birthday, but we are resigned to our Father's will.

Our hearts go out in deep sympathy to his wife, father and all members of his family, and we commend them to our Heavenly Father, praying that His sustaining grace may be given them in this, their sorrow.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: First, That this minute be spread upon the records of our Church as a loving tribute to the memory of our lamented Brother.

Second, That copies be sent to his family, the Biblical Recorder, the Norfolk Ledger and the Williamston Enterprise.

Memorial Baptist Church, Williamston, N. C. James H. Smith, Pastor. J. C. Anderson, B. S. Courtney, J. Sam Gotsinger, Resolutions Committee.

C-3 at page 169, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing a note of even date and tenor therewith, default having been made in the payment of the said note, the stipulations contained in the said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the owner of the said note, the undersigned trustee will, on Monday, the 16th day of January, 1939, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to wit:

Beginning at a corner in John Cratt's line, thence a South course with John Cratt's line to a corner of Mary J. Mizell, thence an Easterly course with Mary J. Mizell line to Joe Henry Wynne's line, thence a Northeast course with Joe H. Wynne's line to a corner of Crissy Wynne's, thence a Westerly course with the said Crissy Wynne line to the beginning, containing 16 acres, more or less.

This the 16th day of December, 1938.

JOHN CRATT, Trustee. Elbert S. Peel, Atty.

NOTICE OF SALE North Carolina, Martin County. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by L. T. Harden and wife, Johnnie Florence Harden, on the 31st day of August, 1936, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book P-3 at page 133, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing a certain note of even date and tenor therewith, default having been made in the payment of the said note, and the stipulations contained in the said deed of trust not having been complied with, the undersigned trustee will, on Monday, the 16th day of January, 1939, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash

the following described real estate, to wit: A tract of land situated in Williamston Township, Martin County and State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Plenny Peel and Joel Bennett land on the North, J. G. Staton on the East, T. P. H. Hardison and Eason Hilley land on the South and the Williamston-Washington Road on the West, containing 126 acres, more or less, and being a

part of the same tract of land conveyed to James Biggs by William Slade and wife, Cordelia Slade, by deed dated the 16th day of March, 1900, of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book CCC at page 257. This the 16th day of December, 1938. W. H. COBURN, Trustee. Elbert S. Peel, Atty.

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