

Back in January a Las Vegas blackjack dealer contacted me. She had found and read "Illegal Of The Day Kentucky 3" posted on 10/10/2010.

Here is a link to that post if you want to refresh your memory.

<http://www.thechipboard.com/archives/archives.pl/bid/320/page/12/md/read/id/1058467/sbj/illegal-of-the-day-kentucky-3-and-pam/>

She was looking for info on her grandfather, Abe Schneider. She knew very little about him. She heard he owned race horses and had a piece of a horse named "Ruthred." She thought he had been a boxer in his early years. There were family rumors about the Cleveland Syndicate. That caught my attention. <g>

"Illegal Of The Day Kentucky 3" tells the story of John Croft. The Kefauver Commission describes John as:

John Croft is The Cleveland Syndicate's "Palace Guard" of Newport, Ky. He handled Cleveland's 6% to 15% in each joint.

The research on Abe Schneider came back with info that KY illegal chip collectors should find very interesting. Of particular interest is The Yorkshire.

Other Cleveland operated casino's were:

Yorkshire

Merchants club

Glenn Schmidt's

Beverly Hills

Latin Quarter

Lookout House

Kentucky Club



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Enough of that:  
Northern Kentucky:

### **Abe Schneider**

Abraham Schneider was born in Cincinnati in 1895, the son of Russian Jewish immigrants, and died there in 1972 age 76.

In the 30's he operated a cigar store in Cincinnati at 109 E.6th St. In the early 40's this address became "Red's Café". I'm not sure if Schneider was associated with Red's or not, but his nickname was apparently "Red" (see below).

My note: Estes Kefauver's Crime Commission reports Abe Schneider as having points in all of The Cleveland Syndicate's Northern Kentucky casino's, along with John Croft and Red Masterson who is credited with burning Beverly Hills and killing the caretakers daughter to wrest control from Peter Schmidt. Cleveland had made a request for Beverly Hills and Schmidt said no.

Jimmy Brink and ER Lowe are also listed. Jimmy turned the Lookout House over to Cleveland at their request. My guess is Brink remembered the Beverly Hills result. <g>

ER Lowe, Louisville, KY. He owned the 119 Club in Jeffersonville, Indiana that was closed in a raid in 1948 and several clubs in the Louisville/Elizabethtown, KY area.



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E.R. Lowe  
Club Lexilville  
Elizabethtown, KY  
4,200 chips  
7/5/1941

Here's the Kefauver list:

**The Yorkshire, Newport, Ky**  
(A 1944 dollar, adjusted for inflation, is \$11.06 in 2005)

	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
Gross Receipts	65,904	534,018	637,838	685,967	670,370	856,604
Cost of Goods Sold	66,649	352,350	444,425	479,664	403,675	509,285
Gross Profit	(745)	181,668	193,413	206,304	266,695	347,319
Net Income	(12,818)	144,706	148,677	144,782	184,733	242,864
Partner's share of income or loss:						
Maurice Ryan, Fort Thomas, Ky	(203)	10,890	10,525	10,620	12,825	17,193
Fred Hallam, Bellevue, Ky	(1,007)	16,674	15,470	15,266	20,701	26,961
Richard Fox, Bridgetown, Ohio	(193)	969	-	-	-	-
Morris Nemmo, Ft. Thomas, Ky	(163)	10,900	11,575	11,670	13,800	16,693
Robert F. Bergin, Ft. Thomas, KY	158	8,590	9,267	9,757	10,645	13,476
Sam Gutterman, Cincinnati, Oh	(322)	12,010	12,679	6,310	4,470	6,026
George Bregal, Melbourne, Ky	(803)	5,775	5,895	5,595	1,470	-
A. R. Masterson, Ft. Thomas, Ky	(803)	5,775	5,895	5,595	7,450	10,043
E. R. Lowe, Louisville, Ky (1)	(803)	5,775	5,895	5,595	7,450	10,043
Alfred Goltsman, Cleveland, Oh	(1,253)	6,956	7,074	6,714	8,940	12,052
George Gordon, Cleveland, Oh	(1,253)	6,956	7,074	6,714	8,940	12,052
John Angersolo, Cleveland, Oh	(1,253)	-	-	-	-	-
Samuel Tucker, Southgate, Ky.	(1,253)	6,956	7,074	6,714	8,940	12,052
James Brink, Fort Mitchell, Ky	(803)	5,775	5,895	5,595	7,450	10,043
Ruby Kolad, Cleveland, Oh	(1,253)	6,956	7,074	6,714	8,940	12,052
Abe Schneider, Cincinnati, Oh	(1,607)	11,549	11,790	11,191	14,901	20,086
Claude Hines, Ft. Thomas, Ky	-	5,700	5,895	5,595	7,450	10,043
Chalres Polizzi, Cleveland, Oh	-	6,956	7,074	6,714	8,940	12,052
John Croft, Cincinnati, Oh	-	9,535	12,529	11,739	14,615	18,477
George Bear, Detroit, Mich	-	-	-	6,680	10,820	13,476
Freda Bregal, Melbourne, Ky	-	-	-	-	5,980	10,043

1. Address of E. R. Lowe shown as Tuscon, Ariz., in 1948 and 1949

Note: all of the above returns prepared by Jack Kuresman. Returns for 1944 through 1947 signed by Sam Gutterman. 1948 and 1949 returns signed by John Croft, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Deductions for 1945 include "customer expense" of \$10,405, deductions from 1948 include "customer expense" of \$16,314, deductions from 1949 include "customer promotion expense" of \$12,759.

The above is from a government document - **An Investigation of Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce**, in 1951. The hearings were also know as the Kefauver Hearings.

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My note: As you can see there are several point owners in Fort Thomas, KY. Fort Thomas was where the elite of N KY lived. Beverly Hills was on the edge of FT Thomas.

The list was used in a hearing in DC on 20June1952 in which the secretary-treasurer of the Yorkshire Bar/Restaurant, Virginia Purcell Moore, testified (they make a distinction between the bar/restaurant and the upstairs gambling club). At the hearing Purcell is asked to go through the list and name the men she has seen at the Yorkshire. At first she says she hadn't seen Schneider, but then her attorney refreshes her memory: "Abe Snyder is Red Snyder, Mr. Schroeder's brother-in-law." She then remembers seeing him.

(Mr. Nellis is committee counsel; Mr. Davies is Purcell's attorney)

Mr. NELLIS. And you said Mr. Masterson?

Mrs. MOORE. Yes. I know Mr. Masterson. Let me see.

Mr. DAVIES. Do you want to hand her the list so that she can refresh her recollection?

Mr. NELLIS. Certainly, you are welcome to look at the list I will come over there with you while you are looking at it.

You have seen Mr. Ryan?

Mrs. MOORE. I have seen Mr. Ryan, and Nemmo, Bergin, Gutterman.

Mr. DAVIES. Off the record. George Bragal is dead, and Frieda Bragal is his widow.

Mrs. MOORE. Masterson, Lowe. I have seen him. I do not know that gentleman there.

Mr. NELLIS. That is Goldtsman?

Mrs. MOORE. Goldtsman; no. Gordon; no. Angersola; no. Samuel Tucker; yes. Mr. Brink; no.

Mr. NELLIS. You have never seen him?

Mrs. MOORE. I know Mr. Brink, but I have never seen him there.

Mr. NELLIS. That was the question.

Mrs. MOORE. Wolad; no. Snyder; no.

Mr. DAVIES. Off the record, Abe Snyder is Red Snyder, Mr. Schroeder's brother-in-law.

Mrs. MOORE. I beg your pardon. I did not know his name.

Mr. NELLIS. But you have seen Mr. Snyder?

Mrs. MOORE. Yes, and Heims; yes. This one; no. Polizzi; no.

Mr. NELLIS. You have testified as to Croft.

Mrs. MOORE. Yes.

Mr. NELLIS. And Bear?

Mrs. MOORE. Yes.

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I think you'll be interested to know (if you don't know already) that Abe's brother-in-law "Mr. Schroeder" is actually Sammy Schraeder.

Schneider and Schraeder married sisters Sarah and Ruth Meyer, daughters of Morris Meyer of Cincinnati. Wonder if the race horse "Ruth Red" was named for Abe "Red" Schneider and Ruth Schraeder?

My note. IMO Sammy Schraeder was the "ghost" of N KY gambling. He has been mentioned in many of my articles on N KY gambling. He was the Cleveland Syndicate's "MAN" in N KY. Notice he is not on the Kefauver list. He was very adept at keeping his name out of things. Nothing happened without Sammy's OK.

A couple Cincinnati city directories:

1936-37--



### Cigars and Tobacco—Retail.

Adler Louis Seymour 605 Sycamore  
 Alcock Milo D lobby 18 E 4th  
 Appelblatt Frank 606 Broadway  
 Arzheimer Gustav 11 W 12th  
 Bauer Robt lobby sec 9th and Main  
 Blankenship Stewart 812 State Av  
 Bock Casper 131 E Court  
 Boggiano Dominick n w c 5th and Pike  
 Bonno Chas 27 E Court  
 Brady Edwin J 502 Sycamore

Rodgers Jos D 3311 Montgomery Rd  
 Royal Smoke Shoppe 713 Vine  
 Rutman Eli E 1019 Freeman Av  
 Ruwe Jos J Palace Hotel  
 Sanders Harry 1207 Central Av  
 Schaefer L Geo 1614 Vine  
 Scheve Gus 2100 Riverside Drive  
 Schneider Abraham 109 E 6th  
 Schorr Alma lobby 128 E 6th  
 Schorr Carl P lobby 104 W 4th  
 Schulte A (Inc) of N Y n w c 6th and Walnut  
 Schultheis Edward J lobby 229 E 6th  
 Seeger H Alvin 424 E 12th

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### CIGARS AND TOBACCO—RETAIL—Contd

Schneider Abr 109 E 6th  
 Schott Martin 1122 Elm  
 Schultheis Edw J lobby Duttonhofer bldg  
 Seeger H Alvin 424 E 12th

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Some articles:

Cleveland Plain Dealer—7july1955

## Bookies Pastpost Revenue Service in Tax Court Ruling

An old Cleveland gambling ring won a \$1,255,713 income tax victory yesterday in a federal court because they let customers of their swanky Yorkshire Club, Newport, Ky., bet on horses until they passed the quarter-mile post.

Three of the defendants still living here are Charles A. (Chuck) Polizzi, Shaker Heights; Alfred Goltzman, South Euclid, and George Gordon, University Heights.

Others of the old Cleveland group, last spotlighted by the Kefauver investigation, were Samuel Tucker, now of Miami Beach, Fla., and Ruby Kolod, now in the Cleveland casino enterprises in Las Vegas, Nev.

Judge Marion Harron of the tax court in Washington quoted a Nevada tax official, Edward

J. Price, as saying that a club giving its horse bettors a quarter-mile advantage was "a charitable institution."

Profits from other gambling in the luxurious casino in Newport totaled \$2,980,694 in the period from 1946 through 1950, the judge noted.

"The partnership's solicitude for the (horse playing- patrons," said the judge, "does not appear to have been without good purpose."

Even as a come-on, the horse booking still made \$753,395, the Yorkshire books showed.

### Turns Down Revenue Service

But Judge Harron turned down the Internal Revenue Service, which was trying to get the gamblers to report a 12% profit from the horse book. That would

have meant 01,255,713 in taxes and penalties.

The partners now must get together with the Internal Revenue Service to see whether they owe anything at all.

Other partners in the Yorkshire, a downtown restaurant and gaming place in Newport, just over the Ohio River from Cincinnati, were:

Albert R. Masterson of nearby Fort Thomas, Ky.; Maurice A. Ryan, Fort Thomas; Abe Schneider, Cincinnati; Morris Memmo, Fort Thomas; Mrs. Freda Dregel Stager, Bellevue, Ky.; Samuel Gutterman, Cincinnati; Fred Hallam, Fort Thomas, and the late Claude M. Hines, jr., Fort Thomas.

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Cleveland Plain Dealer—23aug1961

(this article says Schneider had an interest in not only the Yorkshire, but also the 522 Club, Merchants Club and 14 East Southgate Club)

My Note" Any of you Kentucky boys ever hear of the "14 East Southgate Club?" That is a new one for me.

Email from Jim Linduff:

Gene,

The 14 East Southgate location is an alley between Monmouth and York right in the heart of the joints. . I'm in Florida and don't have access to the library, but will look more when I get back in a couple of weeks.

Gene,

Here's and interesting tidbit for an early Sunday morning. 14 East Southgate Alley is directly behind the 15 East Fourth Street address that was once the Merchant's Club and may have been attached. That alley was and in some places still is that back way into Fourth Street buildings.

Looking at the picture of the building...it looks like it could have been a joint. I'll get to the directory x checks in a couple weeks.

Google picture of 14 East Southgate,



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# Kentucky Indicts 20 in Attempt to Choke Off Vice

NEWPORT, Ky. (AP)—The Campbell County grand jury yesterday indicted 20 persons on charges of failure to comply with Kentucky law requiring partnerships operating under an assumed name to file affidavits with the county clerk.

Seven different partnerships were named in the second batch of indictments returned in the day. The jury returned nine indictments earlier.

Four of those indicted are former Cleveland, O., gambling figures.

Atty. Gen. John C. Breckinridge, coordinating the witnesses in the investigation of vice conditions and alleged payoffs of public officials, said he felt his strategy was beginning to pay off.

"It is our intention to utilize every legal strategem

available to the commonwealth to strangle organized crime in northern Kentucky," he said after the jury adjourned until Aug. 31.

## Clubs are Named

Named in the indictments were Beverly Hills Country Club, Belmont Snax Bar, the Flamingo Club or the 633 Club, the 522 Club, the Yorkshire Club at the same address as the 522 Club, the Merchant's Club and the 14 East Southgate Club.

The following persons were named in connection with the partnerships:

- At the Beverly Hills: Mitchell Meyer, John Croft, Samuel Shraeder and Yale Cohen.
- At the Belmont: Stanley Schomaker and Richard Busker.
- At the Flamingo: Mike Evans.
- At the 522 Club: Twelve persons, including John Croft, Fred Hallam, Morris Nemmo, Abe Schneider, George Gordon, Alfred Goltzman, George Bear, Paul Dennis, David Polinsky, Meyer Berman, Albert (Red) Masterson, and Samuel Gutterman.
- At the Yorkshire: The same persons as at the 522 Club, with the exception of Berman and Polinsky.

The 12 persons named in connection with the 522 Club were also named in the indictments for the Merchant's Club

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## Four Ex-Clevelanders

Gordon, Goltzman, Croft and Cohen all have Cleveland gambling backgrounds and have had homes here.

Lt. Martin P. Cooney recalled Gordon and Goltzman as associates in the old Pettibone Club in Geauga County. Gordon was seen in downtown Cleveland yesterday and Monday. On Monday he chatted with Alex (Shondor) Birns at E. 9th Street and Vincent Avenue N. E.

Gordon was a sort of manager at the Pettibone. Croft was active in the old Ohio Villa, another gambling club here. Cohen was convicted of shooting to kill in 1934 in Cleveland. All have centered their activities in Las Vegas, Nev., in recent years, Cooney said.

## 20 Indicted

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and the 14 East Southgate Club.

Indictments against the reported owners of five northern Kentucky night spots were returned in the first batch earlier.

They were Boulevard Enterprises Inc., reported owner of Beverly Hills Country Club; Business Realty Co., reported owner of the Yorkshire Club; Western Saratoga Co., reported owner of the Flamingo Club; the Monroe Co., reported owner of the Tropicana, and Robert and Madeline Sidell, reported owners of the Belmont Snax Bar. Sidell is former mayor of Newport.

Four other indictments returned against Business Realty, the Sidells, the Monroe Co. and the Western Saratoga charged renting or leasing of premises for the purposes of horse race betting.

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## Wants To Avoid Ratterman

CINCINNATI (AP)—One of the defendants indicted for gaming in connection with the Yorkshire Club at Newport, Ky., is fighting extradition to Kentucky.

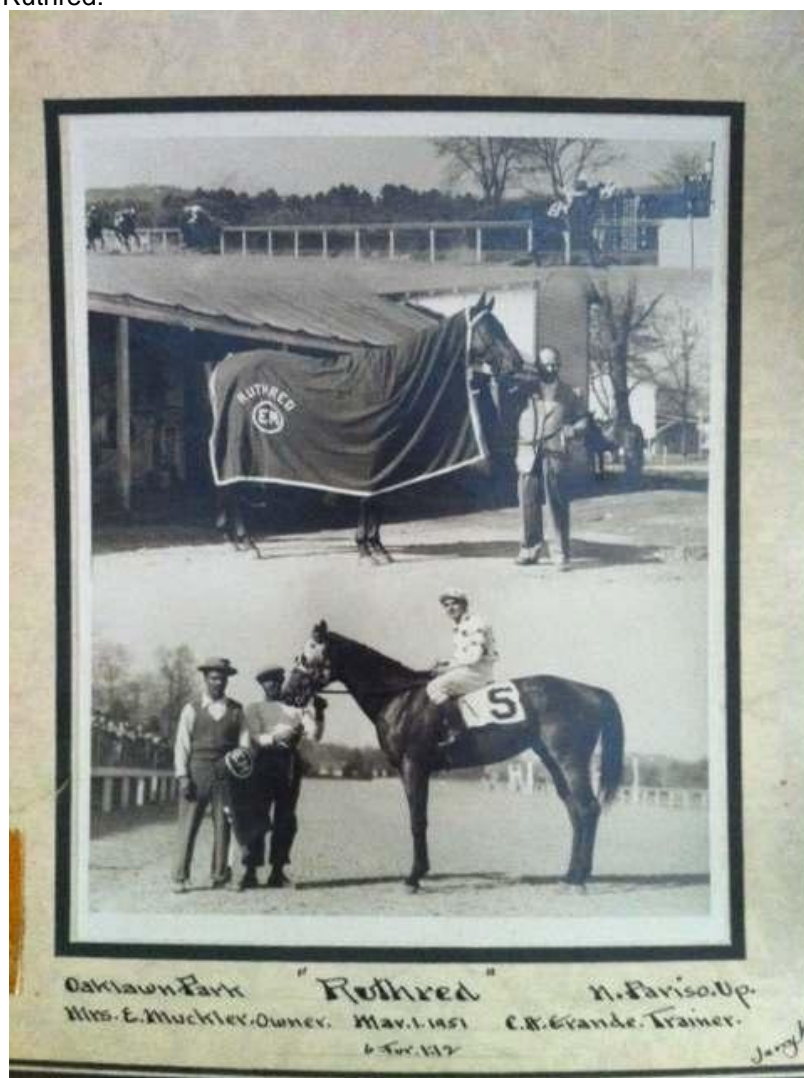
The defendant, David Polinski of suburban Amberley Village, posted bond of \$2,500 Thursday pending an extradition hearing.

Polinski took this action after Abe Schneider, another Ohioan indicted in connection with the Yorkshire Club, was photographed and fingerprinted by sheriff's deputies when he crossed the Ohio River to post bond on five felony gaming warrants at Campbell Circuit Court House.

Sheriff George Ratterman said his deputies acted under a statute that requires photographing and fingerprinting persons indicted on felony charges.

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Ruthred:



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The E. Muckler named in the photo is Elizabeth Muckler, wife of August Muckler of St. Louis. The Mucklers owned and bred racehorses at their farm in Missouri. Not sure what Schneider's association was with them, whether he was a shareholder in Ruthred or they fronted his ownership or what. All the references I saw to Ruthred's ownership was said to be by the Muckler's.

Here's the race results for the race in the photo; Oaklawn Park is in Hot Springs, Arkansas:

<b>OAKLAWN PARK RESULTS</b>				
<b>FIRST RACE—Purse \$1,200, claiming, 4 year olds and up, 6 furlongs:</b>				
Sudden Scare, 105; Lynch, 8.70	4.70	4.10		
Floral Heights, 113; Sack's	4.90	4.90		
Jeanne Belle, 112; Redman		4.60		
Time, 1:13 1-5. Smart Time. Why So Late.				
Fops Piceon, Gosh Jo, Jimmies Boy, Blocky B., Magnetic Star, Black Cat, Memo Sphinx ran.				
<b>SECOND RACE—Purse \$1,200, claiming, 4 year olds and up, 6 furlongs:</b>				
Little Gernimo, 115; Keene, 24.00	9.50	4.70		
BH J., 113; Cook	13.90	5.30		
Good Yield, 110; Jessop		2.80		
Time, 1:14 2-5. Asahder, Lady Santo, Ugly Prince, Donward, Village, Kitty Blue, Komack, Lucky Birthday ran.				
<b>THIRD RACE—Purse \$1,200, allowances, 3 year olds, maidens, 6 furlongs:</b>				
Ruthred, 118; Pariso	4.40	4.00	3.00	
Mr. Tops, 118; Petrln	15.80	6.80		
Cross Ring, 115; Lawless		3.00		
Time, 1:12. Wise Maid, New Light, Bruce-ter, Lyds Pal, Oscellu, Lady Beans, Moon Boy, Olagen, War Gift ran.				
<b>FOURTH RACE—Purse \$1,200, allowances, 3 year olds, maidens, 6 furlongs:</b>				

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Two months later Ruthred has a victory at Washington Park in Illinois nullified on charges of doping:

## **Stewards' Complete Rulings In Ruthred and Luce Cases**

WASHINGTON PARK, Homewood, Ill., May 22. — The Lincoln Fields' stewards, who yesterday announced the suspensions of trainer Charles A. Grande and jockey Sam Luce, today issued full rulings in each case and the additional suspension of groom Lawrence Broussard, employed by Grande. The latter is the trainer of Ruthred, a urinalysis of whom disclosed the presence of amphetamine. The ruling follows:

"On the report of the chemist representing the Illinois Racing Board, the urine test of the horse, Ruthred, winner of the sixth race on May 19, 1951, disclosed the presence of a drug of the nature of amphetamine, called ephodrine, a stimulant. Pursuant to Section, 13, Paragraph 9, rules of racing of the Illinois Racing Board, trainer Charles A. Grande, with all horses owner or trained by him, are suspended, and groom Lawrence Broussard, employed by him, is also suspended, and their cases are referred to the Illinois Racing Board for further action. The purse won by Ruthred is hereby forfeited and shall be redistributed as follows: Mals Boy, first money; Graham, second money; Stop Gap, third money; Andy B. W., fourth money. "The betting on the race is in no way affected.

"Jockey Sam Luce is hereby suspended for the balance of the meeting with recommendation to the Illinois Racing Board that his license be revoked for having a battery in his possession. (Section 13, Paragraph 7, of the rules and regulations of horse racing in the State of Illinois.)"

Here's Muckler's obit from 1976:



**AUGUST MUCKLER**—Prominent owner-breeder, succumbed at age 74 following a lengthy illness.

## **August Muckler, Well Known Owner-Breeder, Dies in St. Louis Home**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 31.—August Muckler, 74, prominent Midwest owner and breeder, died at his home here this morning following an extended illness.

Mr. Muckler was in racing 44 years, purchasing his first horse, Copaine, in 1932 for \$500.

Since then many well known horses have carried his colors, including Johns Chic and Areopolis, respective winners of the 1956 and 1962 Arkansas Derby. The good grass horse, Climax II, winner of the Stars and Stripes Handicap at Arlington Park in both 1966 and '67, was another of his campaigners as well as Deemster, Heutel, Pilot Knob, Aromanite and Aglorite.

Mr. Muckler raced his stable in Florida, Arkansas, Kentucky, Illinois and New York and at the time of his death, Bob Cramer and Bob Dunham had divisions of the stable in their care.

He owned Arcadia Valley Farm in Arcadia, Mo., and from this 700-acre nursery many of his horses who gained famed later on the race track were foaled.

In the business world, Mr. Muckler was a pioneer in custom building of kitchen equipment for hotels, schools, institutions and other large facilities. He founded the Southern Equipment Company of St. Louis.

In his younger days, Mr. Muckler was a champion oarsman, competing against the late John B. Kelly, father of Princess Grace of Monaco, and other leaders in that sport.

The body is at the Michael Fitzgerald Mortuary, 4580 South Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis. Visitation will be Thursday from 11:00 a. m. until 9:00 p. m.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning with mass celebrated at Seven Holy Founders Church, St. Louis, and interment following in Sunset Burial Park.

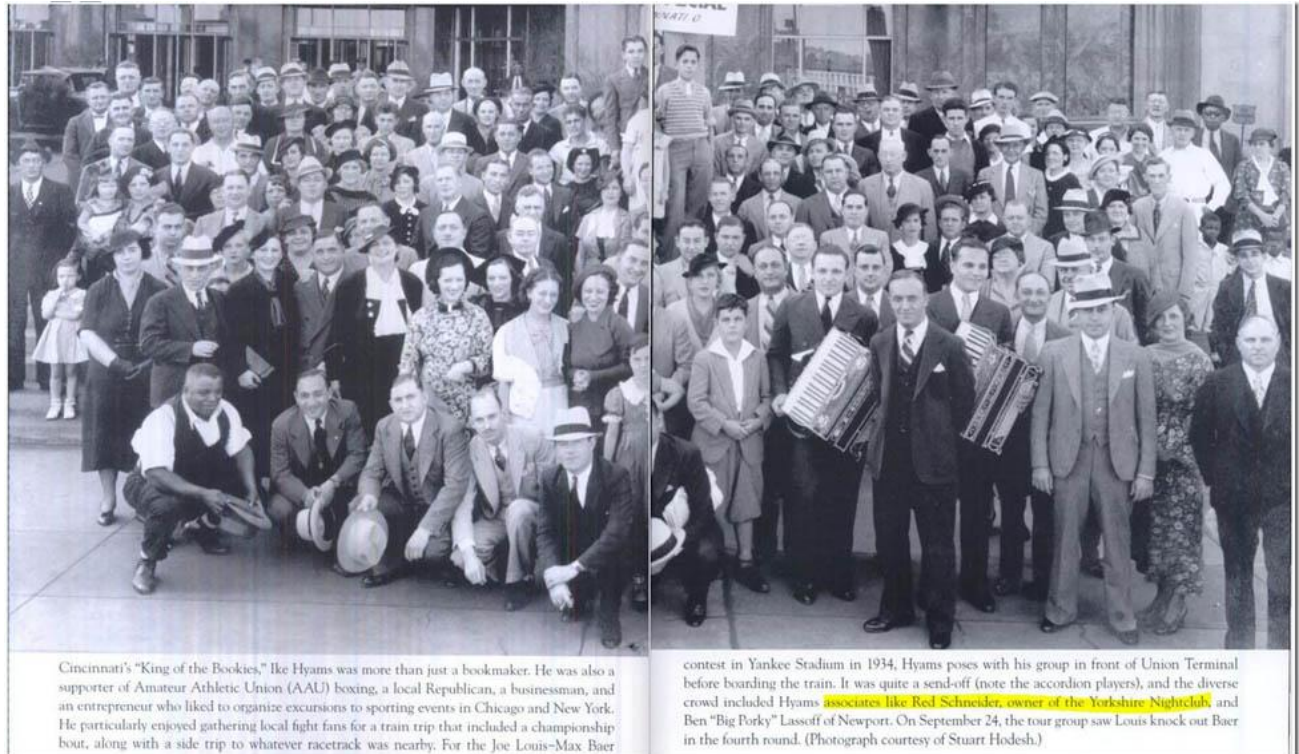
Surviving are his widow, Elizabeth; a son, Dan C. Muckler; a daughter, Patricia Heutel, a brother, two sisters and eight grandchildren. Mr. Muckler was a member of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders Foundation.

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I couldn't find any references to Schneider's amateur boxing career (wonder if he boxed under a different name). I don't have access to either Cincinnati papers in order to locate the article about the half-brother. As far as I know, neither of the Cincinnati papers have been digitized—at least not during the time period that the article would have appeared.

I did come across this picture from 1934 in a book called *Cincinnati Boxing*. Schneider is in the pic, but not sure where:



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Conclusion: We could not prove Abe Schneider owned a piece Ruthred or had an amateur boxing career. There is enough evidence to say both were very possible.

We did prove the family rumors that he was part of the Cleveland Syndicate. The Las Vegas blackjack dealer that asked me for help with her grandfathers history was very pleased with the research. I was very happy with the added history on the who, what, and where on more Northern, KY gambling history.