

It has been close to 3 years since "Illegal Of the Day" has visited South Dakota. There is not enough time to look for a big story on every chip. I have many new ID's like this one backed up to post. Westen Charles found the ART chips and Ed Hertel put a "Club" name to them in a quick search.



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Gerald F. Smithlin

223 N. Main Avenue

Sioux Falls

South Dakota

1000 chips - 1948

My note: "Ace Pool Hall" after research.

Here is a start...16 years of illegal gambling activities.

Address in 1948 is to the "Ace Pool Hall". Smithlin has a long history in Sioux Falls for gambling at various places (articles attached).

1947 - Riverview Barbeque

1949 - Ace Pool Hall

1963 - Rainbow Bar

3 articles

Liquor, Gambling Devices Taken In Night Swoop

State And County Law Enforcement Officers Strike Simultaneously At Six Places West Of City

SIOUX FALLS, Oct. 16. (AP)—Thirty state and county officers raided five West Twelfth Street night clubs and a beer parlor here last night. Operators and employees were placed under arrest after, State's Attorney Jerry Maher said, the places were stripped of gambling equipment and liquor.

No charges had been filed this afternoon. Maher said the arrests were made on warrants and an affidavit. Nine club operators posted bonds of \$1,000 each and two employees posted \$250 each. Other employees were released, subject to call for questioning at Maher's office.

The state's attorney said he expected to take the case into Sioux Falls municipal court at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Slot machines, crap tables, dice, poker chips and dice game paraphernalia were seized, Maher said. The raids were made simultaneously at 11 p.m. and last of the bond money was paid to County Jailer Jess Baker at 3 a.m.

Strike Quickly

Officers split into groups averaging five men for the raid on Checkerboard Inn, The Plaza, The Arcade, El Morocco, River-
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view Barbecue and the beer parlor, Leona's Place.

One thousand dollar bonds were posted by Don Hayes and Pat Hanley, of the Checkerboard; Helen Truxes and C. Earl Lane of El Morocco; Russ Luce, the Arcade; C. C. and Leona Smith, Leona's Place; Jim Davidson and Jerry Smithlin, Riverview Barbecue.

Posting \$250 bonds were Adolph Zimmel, and Gerald MacTague, identified as Checkerboard employees.

Maier said a court order allowing destruction of gambling equipment would be sought. He also issued a statement about liquor.

"We are going to put a stop to the illegal liquor business in Sioux Falls," the state's attorney said. "Every legitimate dealer discovered selling to minors or bootleggers will be denied license renewal. We suspect several."

Carefully Planned

Agents from the attorney general's office, state patrolmen, a game warden, and sheriffs and deputy sheriffs from this area met west of the city on pre-arranged procedure and spaced their cars at positions which tests had indicated as the most advantageous for a raid. Maier said first plans for the sweep were made two weeks ago.

Officers reported a birthday party at the Checkerboard was disrupted. Participants left without sampling the cake, they said.

At another place, Maier said he answered phone calls, and told callers: "The proprietor is very busy. He will probably be busy the rest of the night."

Attorney general's officers in the raid were Chief Agent Les T. Price, and Special Agents Roy Milliken, Wilson Fillback, Merle Melstad, Ray Dillavou, Clayton Vickmark, and Tom Ford. State patrolmen participating were Lloyd R. Zellhoefer, William H. Zeitner, Evan Morgan, C. F. Thomas, A. Stafne, Kenneth Chamberlain.

Cotton Among Raiders

Sheriffs were: Walter Mueller, Yankton; Keeler Sherk, Vermillion; Bernard Tuntland, Canton; Loyal Huffman, Mitchell; Dewey Heineman, Alexandria; Harold Lockwood, Salem; Joe Soeth, Parker; Joe Dobash, Tyndall; Le Roy Anderson, Sturgis; Buell Cotton, Huron; E. J. Madsen, De Smet; Jim Rishoi, Brookings.

Deputy sheriffs were: Fred C. Baker, Sioux Falls; Chet Steward, Yankton; Ed Ekern, Elk Point. Active were Pete Honaker, chief of police at Canton, and Game Warden F. H. Sundling, Canton.

Walter J. Goetz, superintendent of the State Motor Patrol, took part in the raid on the Checkerboard.

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Pleads Not Guilty To Gambling Charge

SIOUX FALLS, Sept. 14 (UP)—Jerry Smithlin, 39, pleaded innocent in municipal court today to charges of operating a gambling place in the Ace Pool Hall in downtown Sioux Falls and the case was set for trial in the October term.

Smithlin was released under \$200 bond.

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1963 The IRS gets involved in this raid.

SIOUX FALLS — The operator of a downtown bar was free under \$1,000 bond today on charges of taking bets on the South Dakota Class B high school basketball tournament without a federal gambling stamp.

Gerald F. Smithlin, Sioux Falls, was arrested Thursday afternoon in a raid on the Rainbow Bar by agents of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

IRS agents said they placed several bets with Smithlin before arresting him. They also confiscated an undetermined amount of money and "other gambling devices," mostly tickets.

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My note: As stated in the past, an initial chip delivered to a customer without a "Club" name is only a little better than a UFC to an illegal chip collector. We want to know the history of where used.