

The "Illegal Of The Day" team has put Club names to a lot of chips that wouldn't normally make it to an "Illegal Of The Day" post. We do send all to be entered into TGT. I tend to post the "Big" stories, murder, mayhem, organized crime, etc. \*vbg\* As I've stated in the past the small operators were the heart and soul of our illegal club collections.

Westen Charles found the GEF chips. Ed Hertel hustled up the Club name.



GEF-1att2

No records on the rectangle heart mold but they were found together with the hubs.

George E Fisher

136-1/2 E. Wayne St. K.

Lima, OH

550 chips – 4/16/37

Only 1 black hub found.

No Club name on the hub Mason record.

Take it away Ed.

Looks like it probably is the Club Cigar Store in Delphos, Ohio (15 miles NW of Lima).

From what I can see, the address on the chips is a boarding house. The Club Cigar Store was located at 311 N. Main in Delphos and run by George and Robert Fisher. They were busted in 1943 for gambling. They sold the business in 1946 and it was later busted for gambling under the new guy.

1943

**IT'S PIPE TIME**

SEE OUR SHOWING OF ROYAL DEMUTH - RAD-  
JAMAN - IMPERIAL - HESSON GUARD - MEDICO AND  
RING MASTER

**Priced From 50c to \$3.50**

TOBACCO POUCHES - - CIGARETTE HOLDERS  
— and —  
COMPLETE LINE OF FINE TOBACCOS

**THE CLUB CIGAR STORE**

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My note: I did not check TGT but I see 5 new to me illegal clubs in Delphos, Ohio in the below article including the Club Cigar Store. I am from the Cincinnati area and never heard of Delphos. \*vbg\* \$50 would have been a big fine in 1943. I was born in 1942. When I was 7, 1949, I started to get an allowance of \$1 per week. It was a lot of money to me. \*vbg\*

1943

# GIVEN FINES ON WEDNESDAY

Five Delphos Men Arraigned on Charges of Operating Gambling Devices — Cases Disposed of in Justice of Peace Harriet Shappell's Court of Allen County.

Five Delphos men were arraigned Wednesday night in the court of Justice of Peace Harriet Shappell, Bath township, Allen county, on charges of operating gambling devices. Those arraigned were: John Wiff, of the Ace of Clubs; S. Arnsberger, of the Brunswick; Evan Wreede, of the Johnson Oil station; George Fisher, of The Club, and Ernest Staup, of Ernie's cigar store.

They were found guilty as charged and each man fined \$50 and costs. Each defendant was also placed under a bond of \$500 for a period of one year as a guarantee that they will not operate such devices again during that period.

Their arraignment followed a raid which took place here about two months ago under the direction of Allen county officials assisted by local police. At that time a number of gambling devices were confiscated.

Although Mayor W. D. Swinart requested at that time that the men be arraigned in local court inasmuch as Delphos police assisted, they were removed to the Bath township justice court.

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## **Purchases New Business**

Emmit Snyder, proprietor of the Ace of Clubs cigar store, has purchased the Club cigar store in the Herrick building on North Main street. George Fisher is the former owner of the Club.

Mr. Snyder is moving his equipment from the Ace of Clubs and will center his activities on the operation of the new business.

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My note: Emmit Snyder was busted for gambling after he bought the Club Cigar Store. Wonder what chips he was using?

1948

# FOUR PERSONS FINED IN COURT

Each Given Fine of \$50.00 and Costs with \$25.00 of Fine Suspended During Good Behavior—Checker Club Charges Withdrawn by Chief — Fines Given As Result of Raid Conducted Friday by Delphos Police.

Four Delphos men were fined in Mayor Eiche's court on Monday afternoon as a result of the gambling raid which was made by Chief of Police J. S. Link and members of the police department, Friday.

Those who appeared before Mayor Eiche were, Emmit Snyder, owner of the Club Cigar store, James Bertling, part owner of the Palace, Mrs. Gusta Sowers, owner of the Snack Shop and Louis Rimer, owner of the Playmor alleys.

Each received a fine of \$50.00 and costs on charges of possession of gambling devices in their places of business. Half of the fine was suspended by the mayor, during good behavior.

Chief of Police, J. S. Link, states that no charges were filed against the Checker Club inasmuch as no gambling devices were found at that place.

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Three more Delphos, Ohio illegal club named in the above article. That makes 7 we need chips from. Maybe this story is bigger that I thought it was. \*vbg\*

I will be posting some of the smaller story ID's we found from time to time.