

The "Illegal Of The Day" series welcomes Wayne Threadgill to the team. Wayne specializes in Hot Springs, Arkansas illegal club chips. His book "Gambling In The Spa" is one of the most complete and accurate works on illegal club history in a city and their chips, you will ever see. I highly recommend his book. Wayne's contact: Wayne Threadgill (WAYNE540300@aol.com)

This IOTD started with an email from Wayne asking if there was a hub record for an EOW chip. One was found.



EOW

E O Wheatley

Hot Springs AR

200 chips

No address, no date

The whole team needs this chip. Cough them up if you have traders. \*vbg\*

Take it away Wayne:

A quantity of the smlkey and diamond mold chips with the initial EOW have been acquired from a relative of the Wheatley family along with some chips that were removed from a state police burn pile in the 60's. Contacts have furnished some of the information including tax records and other information along with information that was found during research work. It reflects that Wheatley was involved in multiple casino operations. I thought it was very unusual that his occupation on his 1955 State Tax Return was listed as gambling, knowing it was still illegal to operate a gambling operation. City Directories show that Erb Wheatley was the manager of the Reno Club for 1943 through 1955

OCTOBER 21, 1940

## Spa Safecrackers Get \$6,000 Loot

Hot Springs, Oct. 21 (AP)—Safecrackers last night broke into the Hatterie, local hat shop, and took some \$6,000 in cash and \$1,000 in checks from a safe belonging to the Ozark club of Hot Springs.

The robbers broke through three doors to get into the room in which the safe was located. Police Commissioner Weldon Rasberry reported. Another safe in the same room, in which Elmer Wheatley, proprietor of the Hatterie, kept his receipts, was not tampered with.

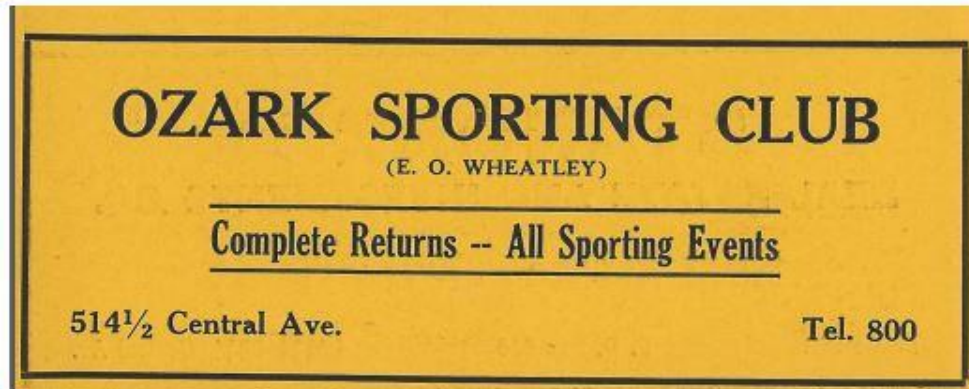
Ers Wheatley, proprietor of the Ozark club and a brother of Elmer Wheatley, said the stolen money represented receipts of the club, his personal money and about \$800 being held for social security payments. The burglars broke the lock off the safe. The robbery was discovered this morning.

It was the fourth safe robbery here in the past few months and Commissioner Rasberry said all of them appeared to be the work of the same persons. Approximately \$1,000 was stolen in the three other robberies.

EOW1

**WHEATLEY BROS AUTO SUPPLY ( WD Witherspoon), Auto**  
**Accessories, Tires and Batteries, Easy Terms, 809 Cen-**  
**tral av, Tel 989**  
 —Doris V r329 Bell  
 —Elmer W (Selma; The Hatterie) h1007 Garland av  
 —Erbert O (Margt I; Reno Club) 721½ Central av h212 Mil-  
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1946 City Directory



1938

EOW2



1944



Contacts believed the chips were purchased in the 40's, and there may be a chance that the chips were used in multiple clubs, but the best memory suggests they were definitely used in the Reno Club, up to its closing in 1956.

EOW3



# ADKINS DEMANDS THAT HOT SPRINGS JOINTS BE CLOSED AS 'NUISANCES'

Governor Adkins called upon Prosecuting Attorney Curtis Ridgeway of Hot Springs yesterday to take legal action against gambling establishments there "and abate these nuisances by enjoining them from future operation."

In a letter to the prosecutor the governor said:

"The State Police have been making raids almost continuously since 1941 on various gambling establishments in Hot Springs. During the year 1943 and thus far in 1944 several men, owners and operators of these places, have been arrested 10 to 15 times each at the same location and either given a small fine or dismissed in many instances. Some of these cases are still pending."

He referred specifically to:

Tony Karston, "who operates the White Front Club, 310 Central avenue, and who has been arrested nine times in 1943 and one time in 1944."

Louis Longinotti, "who operates the Citizen's Club, 744 1-2 Central avenue, and who has been arrested six times in 1943 and three times in 1944."

George Pakes, "who operates the Blue Ribbon Club, 732 1-2 Central avenue, and who has been arrested seven times in 1944 and eight times in 1943."

Erb Wheatley, "Reno Club, 721 1-2 Central avenue, arrested five times in 1944 and three times in 1943."

Roscoe Johnson, "Southern Club, 248 1-2 Central avenue, arrested three times in 1944 and three times in 1943."

Jack McJunkin, "Tower Tavern, U. S. Highway No. 70, arrested three times in 1943."

## Demands Action.

Governor Adkins said: "It is my information that it is one of the duties of your office to abate public nuisances and the conducting of the above named establishments has been in a manner to bring them within the classification of public nuisances."

"I am asking that you take definite and specific action against these places in Chancery Court and that their places be declared a nuisance and that the Chancery Court be urged to abate these nuisances by enjoining them from future operation. I am sure you have sufficient precedent for legal action in these cases and I trust you will take immediate steps to carry out this request."

Friday, February 29, 1952

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## Two Raids In

### Hot Springs

Hot Springs, Feb. 29 — The running feud between Garland County gamblers and the Arkansas State Police has been renewed.

About 15 state troopers — accompanied by four Little Rock newsmen — raided the swank Southern Club in downtown Hot Springs and Pines Supper Club on Highway 70 at 10 last night. Twenty seven persons were arrested.

Booked on a charge of violating state gambling laws were:

Erb Wheatley, manager of the Pines, and 15 of his dealers; Jack McJunkin, M. Norwood Phillips, operators of the Southern Club, and seven of their employees.

Bartender C. A. Stewart and Mrs. Peggy Chapman, cashier at the Pines, were docketed on charges of illegally possessing 11 a large quantity of whiskey, without a license.

At the Southern Club, the raiders found two roulette wheels and two dice tables in operation, cater-

ing to more than 100 persons.

The police confiscated three roulette tables, five dice tables, three slot machines, \$1,575 in cash and a large quantity of whisky.

In a back room at the Pines, the troopers found seven gambling games — including poker, roulette, blackjack and chuck-a-luck — in progress.

EOW5



EOW6



**Form 1000—1955**  
**STATE OF ARKANSAS**

File this return with Commissioner of Revenues, State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas, not later than May 15, 1956, or if you file on basis of fiscal year, the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of the taxable period.

**INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN**  
**TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1955**

or Fiscal Year begun \_\_\_\_\_, 1955, and ended \_\_\_\_\_, 1956  
 (Print Name and Address Plainly Below)

**E.O. Wheatley, Deceased & Minnie Wheatley**  
 (Name)

**212 Miller**

(Street and Number, or Rural Route)

**Hot Springs, Garland, Arkansas**

(Post Office)

(County)

(State)

Occupation, Profession, or Business **Gambling**

**DUPLICATE**

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**ANSWER EACH QUESTION FULLY**

1. Are you a resident of Arkansas? **Yes**
2. If non-resident, state time spent in Arkansas \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did you file an Arkansas Return for 1954? **Yes**
4. Is this return on Cash or Accrual basis? **Cash**
5. Were you married and living with husband or wife on last day of taxable year? **Yes**
6. Did your wife or husband have income separate from yours? **No**
7. Is such income included herein? \_\_\_\_\_

8. State name of husband or wife if separate return was made \_\_\_\_\_

9. If not married, were you during your taxable year supporting in your household, one or more persons closely related to you? \_\_\_\_\_

10. How many dependent persons were receiving their chief support from you during the year? \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT FOR DEPENDENTS, NAME AND RELATIONSHIP

Item and Instruction No.	INCOME	Total as Shown by Federal Return 1	Total Applicable to Arkansas 2
1. Salaries, Wages, Commissions, etc. (State name and address of employer):			
(a) _____			
(b) _____			
2. Income from Business or Profession (from Schedule A) <b>Farm Schedule</b>	<b>(2,553 66)</b>	<b>(2,553 66)</b>	
3. Interest on Bank Deposits, Notes, Corporation Bonds, etc. <b>Gov't. Bond Excluded</b>	<b>4,432 34</b>	<b>1,610 74</b>	
4. Income from Partnerships, Fiduciaries, etc. (State Name and Address) <b>Schedule Attached</b>	<b>18,457 56</b>	<b>18,457 56</b>	
5. Rents and Royalties (from Schedule B) _____	<b>340 00</b>	<b>340 00</b>	
6. Profit from Sale of Real Estate, Stocks, Bonds, etc. (from Schedule C) _____	<b>883 63</b>	<b>1,767 25</b>	
7. Dividends on Stocks of Corporations (from Schedule D) _____			
8. Other Income (from Schedule E) <b>Partnership "Salaries"</b>	<b>3,475 00</b>	<b>3,475 00</b>	
9. Total Income in Items 1 to 8	<b>25,034 87</b>	<b>23,096 89</b>	

DEDUCTIONS			
10. Interest Paid _____			
11. Taxes Paid (explain in Schedule G) _____	<b>756 33</b>	<b>509 47</b>	
12. Losses by Fire, Storm, etc. (explain in Schedule H) <b>Medical</b>	<b>2,500 00</b>	<b>-0-</b>	
13. Contributions (explain in Schedule J) _____	<b>406 80</b>	<b>406 80</b>	
14. Other Deductions Authorized by Law (explain in Schedule J) _____	<b>366 49</b>	<b>366 49</b>	
15. Total Deductions. (If lines 10 to 14 are itemized, enter the total of these deductions. If such deductions are not itemized, enter the standard deduction of 10% of Line 9 above, or \$1,000.00 whichever is the lesser, or \$500.00 if this is a separate return of a married person)	<b>4,029 62</b>	<b>1,282 76</b>	
16. Net Income (Line 9 minus Line 15)	<b>21,005 25</b>	<b>21,814 13</b>	

COMPUTATION OF TAX			
	INCOME	TAX	
The specific exemptions are:			
Married Persons (Joint).....\$3500.00	21. Net Income Item 16, Column 2	<b>21,814 13</b>	
Each Dependent..... 600.00	18. Total Exemption	<b>3,500 00</b>	
If separate returns are filed, may be deducted by either or divided.	19. Taxable Income	<b>18,314 13</b>	
Single Individual.....\$2500.00	20. Tax on First \$3000.00 or less 1%	<b>3,000 00</b>	<b>30 00</b>
Each Dependent..... 600.00	21. Tax on Next \$3000.00 or part 2%	<b>3,000 00</b>	<b>60 00</b>
Head of Family (explain).....\$3500.00	22. Tax on Next \$5000.00 or part 3%	<b>5,000 00</b>	<b>150 00</b>
Each Dependent..... 600.00	23. Tax on Next \$14000.00 or part 4%	<b>7,314 13</b>	<b>292 57</b>
	24. Tax on Balance @ 5%		
	25. Total tax for year		<b>532 57</b>

I declare, under the penalties of perjury, that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that all my 1955 income is reported hereon.

Filed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 195\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Individual or Agent)

(If return is made by agent, the reason therefor must be stated on this line)

EOW7

<u>E.O. Wheatley, Deceased and Winnie Wheatley</u> <u>1955 Federal and State Income Tax</u> <u>Summary of Partnership Income</u> <u>Calendar Year 1955</u>				
	Partner's Share of Profit or (Loss)	Partner's Salary	Partner's Share of Donations	Self-Employment Income or (Loss)
Tower Club	(\$ 2,120.28)		\$ 31.50	(\$ 824.02)
White Front	( 197.84)		42.50	( 20.76)
Pines Casino	13,679.15	2,575.00	174.50	17,405.16
Reno Club	4,237.53	900.00	189.00	7,289.09
New Southern Club	5,718.00		26.60	6,194.33
	<u>\$ 21,316.56</u>	<u>\$ 3,475.00</u>	<u>\$ 384.10</u>	<u>\$ 30,043.80</u>
Less: $\frac{1}{2}$ of New Southern Club Profit to Vincent Miles	2,859.00		13.30	3,097.16
	<u>\$ 18,457.56</u>	<u>\$ 3,475.00</u>	<u>\$ 370.80</u>	<u>\$ 26,946.64</u>

EOW8

My notes: First time I ever saw an illegal club operators tax forms that actually confirmed he was making money drom illegal gambling. I wonder what the real totals were? \*vbg\*

There are pictures of Franklin D Roosevelt visiting Hot Springs during this era for their healing baths. I'm betting somewhere there is a picture of him at a crap table, but we will never see it. \*vbg\*