

Today's "Illegal Of the Day" is a last minute replacement for the scheduled one. I had put in several calls to the family of the man it was about. I had given up on a return call. Yesterday morning I got a call from the family. I emailed the info and decided to wait hoping for additional info. It will be showed to several family members for input.

The FE's came in a large lot of known Texas chips from a Texas seller, bought last October. That old tired saying, "they were found with a bunch Texas chips so they must be Texas chips" favored by sellers, is once again proven false. <g>

To be honest, if they had not come with Texas chips, I would have taken the ID in Oregon and forgot about them. As we all know chips migrate and we would have loved a Texas connection. Sometimes the connection makes the "BIG" story.

Yesterday I got an ID request for a SB hub found in Cuba with a bunch of "known" Cuban chips. ID came back to a known Troost street, Kansas City illegal operator in 1933. If we can prove that migration, probably 25 years or so, we will have a heck of a story. <g>

Enough of that:



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Fred's Tavern
Fred Erisman
Richland, OR
10-19-1956
100 Yellow-200 Blue 250 Red 300 White
Diamond molds found in same lot.

My note: The SqinCir chips were made at the Burt Company in Maine. Several distributor's owned the mold over the years, including Penn Specialty and HE Robbins. I believe the last company that owned the mold was the Portland Card Company. PCC distributed the FE chips.

Enter our "Friend of The Hobby."

Thanks for the ID. I was hoping for Texas too. Sure makes that chip an odd ball out of the group of chips it was found with. Richland, Oregon is located in an isolated part of the state near the Idaho border and barely has 150 people in it. Fred Erisman orders the chips in 1956 and dies at Richland in 1985, without wife, children or siblings in the US or any connection to Texas that I know of. Not sure how they get into a group of chips from Texas & Louisiana.

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Erisman operated "Fred's Tavern" in Richland in the early 1960's, perhaps earlier. Here's Fred's obit from 1985. Says he owned and operated a restaurant called the "Grapevine" in Richland until 1973.

My note: I wonder if he had gambling at the Grapevine?

Fred Erisman

Fred Erisman, age 84 of Richland, Oregon, passed away Wednesday, November 13 at his home. Graveside funeral services were held on Saturday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. Rev. Don Henderson of the Richland Christian Church officiated.

Fred Erisman was born February 3, 1901 in Switzerland. He came to this country in 1919 and became a U.S. Citizen. He worked in the logging industry in the Kinzua area and was a sheepherder in the Sturgil area for George Stover. He moved to Richland when the dams were built and he and his close friend Hazel Lange purchased and operated the Grapevine Restaurant. They sold the restaurant in 1973. Fred was a person who was always ready to help someone, no matter the need and was very well liked. He loved to fish.

He is survived by a brother living in Switzerland and many nieces and nephews. Also his very close friend, Hazel Lange of Richland and her son Dan Gardner of Kernville, Calif.

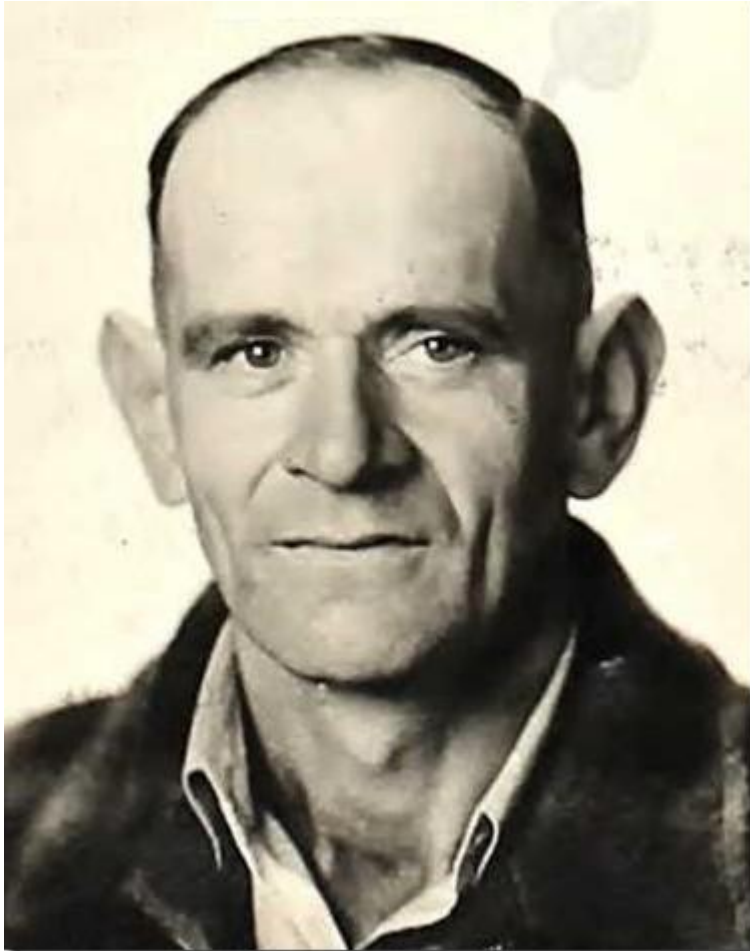
For those who wish, donations may be made to the Eagle Valley Ambulance fund. This may be done through the Langrell-Monroe Mortuary, 1950 Place Street, Baker.

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My note: Another immigrant success story from the early 1900's. Immigrant, US citizen, Logger, sheep herder, and finally a business owner and of course a gambling operator. <g>

Says he moved to Richland "when the dams were built." The Hells Canyon Project constructed three dams on the Snake River. The first, the Brownlee Dam, started construction in the mid 1950's. His friend Hazel Lange died in 1988 at Richland.

pic of Fred from the 1940's:



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My note: Not all "Illegal Of The Day" posts are big stories. I love the "BIG" stories but love putting ID's to my chips more. UFC's irritate the crap out of me! <g>

I am looking for these 2 chips.



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Cough them up if you have a trader. <g>

Both will make great "Illegal Of The Day" posts.