Do not miss "Illegal Of the Day" tomorrow if you are an Ohio illegal collector. I have always known it was an illegal club chip and now I have a Club name and tied it to two big named people.

Enough of that:

This is the 3rd post in our trip across Indiana Illegal Casinos.

Indiana:

Bill Lange sent me this chip back in February. He may have more. Bill you are welcome to post if you do.

Raisor's Tavern

2329 N.18th St.

Lafayette, IN Chips delivered in 1941 and 1955.



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Once again the record card does not give us all we need to know. At least what I need to know. IMO a gambling operation going on for 14 years needs a name for the joint. <g>

That is why we have "Friends Of The Hobby." <g>

When the chips were ordered, 2329 N.18th St. in Lafayette was the location of the John C. Raisor Tavern or Raisor's Tavern. Raisor died in Lafayette in 1980, age 86.

I don't know how long he had the Tavern, but he was running it as late as 1966 and as early as 1920-when it was a billiard hall.

In 1925 he was fined \$100 and jailed for 30 days when Federal prohibition agents found him to be in violation of liquor laws in Lafayette.

My note: The Federal Prohibition Divison records are the ones we accessed to research the Oregon/Lexington, KY chips David and I found at an estate sale. Believe me, if you were involved with liquor and gambling 1920's – 1960's they have a pretty lengthy file on you. <g>

The tavern is still there and is now doing business as Lefty's Tavern, apparently named for Arthur P. "Lefty" White, age 81--who appears to currently own the property (good chance he knew Raisor). Lefty's Tavern: XXX-XXXX

Raisor also bought chips with JR only on them in 1947. I need one if anyone has them.

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