

This will be the last “Illegal Of The Day” until after the convention. I hope to see a lot of you there. Don’t forget the “Illegal Seminar Of The Year.” Both Ed Hertel and I will be looking for you. <g>

I had this research done quite some time ago. I don’t have some of the chips in it. Posting this in hopes some of you have them. If so, bring your traders to the convention or email me.

Below you will read about Bedford, IN and its illegal clubs. I was especially after info on The Criterion Club which I could not find any info on. As it turns out, it never existed as a lone entity. I am sure you remember “Illegal Of The Day Illinois 18” and Chicago’s 750 Club, a gambling room within an illegal club. Read on Macbeth, we have two more. <g>

Enough of that:

Indiana:

Enter our “Friend Of The Hobby.”

So far I haven’t been able to find any reference to the Criterion Club, either in the 30’s when Smith ordered or the 40’s when Toole ordered (the address on the Toole order was his residence).

My note: AHA, vindicated! I am not the only person that can’t find anything on the Criterion Club. <g>

The second Smith order, C-C in 1942, was sent to the Wicket Café which was a known gambling location. The order card says 16th St. but it was located on 15th. It was operating as early as 1934 when it was raided for liquor violations. The proprietors in 1934 were Raymond Torphy and Harry Schooley—names which I’ll mention later in connection with other gambling establishments.

Thomas Archibald Smith, who ordered the chips, was born in Carbondale, Illinois in 1882 and for a while before moving to Bedford, lived in Marion, Illinois. Marion is the county seat of “Bloody Williamson County”, which includes Herrin, the place where the Shelton and Birger gangs were active. Smith’s brother-in-law was one of the attorneys who defended miners charged with murder during the Herrin Massacre in 1922.

My note: As we have read in several other “Illegal Of the Day” posts the Shelton and Birger gangs would have contributed to keeping up “Bloody Williamson County’s” reputation. <g>

Smith was the proprietor of the Wicket as early as 1941 and as late as 1946. By 1950 Smith is no longer in Bedford and the Wicket is being run again by the aforementioned Harry Schooley. Harry Roscoe Schooley, born 1902 in Bedford, ran the Wicket until about 1952 and then changed its name to the Green Mill.

In the 40’s Schooley operated a known gambling location called the Grand Grill. He shows-up in the Taylor Kefauver records but I didn’t find him in the chip orders:

Harry Schooley  
c/o Grand Grill, 1519 Joy St  
Bedford, Indiana.

Criterion1 att2

However, an employee of the Grand Grill does show-up: Manley E. Toole, the guy on the 1947 Criterion Club order. Toole was an employee of the Grand Grill around the time these chips were ordered (born 1903 in Indiana, he was the son of a prominent minister of the gospel):

Name				Address				Town				State				Per																			
M.E. Toole				P.O. Box 178				Bedford				Ind																							
Amount				Color				Initials Both Sides				Style Type				Initials One Side				Other Side				Style Type				Monogram Color				Date Shipped			
10.0				St. D. ANGE				RED				in Block												Silver				6-10-41							

Criterion2att2

Not sure if it is a Harp or T mold.

I need this chip. Cough it up if you have a trader. <g>

I do have a green "RED" hub



Criterion Club2aatt2

RED

E. McCarrell

c/o Grand Recreation

Bedford, Indiana

also E. M. Toole

November 3, 1936-37-38-39

Schooley's partner at the Wicket in 1934 was Raymond Torphy. Several generations of the Torphy family were involved with the operation of a place in Bedford which for many years was a known gambling location: Torphy's Tavern. In the 40's and 50's one of the Torphy's who ran the tavern was Joseph M. Torphy, son of David Torphy who ran the place in the 30's. Joseph had a couple of chip orders:

Name: <u>Joe Torphy</u>				SPECIAL MONOGRAM				
Address: <u>1028-16th Street</u>				LSC				
Town: <u>Peoria</u> State: <u>Ind</u>								
Per: _____								
Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
600	Choc	LSC	black				Gold	3-11-43

Criterion3att2

I have this one. It is a harp mold on the right in this scan. Also have web and Hub mold chips.



Criterion Club 3aatt2



Criterion Club3batt2

LSC Club  
1028 16th St-  
Robert, David and JoeTorphy, 3 orders in 1936-41-42

My note: Was the LSC Club the gambling room inside Torphy's Tavern or was it inside The Wicket Café? A case could be made for both. My guess is The Wicket Café. Read on.

Name <u>Joe Torphy</u>				SPECIAL MONOGRAM				
Address <u>1028-16th St.</u>				JMT				
Town <u>Bedford</u>		State <u>Ind</u>						
Per <u>T. Sings</u>								
Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
500	yellow	JMT	Recessed				Blue	3-3-47

Criterion4att2

I need this chip. Cough it up if you have a trader. <g>

Across the street from Torphey's was another place with a chip order from the 40's:

Name <u>LEO LOCKHART</u>				SPECIAL MONOGRAM				
Address <u>46 BILLY BETTYS CAFE</u>				GG				
Town <u>BEDFORD</u>		State <u>IND</u>						
Per _____								
Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
300	BLACK	J.I.	Script				Gold	9/27/41
200	DK. BLUE	" "	" "				" "	" " "

Criterion5att2

I need the black chip chip. Cough it up if you have a trader. <g>

I have the blue one. I got it from Doris Griffin, her husband dealt BJ there. I talked to her, nice lady.



Criterion5aatt2

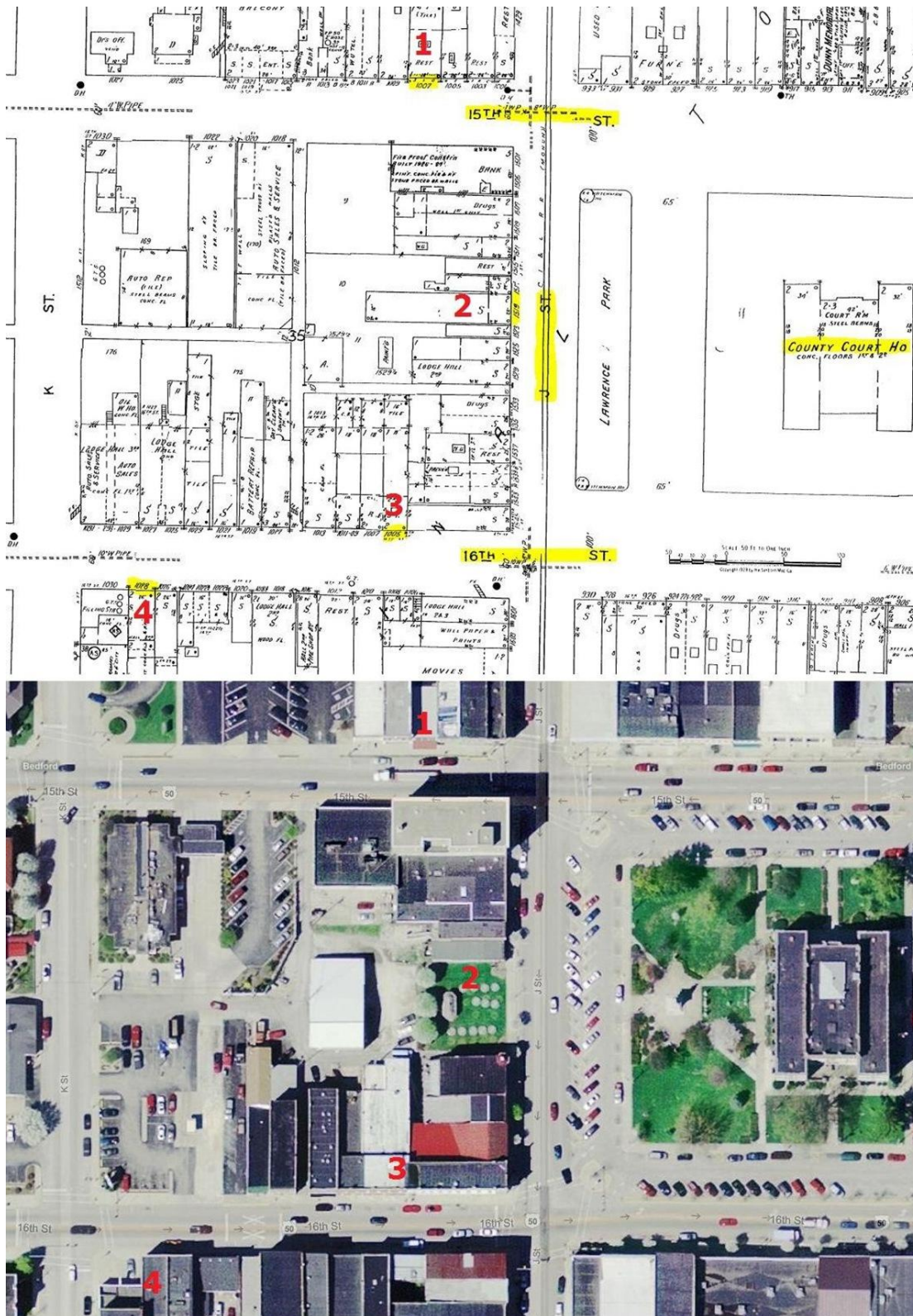
Bill & Betty's café changed its name to Lockhart's sometime in the mid 40's when Pearl Leo Lockhart, a native Indianan, born 1905, became the proprietor. In the early 40's Lockhart was one of the proprietors of the Bedford Pool Room, which was located two doors down from the Grand Grill.

Here's a map showing the locations, all within ear shot of city hall:

My note: Big Surprise! City hall could have heard "7 and Out" many times a day! <g>

- 1—Wicket / Green Mill
- 2—Grand Grill
- 3—Bill & Betty's / Lockhart's
- 4—Torphy's





Criterion6att2

Of the structures which housed the four locations, all remain except the Grand Grill:



Criterion7att2



Criterion8att2



Criterion9att2

All the places were raided over a period of several years.

16aug1947 (Lockhart, Torphy, Wicket, Grand Grill):

# Arrest 56 In Bedford Raid

## Prosecutor To Press For Jail Sentences

(By International News Service)

Bedford, Ind., Aug. 16.—The anti-gambling campaign conducted by Prosecutor Thomas Shrout and the Bedford-Times Mail newspaper today had resulted in the arrest of 56 persons following a state police raid on four alleged gaming spots late last night.

Twenty-seven state police from three posts simultaneously raided the alleged "wide-open" gaming rooms at four Bedford taverns at about 11:30 p. m.

Bedford police were notified of the raid at the last moment and participated in the roundup at back rooms of the Lockhart Cafe, Torphy's Cafe, Brown's Tavern and the Wicket Tavern.

State police said 21 slot machines, a large amount of poker chips, cards, dice and various gaming tables were confiscated.

Search warrants were sworn out three days ago in a justice of the peace court by Prosecutor Shrout and the plans were kept secret until the raids. Some operators of the alleged gambling rooms said they expected to be raided but "not so soon."

On Aug. 2, state and city police raided the Grand Grille, allegedly one of Bedford's largest gaming spots. Seventeen persons were arrested at that time.

Of the 56 persons arrested last night, three were women. Three types of charges were filed against those arrested including visiting a gambling establishment, gaming, and operating a gambling house. All defendants were released on their own recognition but were to have ap-

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## ARREST 56

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peared in court today to provide bond.

The prosecutor said today that he would press for jail sentences when the defendants are arraigned in circuit court Monday.



8may1948 (Torphy, Lockhart, Wicket):

## **Police Stage Second Bedford Gaming Raid**

Bedford, Ind., May 8 —(INS)  
— The second big gambling raid  
of the year was staged in Bed-  
ford last night by state and city  
police.

Six alleged gambling places  
were raided. They were back-  
rooms behind Trophy's and  
Lockhart's taverns, the Wicket  
and Beaver's place downtown  
and the Friendly tavern and a  
private residence in the north  
part of the city.

Mayor Ivan H. Brinegar help-  
ed plan the raids. He campaign-  
ed on a promise to stop all gam-  
ling.

Criterion11att2

9feb1954 (Grand Grill, Torphy, Lockhart, Green Mill—formerly Wicket):

## Raid Four Bedford Places for Gambling

BEDFORD, Ind. (UP)—City and state police raided four places Monday night seeking evidence of gambling and arrested 14 men.

The raids were made on shops police identified as the Grand Grill, Torphy's, Lockhart's and The Green Mill. Raiders said the latter two were "not operating."

However, 14 persons arrested in the others were jailed while charges were prepared, state police said.

Criterion12att2

20dec1949 (not playing bridge this time)

## **Why, the Boys Were Talking Basketball**

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 20—(AP)—Police Chief Jesse Condiff and a raiding squad broke down two heavy doors at Torphy's tavern, looking for evidence of gambling.

When they got inside they found 10 men sitting around a table discussing basketball, a favorite topic in Indiana's hot stove league.

The chief and his men left empty-handed, wondering what it was the men had been stuffing into a furnace while the police were busy at their door-battering. They had had a peak through a small window in one of the doors.

Condif and Mayor Ivan H. Brinegar issued a statement today: "We are aware that some gambling halls here have been in operation again."

Criterion13att2

My note: Hard to believe the "boy's" were destroying evidence while the police were fumbling around breaking down the door. <g>

My note: Finally the main reason I sent for more research. It appears the Criterion Club was the gambling room inside The Wicket Café. I think they called the gambling room by different names over the years, including The LSC Club.

Name <u>TOM SMITH</u>				SPECIAL MONOGRAM				
Address <u>1007 W-16<sup>th</sup> St WICKET CAFE</u>				<u>C-C</u> <u>25¢</u>				
Town <u>BEDFORD</u> State <u>IND</u>								
Per _____								
Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
<u>300</u>	<u>BT. ORANGE</u>		<u>SCRIPT</u>	<u>C-C</u>	<u>75¢</u>	<u>SCRIPT</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>4/13/42</u>
<u>100</u>	<u>"</u>		<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>8-11-42</u>

Criterion14att2

I need this chip. Cough it up if you have a trader. <g>

CRITERION CLUB  
T A SMITH, BOX 149  
BEDFORD, IN

JUNE 1, 1936  
MONO CRITERION CLUB BOTH SIDES IN GOLD

400 BLACK, 400 RED, 200 ORANGE

OCTOBER 26, 1936 - 125 RED & 125 ORANGE

NOVEMBER 2, 1936 - 100 RED & 100 ORANGE

DECEMBER 8, 1936 - 200 BLACK

DECEMBER 17, 1936  
125 ORANGE, 200 BLACK, 100 RED & 150 GREEN

ALSO - M E TOOLE, 2101 PARK AVE, BEDFORD, IN  
MARCH 24, 1947 - 100 GREEN, 300 BLACK, 100 RED

Criterion15att2

I have 3 colors, need black and green chips. Cough them up if you have traders. <g>

Nowhere in the articles are the names LSC Club or Criterion Club mentioned.