

Last October Weston sent me a cord mold chip that said only "Casino" on it in script. David, Weston, and I all agreed it was a beautiful chip but a UFC. The chip was not in TGT. I am not showing it in this post as I don't want someone misreading what I am saying.

Last month Weston found this matchbook on ebay.



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Weston was excited about it. ME TOO! The chip says "Casino" and the matchbook says "Casino" on it twice. David was not as convinced as we were. What would you have thought? IMO there was only one way to prove it? Cal on our "Friend Of The Hobby."

He not only proved we cannot take things as they appear and busted our little bubble, he found 2 new Chicago illegal clubs not in TGT. Our cord mold now has an ID and its own matchbook that will appear in a future "Illegal Of The Day" and this matchbook and CHR chain mold chips have an ID that appears in this "Illegal Of The Day."

Two new Chicago illegal operations not in TGT does not happen often.

Take it away "Friend."

I've been doing a little looking into the Casino matchbook. I'm not sure that that's the place where the Casino cord mold chip was most likely used. I think it was probably used at a different place.

The address on the matchbook, 2724 N. Clark, was in a 3 story building located on the northwest corner of North Clark and what is today W. Schubert Ave. (building no longer exists; site today is location of the Golden Nugget Pancake House). The building also housed the address 2720. Both addresses were known gambling locations in the 1930's and 1940's. This Hunt chip was delivered to 2720 in 1936:

CHR
SOFTKLICK
CHAIN 11/16/36
Shan Raer
200 - RED } 2720 N. S. Clark St
100 - DK BLUE } Chicago Ill
CHR on both sides
Heavy BB struck used

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The CHR chip is in TGT but does not have a Club name, until now.
I need this chip. Cough it up if you have a trader. Has anybody ever seen a chip?

Both addresses were raided in 1938—one on Nov. 8th and the other on Nov. 11th.

IT'S THE BOOKIES' HOLIDAY—AX MEN PUT ON POLL DUTY

Chicago bookies will be able to open their doors without ducking an ax today for the first

624

time since State's Attorney Courtney's raiders started chopping up their prem-

ises last August. The reason—all the Courtney cops are assigned to election duty.

Yesterday four squads of raiders demolished ten places. This raised to a total of 624 the gambling joints wrecked since the campaign started.

Raids were made on the Paddock club, 4835 Cermak road, Cicero, and at 906 Huguelot place, in a garage; 2204 North Clark street, 2724 North Clark street, 1775 North Cicero avenue, 818 East 39th street, 2838 Broadway, the rear of 4722 South State street; second floor, 1209 West Harrison street, and 150 East Chicago avenue.

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AX RAIDERS FIND LEAN PICKINGS: 4 SMALL JOINTS

State's Attorney Courtney's ax raiders eased up a bit yesterday. They destroyed only four handbooks and each was a small one. The raids brought to 633 the total joints chopped up in the war on gambling. The raids were at 2720 North Clark street; 546 East 50th place, 4737 North Damen avenue, and in room 302 at 5010 Harper avenue.

Twelve defendants in test cases arranged by city police after observing all the formalities of the law, yesterday withdrew their demands for a jury trial. The cases then were re-assigned to Judge Francis Borrelli in the South State street court. Judge Borrelli dismissed twelve others who had been arrested without warrants.

633

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My note: 633 joints raided in a 4 month span in 1938. That has to be some kind of record. <g>

The only club name that I could find for either address was "Whitehorse" or White Horse." The name was associated with both addresses.

1940--

4923 N. Clark St.
Whitehorse
2720 N. Clark St.
Wilson's Restaurant and

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1943--

TAVERN—Doing a profit. business. Late license. All condition. Direct draws. Electric equipped. Big bar. Low rental. Large liquor stock with good liquor connections. White Horse Cafe, 2724 N. Clark. Mr. Rea. 10-11 A. M. Ln. 9031.

CHR5att2

It's interesting that there is a white horse on the match cover:



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My note. It never entered my mind that a picture of a white horse on the matchbook meant "White Horse Casino. I thought it told customers a race wire was in operation. I confess my first thought was to prove the matchbook matched the Cord mold chip. Normally I am the skeptical one. <g>

Old redneck adage:

When searching for the "Great" White Horse" do not ignore the frigging picture of the "Great" White Horse." <g> Hi Ho Silver!

--side note--

In the late 1920's, early 1930's 2724 N. Clark was the location of a men's store called Paul Boldt & Sons.

When John Dillinger was shot to death in 1934 outside Chicago's Biograph Theater he was wearing a tie

from Paul Boldt & Sons, suggesting perhaps he spent time in the neighborhood (the Biograph Theater was a few blocks from the store).

concerning the location of the bullet wounds are being obtained from Frank J. Walsh, Coroner, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, and same will be forwarded to the Division at the earliest possible date.

At the time of his death Dillinger was wearing the following clothes:

- 1 pair - white buckskin Munnbush shoes, size 9 D, manufacturer's number 369...105721.
- 1 pair - black socks; no manufacturer's name.
- 1 pair - red Paris garters.
- 1 pair - shorts (Hanes), white in color, with blue stripes, size 34, bearing manufacturer's identifying number 186A-350SE-34.
- 1 pair - gray pants containing laundry mark in pocket, No. 355 (40).
- 1 - black belt with silver buckle - no monogram.
- 1 - white broadcloth shirt, Kenilworth brand.
- 1 - red printed necktie, bearing tag of Paul Boldt & Sons, 2724 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In addition to the clothing which he was wearing Dillinger was in possession of the following:

- 1 - gold ring with ruby set, containing the following inscription on the inside of the ring: "With all my love, Polly."
- 1 - yellow gold 17-jewel Hamilton watch, works No. 544547, case No. 0558384. In the rear of the case of this watch there was a picture of a young woman, which

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pic of the recently departed Dillinger lying on a stretcher on the floor of a police paddy wagon—his Boldt tie visible around his neck:



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My note:
Nice tie John! <g>



CHR9att2

My note: I've read several accounts which stated the race wire operators had warned Dillinger to get out of town as him being in Chicago was bringing heat on them. The accounts hinted that the operators had helped the FBI get to Dillinger. Maybe, maybe not. I do know the operators would have been thinking "I" first and foremost.<g> There is no way to estimate how much revenue was generated from the race wire in 633 Chicago joints.