

NARCOTICS EXPERT IN 'FOUR TALKS OVER WEEKEND

A NATIONALLY-NOTED BATTLER against the narcotics evil will deliver three public addresses at Las Vegas Convention Center this weekend (April 17-19) according to the Rev. Wilbur Wacker, pastor of Trinity Temple, an Assembly of God church located at 1000 E. St. Louis Ave.

The Rev. David Wilkerson, who studied for the ministry with the Rev. Wacker, will relate some of his experiences in the field of rehabilitating narcotics addicts at services scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the convention center's Gold Room on Friday and Saturday and the rotunda on Sunday. Admission will be free, with teenagers especially invited to attend.

A luncheon meeting restricted to adults also will be conducted by the Rev. Wilkerson on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Elks Club, 900 Las Vegas Blvd. North. Reservations at \$2.75 per person or \$5 per couple should be made in advance by calling Trinity Temple at 735-4241 or the Rev. Wacker's home at 735-1011.

Still in his early 30s, the Rev. Wilkerson became interested in the narcotics problem seven years ago while preaching in Pennsylvania. Horrified by accounts of the wanton slaying

of a crippled youth by narcotics addicts in New York City, he moved to the racially-troubled Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn and began a one-man campaign to combat the drug traffic and help young addicts at the "pavement level."

His fearless dedication and determined efforts in behalf of misguided youth soon attracted national attention and led to creation of a non-denominational, foundation-type organization called Teen Challenge, which is now supported by wealthy individuals and several corporations.

Teen Challenge centers have since been established in other large cities besides New

York, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago and Detroit. The Rev. Wilkerson's work has been featured in such widely-circulated magazines as Life, Good Housekeeping and McCall's and he has appeared on well-known radio and TV shows like Art Linkletter's House Party.

The Rev. Wilkerson vividly described his early battles against teen-age crime in big city slums in "The Cross and the Switchblade," written in collaboration with John and Elizabeth Sherrill, who edit Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's publications, and published in 1962.



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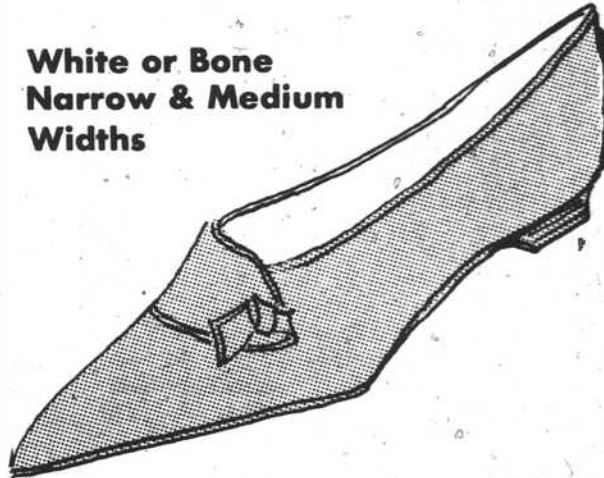
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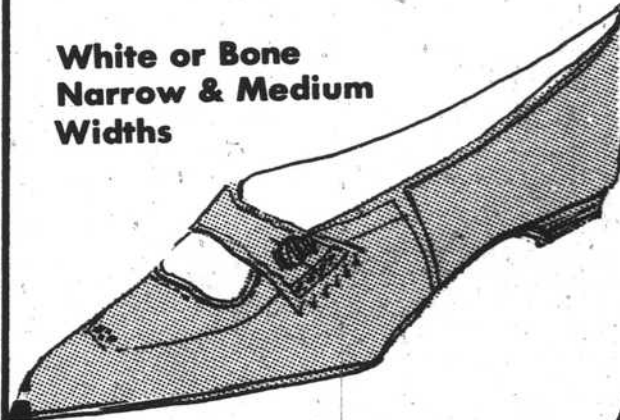
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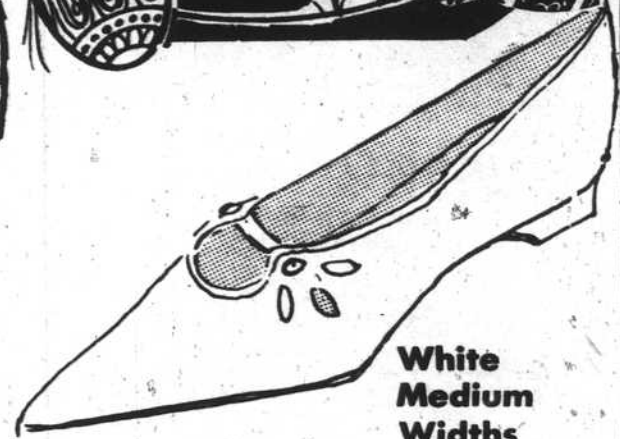
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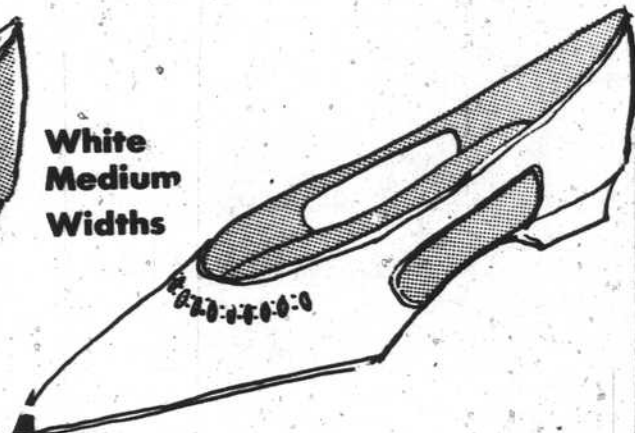
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