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It's All Mind Over Matter



—Photo by Art Murray

Smith College Collection On Exhibit Here; Works By American Artists Are Included

by Jo Bruce

In the Josephine Long Wishart Museum can now be seen what is considered by many people to be the outstanding art exhibit of the year. It consists of contemporary paintings from the Smith College Collection, on loan through the auspices of the American Federation of Arts. The collection is one of many of its type being shown throughout the United States in colleges and universities. It was felt that by this method of exchanging collections owned by schools a greater number of people could view more outstanding paintings.

SFRC Discusses Clinic Suggestion

The question of having a non-credit study habits clinic or course for interested students was raised at the December 6 meeting of the Student-Faculty Relations Committee. The following recommendations were passed: (1) that the Committee on Underclass Program investigate the possibilities of having such a clinic and act accordingly; and (2) that the Committee on Counseling, in conjunction with the Student Senate, attempt to set up a study habits clinic before the end of the semester. The matter arose from the apparent desire of students for advice on how to study. Mr. Baird presented several lectures on the subject to the students in his classes. They found these most helpful.

Standards Being Reviewed

The criteria for membership in the College faculty was clarified by Dr. Lowry. He stated that the matter of religious standards for faculty membership is now being reviewed and studied both by the Union of Presbyterian Colleges, which set up the standards and of which Wooster is a member, and by the committee now studying the college community at Wooster.

The issue of the use of the large recreation room in Andrews Hall on week-ends was discussed, but the decision was left up to the special committee on Andrews, which is composed of the deans, members of the faculty and administration, and students, who will act as consulting members. Students' ideas on this matter are welcomed by the committee.

Dean Grady congratulates the newly elected members of Phi Beta Kappa. In the first row from left to right are Dean Grady, Betty Lindsey, and Joy Hatfield. Mary Scott, Tom Gustin, Jim Lindsay, and Robert Tignor are in the back row.

Program Lauds Award Winners

Dean Grady presented eight awards at the Recognition Day observance in chapel December 2. Prizes and scholarships were awarded to those students who won them during the 1953-54

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school year. Dr. Keiffer issued invitations from Phi Beta Kappa to six members of the present senior class. The following awards were made: The Elias Compton Freshman Prize was given to Lois Ethel Hoffman and Robert George Tobey; the Joseph Albertus Culler Prize was given to James Hubert Loehlin; the James Kendall Cunningham Memorial Prize was given to Thomas Arthur Gustin; the Perley W. Dozer Prize was given to Frank Stanley Seifried; the Miles Q. White Prize was given to Sally Lou Anthony and Margaret Sessions; the Paul Evans Male Prize was given to Stuart Hills; and the Edward Taylor Prizes were given to Donald Paul Minnassian and Donald Henry Reiman. The six seniors who attained membership in Phi Beta Kappa were Thomas Gustin, Joy Hatfield, Betty Lindsey, James Lindsay, Mary Scott, and Robert Tignor.

A big savings may be in store for you if you can travel on a party ticket for your Christmas trip.

Bus and train tickets will be on sale in the Senate Room at the following times:
MONDAY, December 13
6th and 7th periods
TUESDAY, December 14
6th and 7th periods
WEDNESDAY, December 15
6th and 7th periods

CHRISTMAS BALL, CONCERT USHER IN HOLIDAY SEASON

Wooster will formally usher in the Christmas season this week-end with the annual Christmas Formal tonight in the gym, and a Carol Concert in the chapel Sunday evening. When the doors of Severance gymnasium open tonight at 9:30 p.m., the couples will enter into a "Winter Wonderland" planned by Bob Hull and Ed Westlake, co-chairmen of the dance. Music will be provided by Harry Woodfield and his eight piece band.

Committee Accepts Male Applications To Wooster-In-India

The Wooster-in-India committee is now accepting applications from male students who are interested in representing this college and the Christian faith for two years in the Far East. The next term of service will be from 1956 to 1958. The candidate is to be chosen two years in advance, so that all arrangements may be completed in good time, and the elected student may have an opportunity to orient himself for the post.

The latest representative to have arrived in India is Dick Brubaker, and extracts from his letters will be featured in future issues of the VOICE.

There is a possibility that the location of Wooster's next representative will be changed due to increasing difficulties in the present political situation in India. Alternate duties and locations within India and also in other Asian countries are being considered by the committee.

Any men interested in this assignment should contact a member of the Wooster-in-India committee, which consists of the following people: Harriet Winfield (chairman), Barbara Rambo, Miss Helen Kaslo, Rev. James Blackwood, and Barry Floyd.

There is a new policy regarding the dance arrangements this year. Although Ed Westlake and Bob Hull are the co-chairmen, responsibility has been given to different ones instead of to just one person. Chaperones for the dance are Mr. and Mrs. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Behringer, and Mr. Carruth and his date. The Student Senate is in charge of the band arrangements.

Coeds are advised to bring their

Second semester registration takes place in Lower Galpin on January 7 and 8. The schedule for January 7 is Seniors, 1:15-3:00 p.m., and Juniors, 3-5 p.m., and for the 8th is Sophomores, 8-10 a.m., and Freshmen, 10-12 a.m.

boots and coats to the ball, since a new feature will be added this year. During intermission, everyone will gather around the big Christmas tree on the quad to sing carols. After the caroling, hot-spiced tea and cake will be served in Lower Kauke by Anne Eubank and her committee. There will be all-college 12:30's for the occasion.

Sunday evening, December 12, at 8:15 p.m. the Chapel will be (Continued on Page Four)

Index Receives All-American Rating Presented By ACP Critical Service

by Sheldon Levy

An All-American honor rating was awarded to the 1954 College of Wooster yearbook, the Index, co-edited by Nancy and Natalie Schneider. The award was presented Thursday, December 2, by the 34th Associated Collegiate Press Critical Service. The Index was judged along with other letterpress printed books of colleges with enrollments of 1001-2000 students. Three other books in this class also received All-American ratings.

Senate Announces \$350 Concert Loss

"There will be more 'name' dance bands if the students want them," the Student Senate announced Tuesday. Students will be polled, and the results of the poll will determine future Senate policy concerning programs of the type presented in the chapel last Friday. Although the Senate lost in the neighborhood of \$350, better student support would make future appearances feasible.

Members of the Senate and other students interested in student government affairs attended an NSA meeting at the University of Toledo.

The underclass investigating committee is planning to solicit student opinion of the present underclass program.

Because of a shortage of funds, the Senate is considering a reduction in the planned number of foreign movies given in the chapel.

Other members of the staff for last year were Betty Romig, copy editor; Brough Jones, business manager; Bob Buchanan, advertising manager; Joanne Hunke, Amy Vandersall, Margaret Pardee, Elinor Welsh, and Bob Hull. Joe Bindley, political science instructor, was the faculty advisor.

Nancy and Natalie Schneider worked as staff members on the Index during their freshman and sophomore years before editing it their junior year. They are now seniors majoring in biology.

Natalie, secretary of the Romance Language Honorary, was Homecoming Queen this year.

Nancy was secretary of her class during her freshman year and is now secretary of the senior class. She is also treasurer of the Peanuts, one of the girls' social clubs.

Both Nancy and Natalie have been on the dean's honor list since they were freshmen, both were members of last year's Color Day court, and both have served on the WSGA board.

The ACP considers the following (Continued on Page Two)

BAWLS OF IVY

by N. T. VARKONYI

Apathy is a faith. It is a treacherous faith which the prophet Amos condemned. The adherents of this faith would seek to find in it a strength, a confidence as does the Christian, Jew, or Moslem in his. However, the Apathist can not possibly find his strength, his confidence; for in apathy there is neither. This has been recognized by some. Perhaps it is the "real problem at hand". (Re. the last edition of the VOICE: *In Our Opinion; Dissent Deepens Our Christian Faith.*)

Apathy is bred of fear, the fear of insecurity, the insecurity of the possibility of having present, pat beliefs contested or shattered. Apathy is bred of indecision, an indecision which stifles the formulation of a conviction to a professed faith. The lack of conviction can be attributed to two causes. Firstly, the lackadaisical mind which refuses to consider the challenges placed before it. Secondly, the vain Ego which refuses to admit it is incapable of rising to a challenge adequately enough to overcome or at least stalemate it. Now the treacherous lure of apathy betrays its follower. The lack of conviction results in a lack of faith. Thus, the individual has no source of strength; becomes weak; becomes the Apathist, out on an intellectual limb where he can either remain, leap into a void, or backtrack and commit himself to a new search. The Apathist's mind is capable of absorbing knowledge, but it is unwilling to evaluate it. He becomes an intellectual non-entity.

An Apathist sits on the fence, trying to defend himself with a zone of neutrality. He resented Amos for trying to dislodge him. He resents those who express an opinion which seems to imperil that complacent lethargy his neutrality has achieved. He is like the wisp of smoke effortlessly guided by the wind; resentful of the sporadic outcroppings of the fire which dare to travel against the wind and land to either kindle a new flame or sputter and die for the lack of fuel. He defends himself, if at all, often with the vaguenesses of Fate or Pre-destiny. He may profess to be a Christian, or a certain type of Christian, only because the majority does, only to avoid controversy.

Apathy is the prelude to the crumbling of a faith, of an empire, of an economy, of an institution. Who would then not rather be a Christian than an Apathist, a Moslem than an Apathist, an atheist than an Apathist? If a man believes he has found a strengthening faith, no matter how repugnant it may seem, he must be credited for the courage to live by it with conviction and not hypocrisy. Even if that faith is solely his and lasts but his lifetime, he should not be damned for it, not by his fellow man. To damn him is persecution; an inquisition of his intellect.

SCOTT TAPE

by SHEILA McISAAC

The Christmas season is upon us, and several of the campus organizations and some of the dormitories will be out caroling. The girls' clubs, having decided that their members need an opportunity to give off some Christmas steam, have been planning parties like mad. Last Friday, Echoes held their Christmas dinner at Mrs. Kate's. What did they have? Spaghetti. Nancy Geiger just leaned in from the Index office and told me I was neglecting the Sphinx. She hastened to inform me that the new actives are giving a pledge party for the old members Sunday afternoon. She also told me that Peanuts held a taffy pull last Sunday for the Sphinx.

Speaking of Peanuts, the Imps are holding a Christmas party for them this Sunday. Signets are having a slumber party in Babcock Parlor (under the Christmas tree) tonight. Kez, Peanuts, Pyramids, and Trumps are all planning to go caroling sometime during the coming week.

The sections are busy too. Seventh is planning to have its Christmas party in Lower Andrews next week. Bill Whiting, social chairman, claims egg nogs will be served. Tomorrow night after the basketball game Third will throw their annual Hanging of the Greens Party, supposedly their best of the year. Tom Kelly is in charge. (I think this is just an ingenious plan to get some female help for decorating the section). Many of the sections gave parties for their pledges at the end of Hell Week, among them Second, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth.

DBS met Thursday and was addressed by Mrs. Baird on the topic, "Their Future Is Now." United Christian Fellowship will hold its meeting this Sunday evening on the Spirit of Christmas, an international festival of faith. It will meet at 6:15 in Lower Kauke.

YW will have their Christmas party in Babcock Parlor at 7:15 Wednesday night. A movie, "Starlight Night," will be shown by a genuine licensed movie operator, Betty Jean Jacobson. Refreshments will be served and carols sung.

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THE CHATTER BOX

by DON REIMAN

We at Wooster now have one less instructor in the Department of Philosophy and one more controversial campus issue. Is the college right in its policy of employing only those teachers who express and exhibit at least a sympathy for Christianity? Messrs. Little, Lindsay, Hartsough, and Siskowic say no, and talk of men and armor. Managing Editor Hatfield wonders whether or not Wooster is a stronghold of modern scribes and pharisees. This writer probably represents the minority view on the subject, but I feel that the college was perfectly right in what it did, though perhaps not in how it did it.

There is a strong strain of anti-intellectualism in America today. There is another strain which is sometimes lumped with anti-intellectualism, but which I would prefer to call non-intellectualism. Here we find Protestant neo-orthodoxy, which believes that man's greatest and primary sin is that of intellectual pride: the sin of rebellion against God's will through man's attempt to work out his own salvation. I do not know that this college has adopted any one theological position, but neo-orthodox ideas are very influential here, and on the basis of this influence it is not surprising that the college would not want opponents of Christianity on the faculty.

Those who believe in the powers of reason to formulate or discover final ends can afford to believe also in universal toleration of any and all ideas. They believe that man can see the difference between truth and falsehood either through the pure light of the intellect, or else in the pragmatic results of the application of any principle. Those of us who believe that reason is not in itself able to find or to formulate ultimate ends are not equally fortunate. Because, as I see it, the human mind is a tool of the will (the motivating force of the human soul), and as such, cannot even discover truth in the ultimate sense, much less direct a man to it.

St. Thomas Aquinas, theologian and apostle of reason, saw the soul of man as possessing three parts—the vegetable (nutrition, etc.) the sensual (all animal emotions—fear, etc.) and the intellectual. This is a fine division, so far as the aspects of the work of the soul are concerned. The intellect is the eye of the soul in the non-sensible world—but only an eye. It can sense what is there, but it does not tell us whether we desire it, or whether or not it is good. Value judgments are made by the will—an act of acceptance, not a thought. It is only through the existential pursuit of an idea that we can discover how worthwhile it is.

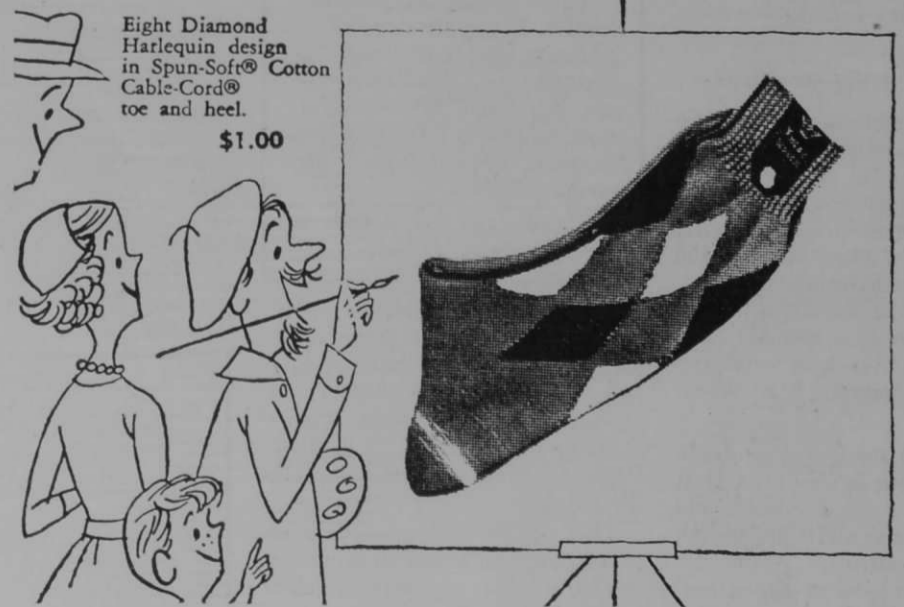
It seems to me axiomatic that if we assert that the final end of man is to be discovered through an act of the will, this end must be, of necessity, qualified by two conditions: (1) it must be impossible ever to reach this end, either in this life or through eternity, and (2) in the pursuit of this end, we must find happiness as a by-product. (By "happiness" I mean happiness in the sense of well-being, satisfaction.) The first condition automatically eliminates as final goals such things as food, drink, money, fame, etc. which may be attained in a life time and thus leave no room for further action of the will, and consequently no room for further existence. It may be begging the question quite a bit to put this next generalization in so brief a statement, but it seems to be fairly obvious that the final goal cannot be knowledge in the sense of earthly knowledge because: (1) if it were a limited part of earthly knowledge, it might be possible to attain it in this life; if it were the whole of earthly knowledge, it might be possible to attain it in a future life—and thus the will would will itself out of existence, and (2) knowledge in the common sense does not necessarily lead to happiness in any sense.

My final conclusion is then that the final end of man is to work on everlastingly to a knowledge of the goodness, love, omnipotence, and majesty of God. Man, as a creature, will never, throughout all eternity perfect that knowledge. And in such knowledge there is perfect peace and beatitude.

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by Louise Byers

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Turn in your time slips to the Treasurer's Office on December 15, 16 or 17 to receive your pay after work has been completed. Those who do not want to be paid before vacation may leave their time slips, and checks will be ready when you return.

To make the evening a special one, the plan of an opening night "theatre party" is being carried out. Tonight those going to the Christmas formal may take their dates, in formal attire, to the operettas, and since the curtain rises at 8 p.m. both nights, it will enable them to attend the dance afterward, arriving 15 or 20 minutes after the dance has begun. As we go to press, there are good seats left for both nights.

MORE ON

Index Award

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ing to be the purposes of the scholastic yearbook: (1) to produce a record of the school year, (2) to serve as a memory book of students, (3) to promote good public relations for the school, and (4) to provide opportunity for the expression of student talent and ability.

The yearbooks were judged on design (theme, organization, and appeal); content details; content display (headings, type, captions, and layout); content quality of pictures; content coverage of faculty, underclassmen, campus activities, athletics, school life, and features. Also included in the judging were cover design, binding, and printing. The standards of judgment are set by the quality of books in each classification.

WOOSTER VOICE SPORTS

Scots 'n Soda

by PAUL MARTIN

Nominations for the coach of the week: John Sharick of Second Section and E. R. Falck of Fifth Section. Sharick has led the Phi Sigs to four straight victories as they lead the Kenarden League. Falck, who played freshman basketball for Wooster and who is presently a candidate for the varsity, is the mentor of the Phi Dels. His charges have pounded out victories over the Rabbis, Arabs, Maulers, and the Tri Kaps.

As long as we're dwelling on the subject of leaders, let's take a look at the two fellows with the highest total points in one game this year. John Ballantyne of the Wreckers of Sixth Section scored 42 points in one game, but only three quarters were played. Harry Clay of the Phi Dels of Fifth scored 44 points against the same team, the Arabs of Fourth Section. This came in a regulation four quarter game.

Scots Open At Home

Tomorrow night Wooster fans will get a chance to see the Scot varsity in action. The home team will host Wittenberg in a game that will begin at 8 o'clock. Jack Behringer's freshman squad is scheduled to meet the Congress Athletic Club team, which by the way, has won 15 straight victories over its opponents.

The Scot varsity starting lineup will include: Tom Gustin, at the center slot; By Morris and Dick Garcia, forwards; Bud Barta and Dick Barrett as the guards. Gustin, a senior from Mercer, Pennsylvania, is the team captain. George Kim will be the first sub at forward position.

Detroit Looks Tops Again

With the Cleveland Browns moving into a certain tie for the Eastern Division of the National Football Conference, it seems almost a sure bet that the Brownies will meet the Detroit Lions for the crown. The Clevelanders have certainly improved since their first few games. However, a great deal more is necessary if Paul Brown is to gain the title. From this side of the fence, the Lions will be a close favorite to spill Cleveland. Let's say by eight points—that should make a pretty tight game. Anybody want Cleveland and eight?

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Trolley League Opens In Cage

by George Dawkins

The intramural trolley league made its debut Tuesday, November 30. Four games were played on the first night, which launched a basketball schedule that will unofficially put Severance Gym in contention for the most used college gym in the nation. A complete round will be played before the Christmas vacation.

The Phi Dels (V) opened the season against the Rabbis (III) in an appropriate manner by pouring in 61 points over the Rabbis' 27 to post the highest score of the evening. John Buechner and Harry Clay notched for scoring honors with 16 points apiece. They received good support from Paul Martin, Bob Crone, and Bob McGuire, who scored 13, 9, and 9, respectively. Jerry Carlisle was high man for the Rabbis with nine points.

Sixth Section's two teams, the Wreckers and the Sigs, had a show-down in their initial game, the former edged the latter by one point in a thriller—41-40. The big gun offensively for the Wreckers was Stuart Hills with 16 points. Bob Barnard was the high scorer for the losers with 12.

Saturday afternoon ended the first week of activity, as the Phi Dels opened their day by edging the Trip Kaps 37-33. Bob Crone took high point honors for the winners with 11. Pay led the Tri Kaps with nine points. The Eight balls got back into the winning column with a 46-22 victory over the Rabbis.

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Phi Sigs Take Lead In Basketball; Four Sections Follow As Runners-up

by Mac Hazel

The sounds of swishing nets and the pounding of bouncing leather and running sneakersteps on hardwood echoed from Severance Gymnasium last week as the 1954-55 Intramural Basketball League season opened proceedings for the cage crown. With all eight sections in action three days of last week, Second took the league lead with three straight victories by beating Sixth, 43-32, Eighth, 49-40, and Fourth, 38-30.

With Sixth leading 22-21 at halftime, Second roared back with 22 points to the Phi Sigs' 10 markers in the final half to achieve the win. Bob Tignor led Second's scoring with 19 points while Blake Moore came in a close second with 17. Ralph Ely gained high scoring honors for Sixth with 12 markers.

After losing their first contest to III, Fifth came back to beat First and Seventh and go into a tie for second place with a two won one lost record. The Rabbis led 22-9 at halftime and never relinquished their edge as they beat the Phi Dels, 49-46. John Tunison hit for 13 points to lead the victors in the scoring slot.

With a 29-10 halftime edge, Fifth poured 34 points through the nets in the last half to wallop First, 63-28. Dick Baragry netted 14 markers and Dick Ogden had 10 points to pace Fifth. In a close scoring contest, Fifth outlasted Seventh to beat them 37-34 after leading them, 23-10, at halftime and 31-20 at the finish of the third quarter.

Seventh rallied for 14 points in the final period to Fifth's six markers to cut the deficit to three points when the buzzer went off. Dick Milligan and Ogden netted nine and eight points respectively to lead Fifth's scoring. Bill Stoner netted 10 markers and Bernie Davis garnered nine to pace Seventh.

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Dr. Mitchell Speaks To College Groups

A group of approximately 80 students representing the colleges of Denison, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, and Wooster met on this campus last Saturday to study and discuss drama and to view drama and musical presentations.

After registration, the group met in Memorial Chapel to hear Dr. Lee Mitchell of Northwestern University discuss "The Semi-Professional Attitude in the Theater." Dr. Mitchell pointed out that the most famous theaters throughout the ages have been groups of semi-professional actors. He then discussed the main differences between professionals and semi-professionals, those being in versatility, rehearsal, casting, and choice of plays.

Group Views Play Excerpts

Following a box lunch, the group gathered at Scott Auditorium to view excerpts from plays presented by the three visiting schools with the assistance of a Wooster stage crew. Denison University presented a scene from Jean Paul Sartre's, "No Exit," a play of conflict in human emotion. The Prologue of George Bernard Shaw's comedy, "Androcles and the Lion," was presented by Ohio Wesleyan University. A one-act modern drama, "Hello Out There," by William Saroyan, was Oberlin's contribution. Following these presentations, the students were divided into three discussion groups under William Brasmer of Denison, William Kennick of Oberlin and William Craig of Wooster, for the purpose of discussing the productions.

The conference was culminated by an evening variety show and dance in the gym.

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Holiday Season

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the scene of the Carol Concert. As a part of Kert Kadyk's independent study project, a choir of 24 college students and a group from the Chamber Orchestra will present the program.

The numbers in the concert will be Schubert's "Mass in G Major", Leubeck's "Christmas Cantata", a group of Spanish carols, and "The Christmas Concerto" by Corelli.

Kert's student choir is taking the place of the Madrigal Choir and has worked out successfully on a volunteer basis. Next semester the regular Madrigal Choir will again be organized under the direction of Mr. Gore.

There will also be a student recital on December 13, at 7:15 p.m., in the Chapel.

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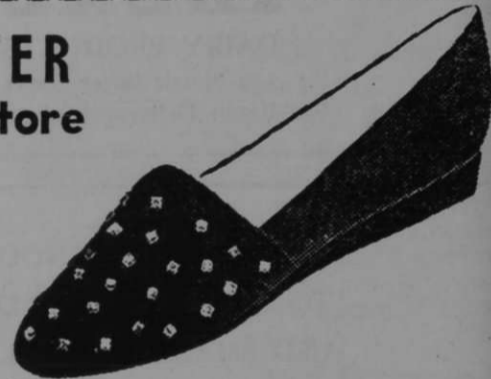
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