

Narcotic Addict Describes Habit

A narcotic addict is a sick person, not a fiend; a person with a hungry yearning to be a man again, Lexington Kiwanians heard today from a probationary patient who will be released Wednesday from the United States Public Health Service Hospital.

The patient who remained anonymous 'told' the Kiwanians at their luncheon meeting at the Lafayette hotel that Addicts Anonymous, was succeeding admirably at the Lexington institution in its self-help program. He said the members had experienced a "spiritual awakening" and knew that they must seek God's higher power for aid in their return to normal life.

The speaker said the average narcotic addict wants to be let alone and will not stir up trouble. He also described the "deadly fascination" experienced by addicts who self-administer the narcotic.

Presented by Dr. Victor H. Vogel, medical officer in charge of the hospital, the onetime addict described the habit which started when he was given a narcotic for asthma. Special guests were Dr. M. J. Pescor, clinical director at the hospital, and two Lexington federal narcotic agents, Sidney Lovelace and Joe Grant.

Prof. Harold Adams was introduced as a new member. W. J. Rains, club president, presided.