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Theodore V. Williams

1916 E. Camelback Rd.

Phoenix, AZ

1000 chips – 1962

Some of these chips were obtained from Theodore's son, and David had a conversation with him today.

There was indeed a game going on in the back of the Salon de Venus beauty shop which Williams owned, and his wife managed.

Salon de Venus was the address above where the chips were delivered.

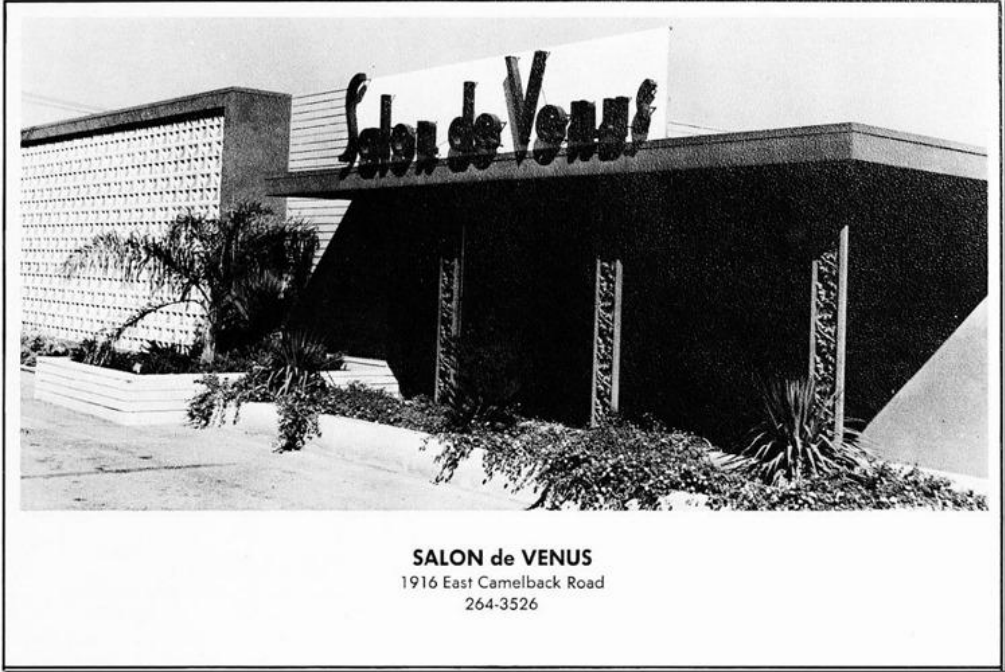
"My dad didn't seem to be at the shop much as he had a full time job anyway. Mostly just to play cards I think. We had a big family and most of us helped out there from time to time when we were children.

I didn't even know the game was anything illegal until he told us he got raided and a lot of the chips confiscated. I don't think any action was taken as he knew the right people but don't think he had another game after that.

I never really thought these would be of any interest to anyone and I've pretty much forgotten what went on 50 years ago. I was pretty young then"

Here's a few other things on the TVW from our "Friend Of The Hobby."

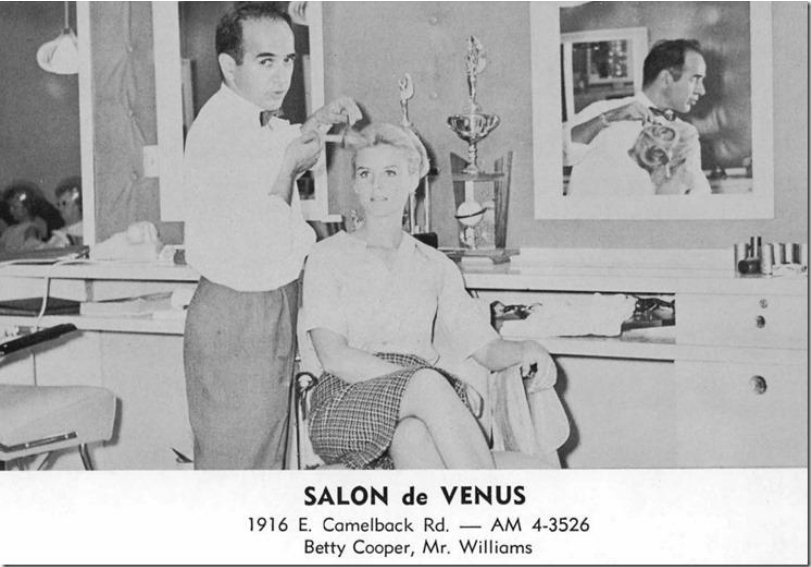
1965 pic of Salon de Venus:



SALON de VENUS
1916 East Camelback Road
264-3526

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Williams in the salon in 1961:



SALON de VENUS
1916 E. Camelback Rd. — AM 4-3526
Betty Cooper, Mr. Williams

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A poker game that Williams was in was hijacked March 21, 1963; maybe his chips were those on the table??

Police Seek Leads To Poker Bandits

By JACK KARIE

City detectives theorized yesterday that two former policemen may have stolen \$13,541 in cash and jewelry while raiding a poker game in a northeast Phoenix home Tuesday night.

Detectives are seeking two men posed as policemen when they broke into the Albert Biscotti home at 5453 E. Lafayette while a poker game was in progress.

Detective Sgt. Wesley Mauldin said the theory that former policemen made the break-in was based on evidence that the robbers used tactics normally employed by police officers on gambling raids.

SEVEN men at the card game were lined up facing a wall and searched in a manner prescribed by police manuals. Also, victims were told to hook their thumbs inside their belts as the two gunmen gathered wallets from each of the men.

When the gunmen entered the home, the card players were informed it was a police raid with one of the robbers flashing a police badge to add emphasis.

One of the robbers kicked in a screen door to gain entrance from a carport while the other entered through an arcadia door. This method is often used by police officers in raids, said Detective Mauldin.

James Dwight, 32, of 5944 Calle del Norte, one of the guests, was slugged in the side of the head with a gun when he demanded police identification from the armed men. Dwight was treated for cuts.

Biscotti's wife, Audrey, and two children, were awakened by the commotion and entered the family room of the home to see what was happening.

The two gunmen forced Mrs. Biscotti to accompany them back to her bedroom where police said they took \$2,200 from her jewel box, \$800 from her purse, and

about \$6,000 in jewelry from her dressing table.

Five other card players were identified as Roman (Slim) Sarkark, 5349 Calle del Norte; Herchell Brookshire of 1205 E. Thomas; Bob Wilson, who said he resides with Brookshire; Ted Williams of 1702 E. Orange; and Robert Brookshire of 6501 E. Sheridan, Scottsdale.

The group, according to players, used poker chips in the game. They said there was no cash on the table when the fake officers entered with drawn guns.

The players said they met each Tuesday night for a friendly game at one or another player's home. They said it was the first time they had gathered for a game at the Biscotti home.

THE APPARENT leader of the robbery pair was described as being about 42, about 5-feet-9-inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds, with black hair and dark eyes.

The victims said he wore a light tan cowboy hat, a light tan zipper jacket with matching Western pants, and brown cowboy boots. They said he was attired to look like a Maricopa County sheriff's deputy.

They said the second man was slightly smaller, had black hair and a small black mustache. They said he wore dark sport clothes and a black alpine-type hat with a green feather tucked in the hat band.

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A link to a recent story about one of the poker players in the game, Roman "Slim" Sarwalk:

<http://www.latestsportsbonuses.com/editorials/126/the-miracle-man/>