

## Psi Otes' Trading Post Aids Charity

By Mike Thoel

It is, we are told, only normal when a woman, armed as she is with the fearlessness of Sadie Hawkins, the straightforwardest of Dellal, and the persistence of Carrie Nation, goes bargain hunting. And what, the bystander may wonder, if these same ingrained feminine talents were applied to selling instead of buying? The answer to the question has been furnished, and conclusively, by the 57 members of the Alpha Delta chapter of Psi Iota Xi sorority who this summer completed their third year of operating the Psi Ote trading post at 416 Winchester street.

The Psi Otes, whose merchantile venture was launched in June of 1960, have piloted the sale of used clothing, furniture, shoes, records, jewelry, books, appliances, linens, toys, antiques and other commodities into a profitable business which annually realizes more than \$1,000 profit — all of which goes for charitable causes. In addition, the low cost of the merchandise offered at the trading post has been a genuine boon to many Decatur area families.

The sorority's successful excursion into the world of business was precipitated, more or less, by an excess of other activities. For a number of years the group had raised money for charitable purposes by holding raffles, dances, fashion shows, rummage sales, auctions and other special projects. After a while the abundance of activities became almost overwhelming.

### Idea From Concession

At a national Psi Iota Xi convention at Purdue in 1956 several local members discovered the trading post idea — a plan which was proving to be a solid money-maker for a number of other chapters. They carried the idea home with them.

A committee of eleven members was appointed to study the idea and to see if it could be adapted for use in Decatur. The members of the committee were Norma Moore, Jane Reed, Clarice Ade, Madeline Blackburn, Jane Heller, Norma Gentis, Angeline Rash, Alvera Eady, Marvina Buuck, Jean

Knappe and Jo Klink. By correspondence and by visits with other chapters these members familiarized themselves with the procedures of Psi Ote "thrift shops."

The idea looked even better after investigation and so the Psi Otes began searching for a building from which to hang out their shingle and begin business operations. After much searching they rented the building they now occupy on Winchester street just south of the Erie railroad tracks.

### Building Renovated

Then began the elbow-greased, paint-splattered struggle to make the building suitable for business. The building was swept and mopped from top to bottom. Merchants were asked for donations of shelving and other equipment. Husbands were drafted for heavy labor. A painter was hired. Merchandise donations were solicited. And in the end, as one member put it, "We were broke."

But that situation was soon rectified. On June 18, 1960 the trading post opened its doors. The first day's receipts totaled \$104. During the next week another \$107 tumbled into the club's coffers and at the end of the first month the club newsletter was able to report: "Decatur is the proud possessor of a group of gals who have had 'what it takes' to operate a local business which has been open only 15 weeks or 222 hours and has taken in \$1,695. This is \$118.25 a week, \$39.42 a day and better than \$7.60 an hour."

To accomplish this the Psi Ote members had used a variety of unusual means. Besides their clean-up, fix-up work in their store building they had served as truck drivers in picking up donated merchandise and as warehousemen in storing it at their homes until the work at the building was completed. Trading post co-chairman Jane Reed had even accompanied a local pilot into the air to drop advertising leaflets over Decatur.

### Administrative Program

Besides this it had been necessary to formulate a workable administrative program for the op-



**INSPECTION**—An out-of-town bargain hunter who visits the Psi Ote trading post each time he is in Decatur, Rev. Keith Smiley of Kewanee, checks over a rack of clothes with the assistance of Psi Ote member Barbara August. (Photo by Cole.)

eration of the shop. Members were delegated to such tasks as marking, bookkeeping, telephone work and clerking. Each Psi Ote was assigned a time to work in the shop. The store hours were set at 1-4 p.m. on Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. on Fridays, and 9-12 noon and 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays.

A consignment plan, which is still in operation, was also worked out. Under the terms of this plan consignors can leave merchandise at the trading post to be sold. When it is sold the consignee receives 75 per cent of the price and the sorority is given the other 25 per cent.

Once the trading post was in operation money began to accumulate in the sorority's treasury. It

was soon put to good use in aiding local charitable causes. Since its opening the enterprise had earned at least \$1,000 for charity each year.

### \$1,400 To Charity

Last year more than \$1,400 was given to worthy causes. Among the larger donations were: \$300 for high school choir robes; \$300 for high school band uniforms; \$250 for a scholarship; \$100 for the speech and hearing clinic.

Other causes which have benefited include the Community Center, the annual senior party, the county home piano fund, the multiple sclerosis fund, the Decatur Community Fund, the National Philanthropic Association, the March of Dimes, the Fort Wayne symphony maintenance fund, the Adams county heart fund, the Civic Music association, the Tuberculosis association, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic orchestra, the Good Fellows, the Cancer society and the Girl Scouts.

Since the opening of the trading post the Psi Otes have been able to abandon most of the other money-making activities which formerly occupied so much of their time. They still stage their annual Christmas dance but the rest of their efforts are concentrated on their "weekly rummage sale" at the trading post.

Keeping an adequate supply of merchandise on hand is still one of the sorority's biggest problems and donations and consignments are always welcomed.

The present officers of the sorority are Marcia Stevens, president; Jeanne Knappe, vice-president; Jane Heller, recording secretary; Marcia Freedy, corresponding secretary; Marvina Buuck, treasurer; Madeline Blackburn, assistant treasurer; Virginia Elder, press reporter; Mary Jane Allison, conductress; Nola Isch, advisor.

The present officers of the trading post are co-chairmen Mary Strickler and Alice Roth, treasurer Kay Schwartz, and consignment treasurer Phyllis Huter.

### Chicago Livestock

**CHICAGO (UPI)—Livestock:**  
Hogs 6,500. Weak to 25 lower; No 1-2 200-230 lb 16.50-16.75; 165 head at 16.75; mixed No 1-3 200-230 lb 16.25-16.50; 180-200 lb 15.75-16.25; No 2-3 230-270 lb 16.00-16.25.  
Cattle 4,500. No calves; slaughter steers strong to fully 25 higher; instances 50 up; heifers strong to 25 higher; 3 leads prime 1150-1317 lb slaughter steers 25.50; high choice and prime 1000-1325 lb 24.50-25.25; choice 900-1300 lb 24.00-24.75; choice 1300-1450 lb 22.75-23.50; good 900-1250 lb 22.25-23.75; loads mostly choice with few prime 950-975 lb heifers 24.25; bulk choice 800-1100 lb 23.25-24.00; good 22.00-22.75; load mixed good and choice 23.00.  
Sheep 500. Spring slaughter lambs steady; spring slaughter lambs good and choice 80-100 lb 18.50-20.00; few lots choice and prime 21.00.

## Demands U. S. Give Up Three Buddhist Heads

**SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI)**—The Vietnamese government demanded today that the United States hand over three Buddhist priests who took refuge in the American embassy here last Sunday, diplomatic sources said.

The three priests included Thich Tri Quang, who is reported to have masterminded the Buddhist protest movement against the Dinh Diem.

The sources said the demand was made in a formal aide-memoire from the Vietnamese Foreign Office. U.S. embassy representative William Truehart was summoned to the Foreign Office and was handed the demand.

There was no immediate indication whether the United States would hand over the three priests.

Quang somehow managed to escape arrest when government troops and police stormed and sacked the city's main Xa Loi pagoda in the pre-dawn hours of Aug. 21, in a massive crackdown on the Buddhist protest movement.

The other two priests who took refuge in the embassy with him were Le Mai Chi and Tran Van Nham, neither of whom was considered a key figure in the Buddhist movement.

The sources said the aide-memoire specifically named the three priests and said they were wanted for investigation.

The sources said this was the first time the Vietnamese government formally had demanded that the embassy hand over the priests.

Diplomatic sources, meanwhile, said the United States now is resigned to working with the present government here and is searching for areas of joint cooperation to save the country from Communist control.

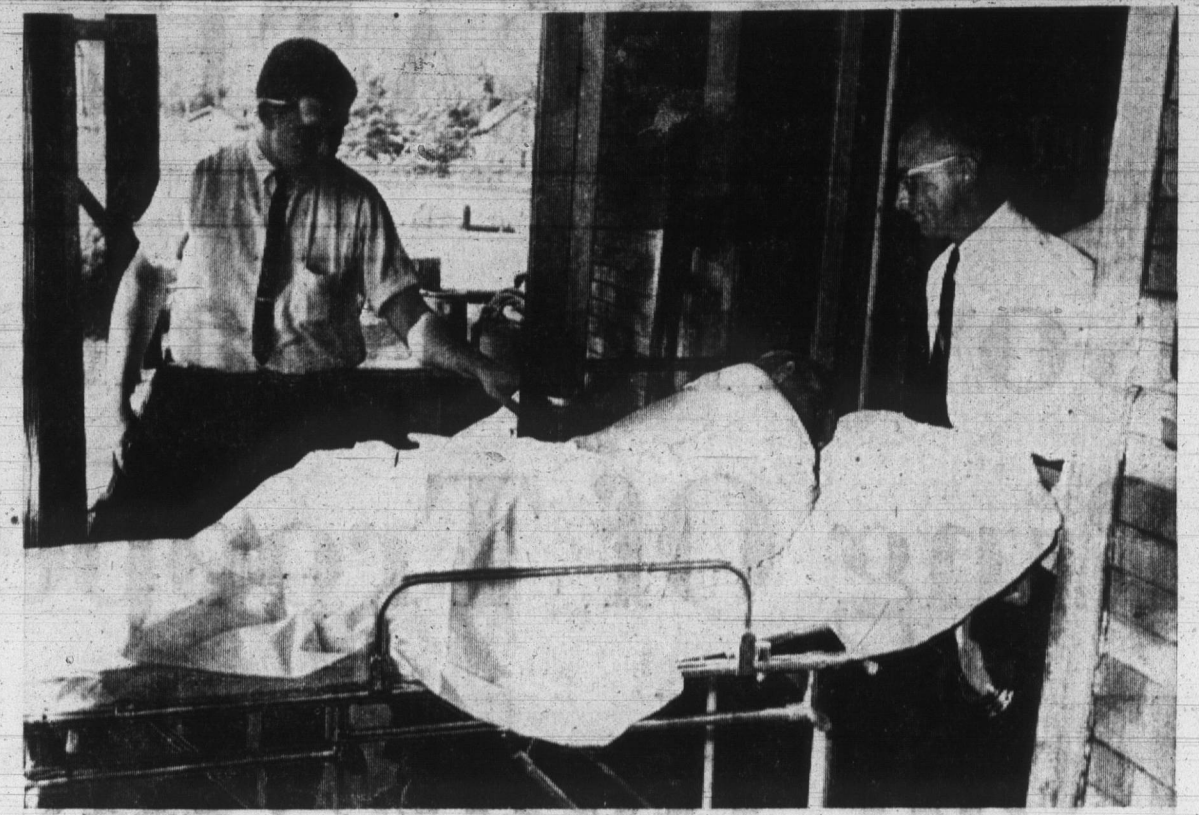
According to these sources, the United States has abandoned for the time being its attempts to get rid of Ngo Dinh Nhu, President Ngo Dinh Diem's brother and chief political adviser, who is believed wielding the real power now.

Nhu, who heads the secret police and youth movement, is said to have engineered the government's recent crackdown on Buddhists—an action which brought the government into dispute with Washington. His beautiful wife, Mme. Nhu, has scoffed at Buddhist opposition and has accused Buddhist leaders of playing into Communist hands.

**Concern Over Communists**  
Washington's principal concern has been that the government's religious-political dispute with the Buddhists would hamper the years-long joint U.S.-Vietnamese struggle to wipe out Communist Viet Cong guerrillas. The United States is spending \$1.5 million daily and has committed 13,000 men to the struggle.

### Chicago Produce

**CHICAGO (UPI)—Produce:**  
Live poultry too few receipts to report prices.  
Cheese single daisies 41-44½; longhorns 42-43; processed loaf 39-44; Swiss Grade A 50-55, B 49-53.  
Butter steady; 93 score 57½; 92 score 57¼; 90 score 56¾; 89 score 55½.  
Eggs steady to firm; white large extras 40; mixed large extras 40; mediums 36; standards 33.



**RESCUE OPERATION**—Decatur Daily Democrat reporter Bob Shraluka holds open a door as Dick Linn pushes a stretcher carrying Clarence Stevens, 71, who suffered smoke inhalation during a fire in his room at 431 S. Fifth street Thursday. Stevens and Harrison Jack, 81, were hospitalized. (Photo by MacLean)

## More Of State Fair Winners Announced

Joseph and Paul Kohne and family, route 4, Decatur, picked up several awards and were among the most recent group of Adams county winners at the Indiana state fair, which closed this week.

The Kohnes received the awards for showing their Red Poll cattle. The awards were: senior yearling heifer, second place; summer yearling heifer, third place; junior yearling bull, third place; bulls calved between Jan. 1 and April 30, 1962, first place; champion bull; heifers calved between May 1 and Aug. 31, 1962, second place; pair of yearlings, first place; get of sire, second place; 4-H senior yearling, first place.

Other Adams county winners were:

David Brooks, route 2, Berne, \$100 scholarship for 4-H dairy judging and Richard Yoder, route 1, Berne, \$75 scholarship for 4-H dairy judging.

The team of David Brooks, Richard Yoder, and Dean Beer, coached by Doyle Lehman, who received the award for meeting the Future Farmers of America requirements in the 4-H dairy judging competition.

David Swickard, 528 Limberlost Trail, Decatur, national 4-H club congress award for forestry. Rolands Liechty, route 2, Berne, Holstein - Friesian judging, bull two years and under three, second place; bull calf four months and under one year, third place.

Rosetta K. Liechty, route 2, Berne, 4-H dairy cattle, Holstein division, three year old cow, fifth place; four year old and over cow, third place.

Judy Mosser, route 2, Geneva, 4-H dress revue, blue ribbon and second alternate in 4-H and FFA fruits and vegetables demonstration competition.

### Missing Man's Body Found By Neighbors

**CLIFFITY, Ind. (UPI)**—Wendell Price, 65, Clifty, missing since he left home Wednesday to go squirrel hunting, was found dead Thursday by a search party of neighbors.

Greene County Coroner Charles Breeves said Price apparently had suffered a heart attack.

## Held On Charge Of Failure To Provide

Edward Norris, who is residing on route 6, Decatur, has been arrested on a warrant for failure to provide. He was later released after a \$500 property bond was posted.

## Phones Bomb Threat On Indiana School

**INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)**—A soft-spoken young man called Indiana State Police today and said a "bomb that could hurt an awful lot of people" had been placed in North Central High School in northern Marion County.

Authorities immediately evacuated 2,476 pupils from the Washington Twp. school and began a search of the 113-classroom building. About 1,000 workers for the Kettelhut General Contracting Co., Lafayette, stayed on the job as state police and detectives began their search. They are completing construction of a 3,000-foot access tunnel.

"You better help North Central find a bomb in their school," the young man whispered to the trooper on duty. "If you don't a lot of people are liable to be hurt."

## Indianapolis Livestock

**INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)**—Livestock:  
Hogs 8,500; barrows and gilts steady to 25 lower; 200-230 lb 16.50-16.75; 200-260 lb 16.25-16.50; 170-200 lb 15.50-16.25; sows steady to 50 lower; 275-350 lb 14.50-15.25; 350-400 lb 14.00-14.75; 400-600 lb 13.00-14.25.  
Cattle 450; calves 25; steers and cows steady, others not established; average and high choice steers 24.00; high good and low choice 24.25; standard and good 21.50-23.50; canners and cutter cows 12.50-14.00; cutter and commercial bulls 16.00-18.00; good and choice vealers 25.00-28.50; standard and good 20.00-25.00.  
Sheep 175; spring lambs to 50 higher; choice and prime 19.00-20.00; good and choice 18.00-19.00.

## Former Surveyor Of Wells County Dies

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p. m. for former Wells county surveyor Ralph W. Haifley, who died Wednesday of a heart attack. He had been in failing health for two years.

Mr. Haifley served as surveyor from 1936 until 1940 and in 1937 opened a custom canning business at his home, which he operated until his death.

A Bluffton native, he was born in 1887, the son of Eli and Emma Gailie Haifley. In 1912 he was married to Cora B. Frauhiger, who survives. He was a lifelong resident of Wells county.

Surviving, in addition to the wife, are three daughters, Mrs. Irene Cinnering of Bluffton, Mrs. Justine Pfeifer of Fort Wayne and Mrs. John Stiff, Jr., of route 4, Bluffton, and a son, William E. Haifley. Also surviving are two brothers, Herb of White Pigeon, Mich., and Lloyd of Joshua Tree, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Dwight Crosbie of Sturgis, Mich.; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Thoma funeral home, Bluffton. Rev. Herbert Hagbold officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview cemetery.

## New York Stock Exchange Prices

**MIDDAY PRICES**  
A. T. & T., 123½; DuPont, 246; Ford, 54½; General Electric, 82; General Motors, 76½; Gulf Oil, 49½; Standard Oil Ind., 64¾; Standard Oil N. J., 71; U. S. Steel, 54¾.

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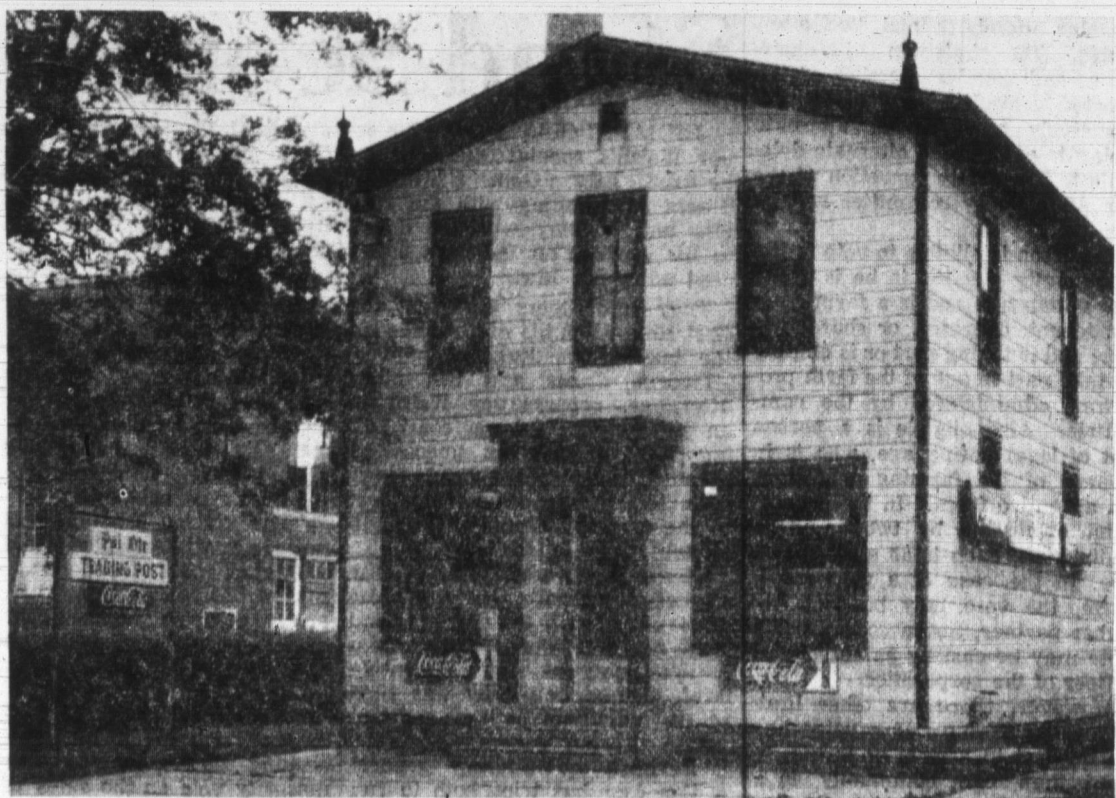
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**BEHIND THE SCENES**—Psi Ote member Annette Tuttle checks in several articles of consignment merchandise in the "stock room" of the Psi Ote trading post at 416 Winchester street. (Photo by Cole)



**PLACE OF BUSINESS**—The Psi Ote trading post, staffed by members of the local sorority, is open for business each Thursday, Friday and Saturday. (Photo by Cole)

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