

Psi Otes' Trading Post Aids Charity

By Mike Thoele

It is, we are told, only normal when a woman, armed as she is with the fearlessness of Sadie Hawkins, the straightforwardness of Delilah and the perseverance of Carrie Nation, goes bargain hunting. And what the bystander may wonder, if these are a few 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 rallies, dances, fashion shows, rummage sales, auctions and other special projects. After a while the abundance of activities became almost overwhelming.

Ides From Conception

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 Genis, Angeline Rash, Alvera Eady, Marvine Buuck, Jean



INSPECTION—An out-of-town bargain hunter who visits the Psi Ote trading post each time he is in Decatur, Rev. Keith Smitley of Keewanna, 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 Friday's 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 consignor 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.

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Concern Over Communists

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Butter steady; 93 score 57½; 92 score 57½; 90 score 56½; 89 score 55½.

Eggs steady to firm; white large extras 40; mixed large extras 40; mediums 36; standards 33.

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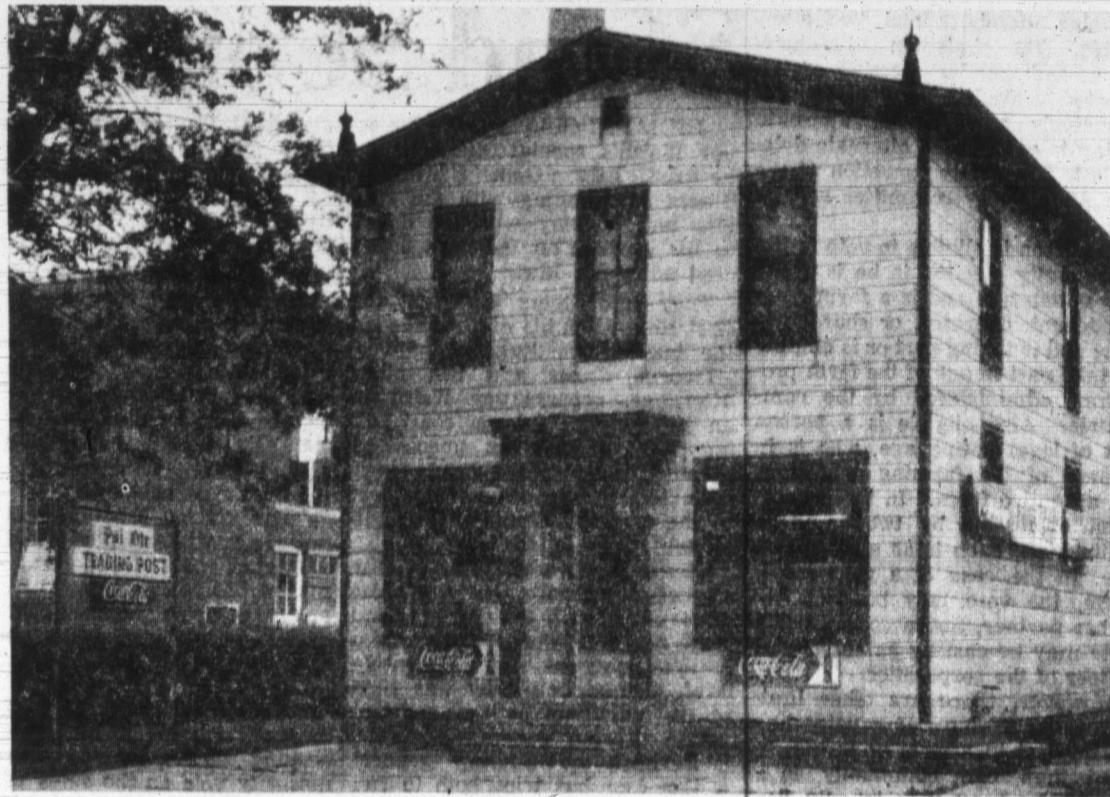
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Cattle 4,500, no. calves; slaughter steers strong to fully 25 higher; instances 50 up; heifers strong to 25 higher; 3 loads prime 1150-1317 lb; slaughter steers 25-50; high choice and prime 1000-1325 lb 24.50-25.25; choice 900-1300 lb 24.00-24.75; 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.



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)

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 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 protest 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.

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RESCUE OPERATION—Decatur Daily Democrat reporter Bob Shraluka holds open a door as Dick Linn uses 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

Held On Charge Of Failure To Provide

Edward Norris, who is residing on route 6, Decatur, was 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 Kettlehut 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."

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.

Roland 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

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

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

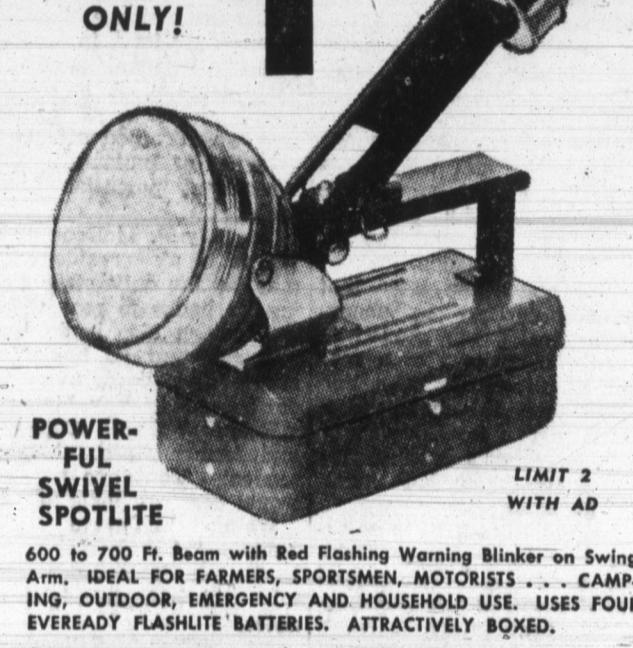
Sheep 175; spring lambs to 50 higher; choice and prime 19.00. 20.00; good and choice 18.00-19.00.

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