



Korean Girl 'Adopted' Compensation Chapter 20 President Myrtle Rippie (right) and Elinor Schobert examine a picture of Eul Mie Koh, a nine-year-old Korean girl "adopted" by the chapter on May 9. The chapter will send \$10 per month for Eul's care through the Christian Children's Fund. She lives with her mother in Inchon, Korea.

9 Year Old Korean Girl 'Adopted' by Chapter 20

Eul Mie Koh, a little nine-year-old Korean girl, gained 465 new parents on May 9.

That's the date members of OSEA's Compensation Chapter 20 voted to "adopt" her.

The Chapter will send \$10 per month for her support through the Christian Children's Fund of Richmond, Va. The support will continue for at least one year.

Elinor Schobert, who investigated the project for the chapter along with Helena Sainsbury, said the Christian Children's Fund is a worldwide organization directed by noted church leaders and missionary groups of all faiths.

In explaining Eul Mie's background, she said the Koh family lived in a poverty-stricken but happy home until the father died tragically. The misfortune left Eul Mie's mother with the sole responsibility of raising

the family.

Since she was unable to work and care for her children at the same time, the family's situation grew critical. They were helped by the Inchon Appenzeller Children's Project, an agency somewhat similar to welfare agencies in the U.S.

The money sent by the chapter will provide Eul Mie with food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education and school supplies.

According to information sent to the chapter by CCF, Eul Mie is in the third grade. She is in "fair" health. Her favorite subject in school is music, and her favorite play activity is "elastic skipping." Her chores include running errands.

Elinor Schobert said the CCF keeps close check on all "adopted" children through its regional offices, supervisors and

caseworkers. Homes and projects are inspected by CCF staff members, she said.

Most youngsters who receive aid live in orphanages, hospitals, homes for abandoned babies, nurseries, and so forth. She pointed out, however, that not all CCF children are orph-



EUL MIE KOH
"Adopted" by Chapter 20

ans. Most are helped primarily on the basis of need.

Some CCF children have one living parent unable to provide proper care, as in Eul Mie's case. Others are abandoned, come from broken homes or need care because of serious illness of one or both parents, she said.

"We are helping Eul Mie's mother give her the things she needs to bring her life above despair. I only hope we can go on year after year until she is old enough to make her own way in life," she said.

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Leave Pact Reached With Tax Commission

Tax Commission employees will be granted leaves of absence without pay as the result of a supplemental agreement to the basic collective bargaining agreement between OSEA and the agency.

OSEA Field Representative John M. Schoonover, who negotiated the agreement, said leaves will be granted for any valid reason.

As examples he mentioned educational work, extended trips which involve time in excess of accumulated vacation leave, and cases of illness in which sick leave and vacation leave have been exhausted.

Length of the leaves will be determined by the number of years an employee has worked for the agency, he said. The agreement establishes the following schedule:

One month for employees between the 2nd and 5th anniversary date of employment, two months between the 5th and 10th, three months between the 10th and 15th, four months between the 15th and 20th, six months between the 20th and 25th, nine months between the 25th and 30th, and 12 months between the 30th and 35th anniversary date.

Schoonover said the status of the employee will be frozen at the time the leave begins. When the leave is over the employee will be returned to the same status as when he left.

Employees on leave must pay those obligations subject to payroll deductions, he said.

Schoonover said the agreement forbids employees to "seek or accept other employment while on leave."

Safety Awards Presented Four Highway Crews

Four Oregon State Highway Department section maintenance crews have been selected as winners of Regional Safety Awards for 1966, according to State Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper.

"The awards are extremely difficult to earn and are highly coveted by our crews," Cooper commented.

The regions include urban, snow, rural east of the Cascades, and rural west of the Cascades.

The award-winning crews are, by region: Oregon City, Verl D. Tunnison, foreman; Detroit, Glen Beachy, foreman; Forest Grove, Vernon Batteen, foreman; and Prineville, Ernest M. Nicholas, foreman.

All four men are members of OSEA.

A total of 55 section maintenance crews were eligible for the 1966 awards by virtue of driving all year on the job without an accident.

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