

# New Christian Stirs Gilbert Lake Women

By JULIE CANDLER

GILBERT LAKE—A Korean woman talked of little else but her recent conversion to Christianity when she was the guest of women of St. Andrew Lutheran church here recently. When they had heard her story, the women went away anxious to do as much as possible in their own roles as Christians.

Mrs. Hoi Sook Lee told the local church's women about fleeing from the Communists in North Korea during the Korean war. Her local hostesses described her as "charming and a brilliant woman" after the luncheon gathering at Devon Gables.

### Priest Reassigned

Rev. Edmund A. Schwager leaves Holy Name church, Birmingham, and Rev. William B. Davidson has been assigned to be assistant pastor at the local church. In reassignments announced this week by the Catholic chancery office, Fr. Schwager has been re-assigned to be assistant pastor at Assumption Grotto church.

er told the women that both her husband, a judge, and her father, a financier, had been taken as political prisoners by the Communists.

WHETHER THEY are alive or dead now, she said she did not know. But since embracing Christianity, she felt more hope for the first time.

Mrs. John Zich, 6100 Indian for the first time. Mrs. Zich, who is educational secretary for the Michigan synod of United Lutheran churches to meet Hoi Sook Lee. The Korean woman was the guest for the day of Mrs. Zich, who is educational secretary for the Michigan synod of United Lutheran church.

Mrs. Lee's conversion to Christianity, Mrs. Zich explained, stemmed from her association with Miss Esther Barnhart, United Lutheran church former missionary in Japan who studied with her at U of M. Because both had Oriental backgrounds, Miss Barnhart and Mrs. Lee were paired as roommates.

MRS. LEE told the local churchwomen that before the Korean war she had no religion, because she felt no need for it. But after the loss and hardship she endured because of the war, she realized something was lacking in her life. "Now that she's a Christian," said Mrs. Zich, "she tells of the peace within herself that she never had before, even when she thought she had everything in pre-war times."

Last Saturday Mrs. Lee began her journey home to Seoul, where her three children have been living with her mother during the two years she studied for her master's under a UNESCO program.

SHE LEFT behind her in the Birmingham area a group of American women who ask, "What can we do?" What they can do for widowed, poverty-stricken women in south Korea, Mrs. Lee told them, was to help her start a small enterprise where the women could operate sewing machines for a living.

Now the St. Andrew Lutheran church women are joining with other Detroit area women in contributing funds to send sewing machines to South Korea. Mrs. Lee said she is an enthusiast for her faith moving American women to an act which strengthened their own Christianity.

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## 77 Years of Service

Hodges, Inc., Birmingham Chrysler-Imperial dealer since last November, has taken over this city's Dodge dealership, and these three men, with a combined total of 77 years with the Dodge firm, will figure prominently in the increased sales operations here. Vern E. Doonan (left) and James A. Mason (center) were among the founders of Hodges Auto Co., Ferndale auto dealership for 34 years. Doonan, Hodges manager, is a resident of Boca Raton, Fla., but will be moving to Birmingham soon. Mason resides at 27330 Red River, Lathrup. He is president of the firm. Earl E. Orr (right), vice-president and general manager, has served with Hodges nine years. His home is at 19900 Greenwald, Southfield. Hodges has two Ferndale establishments—Hodges Auto Co., a Dodge dealership, and Northwood Plymouth. Grand opening of the new Birmingham Dodge dealership will be Friday and Saturday.

### Delay Decision On Storm Sewer For Lakepark

It'll take a little while longer to develop plans and estimates for paving Lakepark between Raynald and Redding.

So city commissioners have tabled indefinitely a necessary hearing on a storm sewer for the north half of the block. This sewer would drain most of the water which now ponds in mid-block.

Several commissioners and quite a few Lakepark residents feel that complete improvement of curbs and paving should go on, not just a half-block drain.

Other neighbors oppose any improvements whatsoever.

### Playhouse Director Visits Parents

James S. Reason, formerly of Birmingham and now residing in Los Angeles, Calif., is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Reason on Aspen road, Jim, a graduate of the U of M, department of speech and theatre arts, has been acting and directing both in the theatre and in television.

He has been a director at the Pasadena Playhouse and conducts his own actor's workshop in Hollywood. He is considering opening a similar workshop in Birmingham during his visit here this summer.

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## That's the Point!

Pointing out the spot at which they plan to stream a 50-foot banner announcing the Birmingham youth center, Donald Ruesink, director, stops in downtown Birmingham to talk to some of the center steering committee members. They are (from left) Sandy Heflin, Sue Bollinger and Nancy Doherty.

## Youth Center Extends Bid To Open Houses Next Week

Open houses next week will inaugurate activities at a summer youth center sponsored by the Birmingham recreation department. With a steering committee of young people, the center will offer dancing, ping pong, volleyball, tennis, shuffleboard and other recreation for young residents of the city district.

Birmingham Recreation Director Robert Girardin announced this week the appointment of Donald Ruesink as director of the center.

Ruesink extended an invitation to attend an open house Tuesday from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the center at Eton park, Lincoln and Eton.

Wednesday night junior high young people are invited to an open house and cake and platter dance from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Beginning next week the center will be open to senior high members from 7 to 10:30 p.m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night. Junior high nights will be Wednesday and Friday.

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free of charge by membership card. Ruesink, of 125 Columbia, Birmingham, is a medical student at Wayne state university. His wife, Marilyn, teaches at Greenfield elementary school.

Ruesink said plans are for the center to "let the young people plan their own activities." On the center's steering committee are Barmam and Derby junior high school and Birmingham high school students.

Special groups, such as camera or dramatics clubs in which young people show an interest, will be developed, Ruesink said.

### 4-Year-Old Hit As He Runs From Behind Truck

When he ran into the street from behind a parked truck, Gen. Ratnik, 4, of 519 Bird, Birmingham, was struck by the bumper of an oncoming vehicle near his home Friday.

The accident was one of several injury accidents in Birmingham last week.

Taken to William Beaumont hospital, the boy was treated for a scalp laceration and released.

In other accidents, Edward P. Pontaine, 1370 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, was taken to Beaumont hospital after an accident near 1700 Iatham Sunday. X-rays revealed no serious injury, and he was discharged.

Rosa Mae Wilson, 59, of Detroit, was taken to Beaumont for emergency treatment after an accident Monday morning at Hunter and Haynes.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

When our spies reported to us that Birmingham Fire Marshall George Scott had been honored by an invitation to speak at a state fire protection session, this Wanderer asked him about it. "For years I've been going to the annual Michigan fire college sponsored by the University of Michigan extension service," says he, "but this is the first time I've ever gone as a speaker." He's talking about "care, maintenance and inspection of fire escape and stair wells" there today.

It wasn't that she doesn't like dogs, it's just that the two huge German shepherd dogs she found in her car wouldn't let her get near it. It happened Sunday evening when Mrs. John Hall, 554 Willets, Birmingham wanted to drive her convertible somewhere. But two strange dogs who had made themselves at home in the car indicated they wanted to be left alone. Mrs. Hall called police, who located the dogs' owner through a license tag. The owner took them back to their dwelling place on Madison street.

After returning from delivering a truck load of canned goods to a nursery school for blind children, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills police, fire and postal employees reported graphically on the remarkable work being done with blind children. The "deliv'ery men" are members of the Metropolitan club, spirit 9. They recently gave \$200 to the Penrickton nursery school for visually handicapped children, in Dearborn. The club's ladies' auxiliary gave the same amount, as well as the truckload of canned goods to the nursery, which receives no tax support.

Never let it be said that the American girl is a weak sister or isn't a good sport. Take last Friday out at Birmingham high school. During the big Swing-Out show, a skit called for eight members of the weaker (?) sex to make their entrance, each carrying a male student piggy-back. Idea was to finish the skit with the switcheroo exit in which the fellows carry off the girls. Everything went well, except for Midge Tapp, who was assigned football star Chuck Gibson (weight, about 200) for her piggy-back. As Chuck started to piggy-back, Midge lost her balance. To steady herself, she trust her foot forward, somehow turned her ankle. A split ankle muscle resulted. Quite painful at the time, but the doctor tells Midge it should heal within a few days.

Michigan's Dairy Princess is paying Birmingham a visit tomorrow. She's Miss Judy Damman, who'll be at Wrigley's store, 844 W. Hunter, between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

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Birmingham recently was included among 24 U.S. suburban "nice places to live" in a promotion put out by Time newsmagazine. With a fitting illustration of two Indians around a camp fire, plus a stage coach, the Time comment traces our city's early history, concluding that "Today, this residential suburb is a showplace of attractive homes, landscaped grounds and fine old trees." Obviously, though Time didn't mention it, our community contains people who also can read... The Eccentric as well as Time newsmagazine!

Boys will be boys, the old saying goes. But sometimes you wonder why. This Wanderer noted the following reports to police about boys being themselves last Saturday, Sunday and Monday: Boys on the roof of the ticket house at Birmingham high school. Boys playing in the school buses at the Eton garage. Boys climbing and swinging on a flagpole at Pierce school. Boys climbing on the Army tank parked near Harold Turner's auto dealership. Boys from other schools letting air out of automobile and bicycle tires at Baldwin school. Boys stealing bicycles at Quanton school. Girls lead such a dull life!

For the first time in years, the Birmingham city commission next Monday night will call on its third team to handle the gavel. He (or she, if it's Florence Willets) will

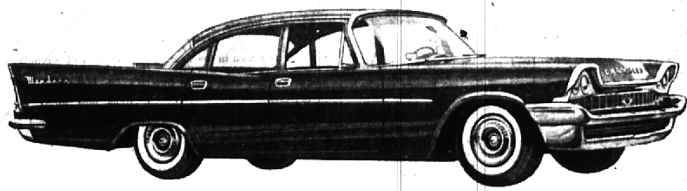
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