

MRS. HELEN FORNEY *Lordsburg*

Helen Forney, third child of Isaac and Mamie Forney, was born in Polo, Illinois March, 1904. Her grandparents, the Edmond Forneys, were early pioneer residents of Lordsburg, California.

Before starting to school the family moved to Waterloo, Iowa which was her home until leaving for college and a teaching career.

At an early age she was baptized in the south Waterloo Church of the Brethren. She is still a member of the Church of the Brethren.

College education was obtained at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa and at Manchester Indiana. A bachelor degree in Home Economics was granted by the latter college in 1927. In 1936 a master's degree in Foods and Nutrition was awarded by Teacher's College of Columbia University, N.Y.C.

Eight and one half years were spent teaching Home Economics and supervising college students in practice teaching in North Manchester, Indiana. Following receiving of the Master's degree, opportunities of teaching in college were offered and this led to twelve years in various colleges including Juniata at Huntington, Pennsylvania, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas and later in California including one year at La Verne College.

In 1945 she was married to Ross Forney and lived in Fresno, California until moving to Hillcrest in La Verne, August 7, 1974. Ross was deceased in 1966.

Since she had no family in Fresno and does have a brother, Burton at Hillcrest it seemed to be a wise choice to establish residence here.

Knitting, stitchery and reading are her main hobbies. She was responsible for starting a library in the Fresno Church of the Brethren in 1950 and was head Librarian continuously for twenty four years when she moved to Hillcrest. In addition, thirteen years were spent in work as volunteer librarian in the Veterans Hospital in Fresno.

Since 1970 two trips have been made to Europe, the first to see the Passion Play and tour Middle and Southern Europe for six weeks, In 1972 a second trip was made including Holland, England and the Scandinavian countries. Two weeks of that time were spent in Oxford, England visiting with her nephew and family, Dr. Harold Forney, who was studying there. A trip was made to the South Pacific late in 1973 visiting Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji and Hawaii.

If the remainder of the time spent in Hillcrest is as enjoyable as the first three weeks, "Life should be beautiful."

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