Charles and Ethel Hollinger

Charles was born in Washington, D.C. on April 22, 1896, the sone of the Reverend Albert and Annie (Deardorff) Hollinger. He attended public schools in Virginia and Maryland and later in Pennsylvania after his family moved to a farm near Gettysburg. When he finished the eighth grade in a one-room country school, he completed the preparatory course at Gettysburg Academy and attended Gettysburg College about two years.

The family moved to Saskatchewan, Canada in March, 1921. Charles continued to farm there for seventeen years, after which he moved to California. He and his brother Roland operated a service station in Pomona for two year; then he located in La Verne. In June, 1943 he began work at La Verne College on the custodial and maintenance staff.

Prior to this time Charles met and became acquainted with Ethel Dresher and they were married in the Church of the Brethren on July 25, 1943. After renting for almost seven years they moved into a new house at 2321 Third Street which they enjoyed as their home for almost twenty-five years.

Ethel was born near Sidney, Ohio on April 20, 1906. The family moved to North Dakota and then came to Lordsburg (La Verne) in October, 1910 where she has lived continuously since that time. After finishing elementary school, she attended La Verne College Academy and La Verne College, from which she received the B.A. degree in 1928.

She started to work in the office of La Verne College in June, 1929, as the first full-time secretary and continued there until February, 1952. She worked under three presidents - Ellis M. Studebaker, C. Ernest Davis, and Harold D. Fasnacht, holding several positions at various times through the years: secretary to the president, business secretary, alumni secretary-treasurer, and registrar. In 1952 she became secretary to the superintendent of La Verne City School District which later became part of Bonita Unified School District. After her retirement in 1968 she became treasurer of the Pacific Southwest Conference of the Church of the Brethren, a part-time position which she continues to hold.

Charles and Ethel are both active members of the La Verne Church of the Brethren and soon after their marriage they were elected to the office of deacon for a lifeterm. For many years Charles was the head usher.

Charles' hobbies are photography, gardening, and repairing and fixing things that "get out of order." Ethel enjoys sewing, knitting, handcrafts, and reading. They both enjoy traveling.

We became residents of Hillcrest on Sept. 1, 1974, choosing it because we admired the atmosphere of friendliness and congeniality, as well as its location and facilities for wholesome activities and continued care.



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