

## **Harry and Ruth Crockett**

The first large contribution to Holman's Permanent Endowment Fund was from the estate of Ruth Crockett in the amount of \$348,000.00. Mrs. Crockett bequeathed her home to Holman. After refurbishing the home, the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee sold it and the proceeds established the foundation for the Holman Permanent Endowment fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clifton Crockett were both devoted members of Holman. Mr. Crockett was originally from Water Valley Mississippi and attended Iowa State University. He served in the Armed Forces from 1943 - 1946, after which he moved to Los Angeles and married Ruth Bullitt in 1948. He joined Holman United Methodist Church in 1953 and for nearly two decades, he served as the treasurer of the congregation, keeping meticulous records of all the financial transactions. Using his accounting skills, he also served on fundraising campaigns as well as in other capacities that could utilize his business acumen. He also volunteered with the Braille Institute.

Ruth Bullit Crocket was originally from Louisville, Kentucky. She joined the United States Army in 1944 and moved to Los Angeles in 1946. She, too, joined Holman in 1953 and was devoted to being membership secretary for many years, keeping a careful diary of individual family members, recording each marriage and baptism. Mrs. Crocket also organized Holman's breakfast club at her home between services. The breakfast club later moved to Fellowship Hall and remains a Holman tradition. Like her husband, Ruth Crockett volunteered at the Braille Institute as well as the Boy Scouts of America.

The seed money established by the Crockett estate continues to enable the Holman Permanent Endowment Fund to grow and expand the church's ministries and Christian education efforts.