

# 'Little House' actress off screen

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HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Charlotte Stewart, who plays schoolmarm Miss Beadle in "Little House On The Prairie," is a different sort of teacher off-screen, teaching deaf children how to speak.

Unlike Miss Beadle, who was married this month in the NBC-TV series, Charlotte is divorced and lives alone in the Hollywood hills just below the enormous Hollywood sign which can be seen from many parts of Los Angeles.

For several years following her divorce in 1969 from actor-writer Tim Considine, Charlotte leased a house in Topanga Canyon, renting out rooms to friends in "a sort of commune," where she did most of the cooking.

Her new house is a rambling brick dwelling built around a patio on three quarters of an acre where her two mutts, Elmer and Fudge, frolic around and double as watchdogs.

All three bedrooms are generally filled with visiting friends and relatives, but Charlotte has given up cooking for them except on holidays.

A native Californian who grew up in Yuba City, Charlotte moved into her house a year ago and has furnished it with pieces she inherited from her parents. She is most proud of four ancient wooden "lawyer's chairs" around her mother's old oak dining room table.

Charlotte is a sentimentalist who hangs onto mementos, especially photographs. One wall of the living room is solidly covered by pictures of her brothers, sisters and parents.

A stained glass window in the living room is especially dear to her. It depicts a mountain lake and was made by a friend during Charlotte's days in Topanga.

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