

Arlington Pair, Wed 63 Years, Agree on Most Everything



LONGTIME TEAMMATES—Selden G. Hopkins, 86, and his wife, Nettie, 83, mark their sixty-third wedding anniversary today

General agreement on nearly everything—including politics—is a pretty good way to stay married for 63 years, Selden and Nettie Hopkins of Arlington believe.

Hopkins, who is 86, and his wife, 83, will celebrate the 63d wedding anniversary today quietly at their home, 1519 N. Utah st.

No party—just a day at home, reading aloud to each other, possibly taking a drive with one of their sons, some at their six granddaughters, or nine great-grandchildren.

One of Hopkins' principal interests these days is politics, and that, he says, "means the Democratic Party." During Woodrow Wilson's 1912 and 1916 campaigns, Hopkins was the State Democratic Committee chairman in Wyoming, when the committee twice helped to give the State's votes to the President.

Furthermore, says Hopkins, "my

wife's a Democrat—we don't disagree on much of anything." Other factors in the long-marriage formula, he says, are tolerance and patience, and interests in common—such as the walks the couple take together, or their games of rummy.

The couple began their married life together in Plainville, Kans., where Hopkins came from his native town of Lancaster, Wis., to practice law. In Kansas, he also published a country newspaper.

After his service as Wyoming's State chairman, Hopkins was named Assistant Secretary of the Interior under Wilson, and later was a member of the board of appeals of the Civil Service Commission. He retired in 1945.

The Hopkins have three sons—Philip S. of Binghamton, N. Y.; Grant G. of Richmond, Va., and Ralph W., a Washington attorney.