

Rutland to Succeed Him

Blair Retires as Postmaster at Rion After 24 Years of Service



MR. AND MRS. A. MAC BLAIR ON THEIR 50th ANNIVERSARY

Andrew McConnell Blair, lifelong citizen of Fairfield County, retired this month as postmaster at Rion, after 24 years of continuous service. He is being succeeded by Robert Rutland, who has been named acting postmaster. Mrs. Bratton Hall (the former Miss Clee Clowney) continues as clerk and messenger in the Rion office.

Jovial Mr. Blair (who is generally known as "A. Mac"), has worked in Rion for the past 43 years. Prior to becoming postmaster in 1931, when he succeeded the late Professor C. R. Spencer, he had managed the company store, then called the L. S. Morrow Company, now Quarry Stores, Inc. Mr. Blair reminisces fascinatingly about the days of the late Benjamin H. Heyward and of his admiration and affection for this unusual quarry executive of another age and generation.

Also, although far from elderly

as age is measured in 1955, Mr. Blair tells of earlier days in Winnsboro and recalls Miss Emily Obear, Miss Nanney Finney and other renowned teachers at historic Mt. Zion Institute.

A native of the Blair section of Fairfield County, he is a son of the late Thomas Blair and Anne Leitner Blair. Of Scotch-Irish descent, his ancestors came to this county from Virginia. He is married to the former Miss Minnie Camak, daughter of the famed "Mossy Dale" correspondent (the late T. C. Camak) of The News and Herald, and they have two sons: Thomas Blair, a druggist who now travels for the Upjohn Company, of Greenwood, and Edward Blair, who holds a position with the Winnsboro Mills.

Mr. Blair's many friends wish him good luck, long life and happiness in his well-earned retirement. He and Mrs. Blair live on Route 3, Winnsboro.

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