

DALLAS AND MARY LANCASTER

Most of us know the Lancasters, who 46 years ago came calling from Calloway County, Kentucky. Mary grew up in Murray, where her father owned a drug store; Dallas was native to Dexter, just north of Murray near the Marshall County line. The word is that they did not know each other as youngsters, but got acquainted when Dallas was hospitalized where Mary was working. And so began a life of love and mutual undertakings. They chose to make Florence their home, for which we are glad.

Dallas majored in history at Murray State Teachers College, earned a master's in history and economics at Peabody College in 1944, and studied later at the University of North Carolina and Yale University.

Dallas taught history in junior and senior high schools in Calloway County and at Oak Ridge before drifting downstream to join the faculty of Florence State Teachers College in 1946. He was to spend the next 37 years at what know today as the University of North Alabama, making history more meaningful to hundreds and hundreds of students before retiring in 1983 as Professor of Economics and History.

Dallas participated in the usual range of professional organizations during his tenure at UNA. He also was active in other ways on the local scene, and with retirement he and Mary devoted more time to local causes: