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Scott, Madison Van (-2003) graduated from Carson-Newman College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He served as pastor of churches in Tennessee, Texas and Florida including Moringside Baptist Church, Jacksonville and Riverside Baptist Church, Jacksonville. Scott and his wife, Ruth Anderson Scott had two daughters.



Riverside Baptist To Hear Dr. Scott

Guest speaker at the Riverside Baptist Church for the 11 a.m. service tomorrow will be the Rev. Dr. Madison V. Scott. He has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge, Tenn., since 1953.

He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and studied at the University of Basel, Switzerland, and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He received the doctor of philosophy degree from the latter institution in 1952.

Give World Back to God, Minister Urges Rotarians

Americans yesterday were urged to give the world back to God "and to stop being personally responsible for many things we should trust to Him."

Rev. Madison V. Scott, minister of The Morningside Church of Jacksonville, told members of the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville that mortals "were never meant to be the center of all things.

"I am suggesting that joy, in a world like this, is an act of faith and that we show our atheism now so much by our reasoned doubts as by our furrowed brow."

He said too many are joyless because "we are grimly busy taking care of our precious egos. We are too busy protecting our vanity and defending our pride. I am suggesting that we have too little spontaneity about us because we have too little love in us.

"Give the world back to God—and you can enjoy. Place the

center of things where it belongs—in God—and not in yourself," he urged.

Club members gave \$1,000 to Mrs. Brooks Brown, in charge of the student exchange program here for American Field Services. The money will be used to bring a West German student here next year under the AFS program.

Another check for \$1,440 was made to Rotary Foundation for international activities by the service organization.

Sukarno to Visit India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (AP)—Diplomatic sources report President Sukarno of Indonesia has accepted an invitation to visit India early in 1964 and confer with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on matters of common concern.

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'Belief' Bill Draws Fire In Texas

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—A bill aimed at keeping persons who do not believe in a supreme being from teaching in Texas public supported schools drew criticism last night from several ministers and church leaders.

The bill (HB548) by Rep. W. T. Oliver of Port Neches would require all persons who would teach in public schools, or state supported colleges and universities, to swear they believe in the existence of a supreme being.

"I personally have dedicated my life to trying to convince people of the existence of a supreme being. As a Baptist and as an individual I cherish deeply the freedom of any man to believe or disbelieve," said **Rev. Madison Scott**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Austin.

Harold Kilpatrick, executive secretary of the Texas Council of Churches, said the council passed a resolution today at its annual assembly in Waco opposing the bill.

"The situation may occur where we might be at the small end of the barrel and we would be told you can't profess the religion that you hold," **Rev. Edmund Heinsohn**, minister emeritus of the University Methodist Church, Austin, said.

Twice during the hearing committee chairman Bill Hollowell had to halt laughter and applause from the audience.

Oliver spoke in behalf of his bill, taking part in sharp exchanges at times with some members of the committee.

After nearly three hours of testimony, the bill was referred to an apparently friendly subcommittee.

Rep. Joe Chapman of Sulphur Springs closed the arguments for the bill. At one point he remarked that a writer and lecturer said communism finds recruits "among student intellectuals." Someone in the gallery hissed and was ordered to leave by a sergeant at arms. This touched off a mass exit from the gallery by about 20 students.

Program Scheduled At DeLand

SANFORD — Twenty-eight Baptist churches and missions of the Seminole-Volusia area will have mobilization night at DeLand's First Baptist Church on Monday evening, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m.

Observed throughout the entire Southern Baptist Convention of more than 8.5 million members in 30,834 churches, "M" night stands for the mobilization of Baptist people in training and service. The local meeting is sponsored by the Seminole Baptist Associational Training Union which has set an attendance goal of 501.

The **Rev. J. W. Parham** of Central Baptist Church, Sanford, will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening, and the program will consist of the following:

The **Rev. Madison V. Scott**, pastor of Jacksonville's Riverside Baptist Church will speak to the group on the subject, Inherited—a Trust and a Challenge. Music features will be provided by choirs from Stetson University.

Mrs. Evelyn Magee, president of the Seminole Association-Woman's Missionary Society will offer a challenge in behalf of the annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering, and a dramatic presentation of the 1958 training union program will be under the direction of the **Rev. Hugh Hawkins** of DeLand's Stetson Baptist Church. Spirited congregational singing will highlight the evening.

Also appearing on the program will be the **Rev. Merl Wentz** of DeLeon Springs and Mrs. J. W. Parham, secretary for the Associational Training Union organization.

Two attendance banners will be awarded during the evening; one to the church with the largest number of people present, and the other to the church with the largest percentage of its training union enrollment present.

Everyone is urged to attend. "M" night is known as a family affair. Experienced workers will be on hand to provide a conducted nursery for the tiny folks during the evening.

Mrs. Evelyn Magee, presi-

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Says Death Should Be Individual's Choice

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. (AP) — The Rev. Madison V. Scott, minister of Grace Congregational Church, says people who have "outlived their vigor" should be allowed to die "peacefully and with dignity at the time of their choice."

"Medical science is keeping people alive longer and longer," Dr. Scott said, "but no one is helping them live better."

He addressed a meeting of 150 women in business and the professions.

Dr. Scott, 44, received his doctorate

from University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to Framingham two years ago from Morningside Church in Jacksonville, Fla.

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176 N. Beach St.
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LAST 3 DAYS!

The poster features a central illustration of two men in suits, one holding a gun, flanked by two women in elegant attire. The text is arranged in a classic movie poster layout with a dotted border.

Rebecca Sue Scott

Birth

18 Jan 1952
Scotland

Death

7 Jan 1971 (aged 18)
Henderson, Vance County, North Carolina, USA

Burial

Lynnhurst Cemetery
Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, USA

Daughter of Dr. Madison V. Scott and Ruth (Anderson) Scott

Sources:

North Carolina, U.S., Death Certificates, 1909-1976
North Carolina, U.S., Death Indexes, 1908-2004

(10/11/2003) Dr. Madison V. Scott, of Plano, Texas, passed away September 15, 2003. Dr. Scott was pastor of First Baptist Church Austin from 1958- 1963. He is survived by his loving wife, Ruth; daughter, Sylvia and her husband, Milton Gearing; grandsons, Christopher and Charles. Preceding him in death was daughter, Rebecca. A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church Austin on Sunday October 12, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will follow. Memorial gifts may be made through First Baptist Church Austin.

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Oak Ridge Revisited —

Former Pastor Finds Ridge Unique For Quality Of Eagerness, Church Compatibility

By JUNE ADAMSON

For Dr. **Madison Scott**, Oak Ridge revisited brings back many pleasurable memories and surprise and delight at the progressive changes made since his departure.

Dr. **Scott**, who was pastor of the First Baptist Church here for three years, left in August, 1956 to head a congregation in Jacksonville, Fla. Since September, 1958 he has been pastor of the First Baptist Church in Austin, Tex.

He is in Oak Ridge this week to conduct special Holy Week morning and evening services from his former pulpit, the series to culminate in his Good Friday sermon Friday evening.

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Madison Scott is welcomed back to the Ridge by a large following. In addition to those who have flocked to hear his sermons since they began on Sunday, he is paying visits to many of his former parishoners who are home bound. With the current First Baptist pastor, Dr. Edward Galloway, he is making rounds of the congregation, visiting the sick as well as those whose families have been touched by death since he left.

Dr. **Scott's** return is of interest to more than just those of First Baptist. While here, he displayed a keen interest in the progress of Oak Ridge as a community.

He frequently made references in sermons to the need for the

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city to accept self government — individual citizen responsibility. He often admonished on specific examples of Oak Ridge's unusual personality. One sermon in particular hit at the custom of ridding yards for flowers and shrubs when a home was vacant. Back in the old days, when all houses were rented by the government, neighbors moved in with shovels and trowels as soon as the moving van pulled away.

How does Dr. **Scott** feel about Oak Ridge now that it has made the transition that was just getting underway when he left? Curiosity about his answer to this question and an interest in his observations of the community in general spurred an interview on Tuesday. He has the perspective of

servations of the community in general spurred an interview on Tuesday. He has the perspective of one still keenly interested in the future of the community and yet one who has been removed from direct participation long enough to view developments objectively.

He finds that "the shrubbery and the children have grown—and so has the city. All this new home development amazes me!"

Looking back at Oak Ridge after four years, he finds that his reaction is most positive. "Though I was sometimes wearied by the uncertainties felt here, I can certainly see that Oak Ridge's future continues to look better than the past."

He adds, "When friends tell me about the new Municipal Building—the new hospital—and all the new homes, I sense a quality of eagerness that one doesn't find in many places." He expects to tour new hospital facilities during his stay.

But it isn't only in the matter of physical development that Dr. **Scott** sees so much development. He expresses gratification in

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learning of the bi-racial committee appointed recently by the City Council and of the movement toward the solving of racial problems within the framework of his ex-congregation. "I wish my church in Austin were as far along in this matter of integration," he comments.

He told us about some of the things he most misses in being away from Oak Ridge. "I found more theological compatibility here than I've ever found in other places. Churches here seem to have a distinct character of identity, and there is no oligarchy of families running the churches here. This is often quite a problem in other places, you know," he said with a twinkle.

The only negative note struck in his current visit is his continued awareness of the need for more ministerial counseling here.

"While in Oak Ridge I myself handled at least 70 major counseling cases," he said. "I think the need for this kind of religious support is perhaps more evident here because of the dislocation of people—the lack of family ties."

He expressed the idea that this work is a function of the church, as a supportive and referral service for those who need more than just a boost of morale. "Ministerial counseling should never cross the bounds of psychiatric help," he stated.

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"But Oak Ridge is a young community—not so stymied by tradition—", he says. Dr. **Scott** seems to feel that any difficulty anyone encounters in putting down firm roots is a small price to pay for the progress which can be made and is being made.

He told us about the success of one of his pet ideas, which was also very successful and much used during the period it was put into practice here. This is the "Dial a Prayer" service adopted by his Austin Church, just as sponsored here during his tenure of service. There it is called the "Prayer of the Day," and it has been received with an avalanche of use. Currently Dr. **Scott** is compiling the prayers written for this service in book form. "Amazingly enough, it is a Methodist Lady who plans to underwrite its publication," he says.

His church in Austin is about twice the size of the local First Baptist Church, with a congregation numbering about 3000 and a staff of 19.

Each morning this week at 10:30 Dr. **Scott** is speaking informally from the pulpit of First Baptist Church on the subject of the Sermon on the Mount in terms of what it means to everyday life and problems. Each evening—at 7:30 he also addresses the congregation. His subject Tuesday night was "The Modern Samaritan." Tonight he will take up "The Man Who Always Wanted to be God," and on the evening of Monday Thursday he will speak on the