

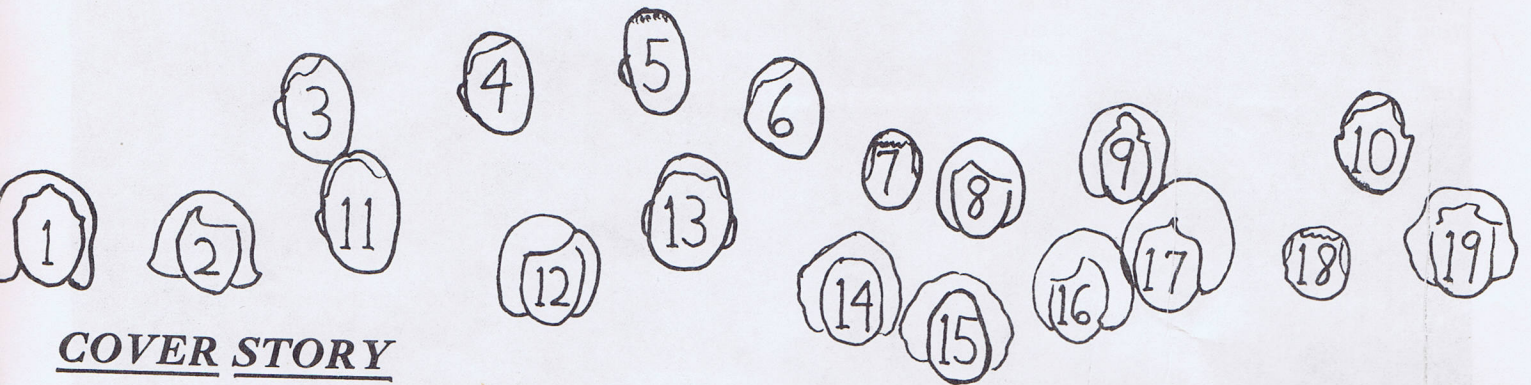
MR. AND MRS.
MAC GREGOR SCOTT



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COVER STORY

MOST MEN DIDN'T fall in love with their wives in grade school. Most didn't go through World War II with a family and no car. Not many were blessed with nine children—even fewer were able to communicate the Christian faith to the whole brood.

But McGregor Scott, (11), with a remarkable wife, (14), and the grace of God, *did*. He likes III John 4: "I

have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Behold the brood: McGregor Jr. (10), and his wife, Bunny, (19), with their two children, Jeff (18) and Lee, live in Wenonah, New Jersey, and have charge of the teenagers in the Lake Tract Bible Church, where Greg is a deacon and does a considerable amount of substitute preaching. He is a chemical engineer employed by the

Atlantic Refining Co.

Charles (6) is a trustee in Covenant Church, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. He and his wife Jerri (9) sponsor the senior youth group of the church. Charles is a business office supervisor for the telephone company. They have a daughter, Colleen (7).

Emma (8) is married to Fred Peace (5), an elder in the Huntsville, Alabama, Reformed Presbyterian

Church. They have charge of the young peoples' group in their church, and Emma also teaches in the Presbyterian Day School.

Myrtle Lee (17) lives at home, is a supervising clerk for the telephone company, sings in the choir at Covenant Church and teaches in the Sunday School nursery department.

Betty (2) and her husband Bill Hewlett (3), live in Richmond, Virginia, with their two children, Scott and Sherrie. They have the oversight of a young peoples' group in their church, and both sing in the choir.

Arthur (13) and his wife Sharon (12) are in St. Louis where Art is finishing at Covenant Seminary, looking forward to the ministry. Sharon teaches fifth grade in the public school. They attend the Lafayette Presbyterian Church when Art is not preaching elsewhere.

Dorothy (16), received her B. A. at Covenant College last year, and is now a student nurse at Baroness Erlanger hospital in Chattanooga, where a number of "Covenanters" have started a Bible class and are actively witnessing for Christ.

Lois (1), enjoying her first year at Covenant College, and Martin (4), a high school senior, hopefully looking forward to college, are both waiting to learn the Lord's will for their lives.

No. 15 in the photo is Mrs. Emma Martin, Mrs. Scott's mother.

The clan chief is a communications man, having been with Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania for 43 years. His specialty is central office maintenance, and so far as family life was concerned as the children grew

member one of the boys asked me, 'Why won't you let me go to the movies?' I countered, 'Did I ever say you couldn't?'

'Well, I guess not, but *you* never go.'

'That's a different matter,' I pointed out. 'If you want to know why I don't go, I'll be glad to tell you.'

The matter closed there, happily settled.

Scott says he quit smoking fifty

basis."

"When my faith ran thin in the face of mounting bills, Myrtle would say, 'I don't know why we can't trust the Lord to meet this,'" says Scott. She handles the family budget; does all the laundry.

Firm Father

"Our family altar was after the evening meal," Scott says. "We never could get baths and breakfast in time to have it earlier. But I made a strong

"I Made a Strong Point of Always Being Ahead of Time at Every Church Function."

times. "It was as easy as that," he laughed. At one time he asked one of the boys to pray for his father to drop the habit. "Then when I promised the Lord I would quit, the habit was broken," he said. The Scotts did not have television in their home until someone gave them a receiver. The youngsters didn't like it after awhile, and it was seldom used. When it broke down, it was not repaired.

Early Love

Myrtle Martin got hold of Greg Scott's heart-strings in grade school days when she moved on his street, but he could not reach hers. Wangling a date in high school, he pressed his case, but she finally told him he was wasting his time. She did agree to pray that he would find the right girl. He promised to pray that she would find the right boy. "I was numb with disappointment. I could scarcely find my way home," Scott said.

A year later, Myrtle called to ask if he would take her out. It was the

point of *always* being ahead of time at every church function. We did not fail on this." The Scotts refused to use their nine children as excuses for avoiding church responsibilities. When snowbound, home services were held, with children always taking part. The "chief" taught a large men's class in the bustling Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood, New Jersey, from 1943 to 1947. Then he reluctantly gave up teaching to become superintendent of the Sunday school. "Dr. Carl McIntire was a tremendous influence in my life," he says.

When a Scott child misbehaved in church, he was ushered to a side room with a little black bench, for a spanking. "When Dad could not find the culprit in some domestic crime," Arthur recalls, we would be marched downstairs one by one for a paddling. This was very effective, and not often needed. There wasn't much fooling around at home. We loved our father, and he had our respect. The church dominated our lives, and we were always encouraged to be involved in it. The older children helped us to do so."

"Myrtle and I never remember hearing objection from any of the children when we required church and Sunday school participation," Scott said.

"I think our parents communicated the Christian faith by their convincing example," son Art says. "We knew what they believed, and we accepted it."

All nine.

"I Believed in Order, and We Had It; But Fun Went Along with the Order."

up, Greg Scott says, "I believed in order and we had it." Fun went along with the order, as when the chief showed up with a fearsome Halloween mask, tapping on the window and peering in at wide-eyed little Scotts.

Family Rules

"I never laid down hard and fast rules about smoking, drinking and movies," Scott said last week. "I re-

Lord's answer for both of them. They were married in 1931.

Mother Is Communications Key

"I think Myrtle is the real balance wheel in our family," Scott says. "She is as patient as the day is long," says son Arthur in St. Louis. "We always knew that Mother would listen to our problems, and she always helped us take them to the Lord on a Scriptural