



WELCOMING THEIR NEW PASTOR and his wife to Malad and Preston is the Presbyterian Session. From left to right, they are: (front) Jeanne John, Edna Palmer, and Anne Scott. (Rear) Lucile Harrison, Mazie Porter, Jack Porter, Frank Thomas, Pastor Richard Scott, Bob Acock, John Deremiah, Phyllis Acock, and Ruth Weber.

Pastor Richard & Anne Scott greeted here

About thirty-five Session members of the Presbyterian Church welcomed their new pastor, Richard Scott and his wife, Anne, at an ice cream social Sunday afternoon in the Malad City Park.

It is a 40-year tradition for the three Presbyterian Churches in Southeast Idaho to hold an ice cream social once a year. Represented were Malad, Preston and Soda Springs congregations.

Everyone enjoyed getting acquainted with Pastor Scott, who says he and his wife have been warmly welcomed by the communities.

"You made a great first impression on us," he said.

Born and raised in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, Pastor Scott is a fourth generation Presbyterian minister, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and great grandfather. His wife, too, has an ecclesiastical background, being the daughter of a Grace Brethren minister.

A graduate of Pennsylvania's Geneva College, Pastor Scott attended Seminary at the Gordon Divinity School in Hamilton, Massachusetts, which is just outside of Boston.

Following his ordination in 1965, he served as pastor of two Presbyterian congregations — one in New Jersey and one in Pennsylvania — before becoming an Army chaplain in 1975.

Among his military assignments were six years in Stuttgart and Frankfurt, Germany. Back in the States, he was stationed at bases in Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Gordon, Georgia; and Fort Ord, California.

Anne Scott, his wife, graduated from Gordon College, in Massachusetts, with a Christian Education degree. She is also a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. While she has taught school in both Germany and the United States, in recent years she has focused on Christian day care centers. Before coming to Malad she was director of a military day care system at Fort Ord where she supervised 100 personnel and 250 children.

The Scotts said one of the magnets that drew them to the Intermountain area was the proximity of their family. They have two daughters living in Utah. Terri, who works for Discover Card, lives with her husband and daughter in West Valley City; while Dawn, a registered nurse and mother of two, is a resident of Tooele. Another daughter, Rebecca, still lives in California where she is a registered physical therapist.

Having spent time at the Tooele Army Depot on assignment, Pastor Scott said he was familiar with the workings of the Presbyterian Church in this area. When he be-

came aware that one of the congregations - in Preston, Idaho - had a vacancy to fill, he made application to become the pastor there as well as here in Malad.

It has only been during the last year that Preston and Malad have been linked together in a larger Parish concept, Pastor Scott said, which is new for both congregations. He said, "In this aspect, it's an exciting challenge for me."

Sunday services are held at 9:30 a.m. in Preston and at 11:30 a.m. in Malad. Other activities during the week keep the pastor traveling back and forth, too, usually on a daily basis.

While strengthening his congregations is of course his long range goal, Pastor Scott said his short range goals have to do with adapting to the community. "We'd like to be involved in Malad City activities, as well as those of Oneida County," he said. "We don't have any home roots, with both of our parents deceased and relatives scattered all over the country. So we'd like to make this our home."

The new pastor likes winter sports, especially snowmobiling. And he also enjoys hunting and all forms of athletics. He has been involved in volunteer fire departments in other communities and would like to stay close to some of these groups here too. For starters, though, he is the newest member of the Community Chorus.