Baptist Group Progress True Story of Faith

A story of faith is that of the Northside Baptist church. Beginning as a mission Sunday school under the direction of the First Baptist church, the group was organized into the Northside Baptist church on November 3, 1940, with 34 charter members.

Realizing early that members must build for the future, the congregation purchased a residence and lot located at 800 Jefferson blvd. Reverend R. J. Brown, Sr. was pastor at this time. From the beginning the church has not only been self-supporting, financially, but has generously contributed to missions both at home and abroad.

In 1946 the brick auditorium at the corner of Ransome and Jefferson blvd. was erected and plans have already been made for the building of a Sunday School auditorium in the near future.

The present membership of the Northside Baptist church is over 200 and the Sunday School Training Union and Women’s Missionary union are all fully organized with all phases of church and denominational work being carried on. The church also sponsors a Boy Scout troop.

Former pastors who have served the church are Reverend Brown; Reverend Alton Gatewood, Reverend L. A. Materne, Reverend C. W. Freeman. The present pastor is Reverend St. Clair Bower.

Named by Legislature
Elliott Major Scott, of Washburn, Mo., was named by an act of the Missouri state legislature. The legislature of 1913, of which his father was a member, carried a motion that the baby be named in honor of Elliott Major, then governor of the state.