

Rawson, Lawrence Lamar (1915-2008) was born in Mississippi the son of Lawrence L. and Mabel Johnson Rawson. He was a bi-vocational minister and served as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Milton; Woodlawn Baptist Church, Pensacola; Klondike Baptist Church, Bellview Baptist Church and Brent Baptist Mission, Pensacola. Rawson and his wife, Mary Louise "Jimmie" Bell Rawson had four children.

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Immanuel Revival Set Through Next Week

News-Journal Bureau

MILTON — The Immanuel Baptist Church of Pace will hold revival services Sunday through Saturday.

Services will be conducted twice daily at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The evangelist will be **Rev. David Shofner**, pastor of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church of Brewton, Ala.

Frank Henderson will be the song leader for the revival with Debbie Moore as pianist.

Saturday night will be youth night, with special singing by the "Leunammi" four. This group consist of Debbie Walker, Cathy Moore, Carolyn Mayhall and Debbie Moore.

A nursery will be provided at all services.

The pastor is **Rev. Lamar Rawson**

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Woodlawn to Observe Its 15th Homecoming

The Woodlawn Baptist Church, 5700 N. Davis Highway, will observe its 15th homecoming with recognition of charter members and former members present at 11 a.m. Sunday, the **Rev. Lamar Rawson**, pastor, announced Friday.

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BRENT CHURCH, PENSACOLA, DEDICATES NEW MISSION

Brentwood Park, a new mission of Brent Church, Pensacola, was dedicated on Sunday, January 1. Pastor W. A. Thomas of Southside Mission brought the dedication message. Pastor Hugh F. Pyle of Brent Church was moderator; T. F. Westmark, East Brent Church, led opening prayer; A. B. Allen, Olive Church, brought devotional; Luther Key, Ensley Church, led dedication prayer.

For two summers Brent Church has held Vacation Bible Schools and revivals in this needy field. Site of the new mission is only a mile and a half from Brent Church, but many felt a need for a mission there to reach the folks who were just not going to any church. Last fall, work of the new Brentwood Mission began with services being held in a brush arbor. Lamar Rawson, Jr., Chairman of Deacons, Brent Church, was appointed director at the mission and has done very effective work. Already the Sunday school has had a record attendance of 163. Lamar Rawson has been licensed to preach and is now leading regular Sunday and Wednesday night services of the mission. Several choice workers from Brent Church have accepted the Lord's call to serve in the new field.

W. F. Howell, another young deacon of Brent Church, has answered the call to preach, been licensed, and started a new work in the Chumuckla Community in Santa Rosa County. Work on a new church building will begin there soon.

Brent Church, Pensacola, whose auditorium was destroyed by fire last October, led the Pensacola Bay Association in baptisms, again last year for the second straight year with 163.

Rawson



The **Rev. Lawrence Lamar Rawson** and Mary Louise "Jimmie" Bell **Rawson** of Pace celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on May 9, 2003.

Rev. Rawson is a retired Baptist Minister and Mrs. **Rawson Rawson** is a housewife.

They are the parents of **Lamar Rawson**, Pace, Larry **Rawson**, Troy, Ala., Dr. David **Rawson**, Gulf Breeze, and Judy Wiggins, Walnut Hill, Fla. They have 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Lawrence Rawson Obituary
REVEREND LAWRENCE LAMAR RAWSON
1915-2008

Reverend Lawrence Lamar Rawson, 93, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, his wife of 72 years, Mary Louise, and his baby daughter, Patricia Ann, at his earthly home in Pace, Florida on Monday, December 29, 2008.

Born on August 16, 1915 to Lawrence L. and Mabel (Johnson) Rawson, in Mississippi, Lamar, his parents, and older brother, Malcolm (Mac), returned to his mother's home town of Pensacola. Lamar graduated from PHS and shortly thereafter married his life long love, Mary Louise (Jimmy) Bell.

Reverend Rawson was a bi-vocational Southern Baptist minister while working at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. When he retired from NAS he went into full time ministry and was pastor of several Northwest Florida Churches. He was a member of Floridatown Baptist Church at the time of his death.

He is survived by his children, Lamar H. Rawson of Pace, Larry E. Rawson (Joan) of Troy, Alabama, Dr. David W. Rawson (Pat) of Gulf Breeze and Crestview, Florida, and Judith Rawson Wiggins (Gary) of Bratt, Florida; thirteen grand children and 22 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank Lydia Pettigrew, Ellie Tew, and Doyle Ward and family for their dedication to Daddy and Momma in their last years.

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Rawson Brothers, That Is The 3 R's: A Study in Football

By RAY DONNELLY
Journal Sports Staff

Rawson The name is becoming the watchword for Pensacola and Auburn football fans.

And it has three meanings: Lamar, Larry and David. The three R's . . . college, high school and junior high. Each is a star on his own field.

Rugged **Lamar**, oldest of the triumvirate, is a galloping sophomore Auburn halfback, only two seasons removed from Pensacola High premises. He has already proven himself behind Bobby Hoppe, Auburn's No. 1 right halfback.

Sophomore **Larry**, in the middle, is a first-year tailback-tailback for Coach Jim Seaggins' Pensacola High Tigers. And according to the "experts" he's as good—or better—at this point of his career than **Lamar** was while coarsing with the Bengals. The flashy sophomore generates plenty of power operating at either tailback or fullback, whichever Seaggins designates.

And David, the youngest, is an up-and-coming halfback for Brent-



DAVID RAWSON
. . . the youngest

wood Junior High—the school which was a testing station for his two brothers.

But from where does this family gridiron knowhow come?

David credits **Larry** . . . Larry credits **Lamar** and **Lamar** credits the **Rev. Lawrence Lamar Nelson**, the father and pastor of the Klondike Baptist Church.

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The **Rev. Rawson**, who in addition to his ministerial duties is a civilian employe at the Naval Air Station, has always stressed

"fair play and good sportsmanship." And it has paid off handsomely.

The **Rawson** brothers' collective scholastic record is probably one of the best in the Escambia County school system. Their reputation is that of quiet, studious, intelligent youngsters—both on and off the football field.

Lamar, a mechanical engineering student, married Frances Baker, his high school sweetheart, after being graduated from PHS in 1956. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donovan K. Baker, 522 East 54 St., Brentwood.

Lamar was a freshman standout at Auburn last season, leading the frosh with 29 runs for 163 yards, averaging 5.6 and scoring two touchdowns.

Auburn Coach Shug Jordan said **Lamar** is being groomed for a starting role in the Tigers' backfield next season, when the seasonal Hoppe yields to graduation.

Lamar is a fine gentleman as well as a fine athlete," Coach Seaggins told the Reverend **Rawson** after watching his son play a big role in Auburn's victory over Florida. Admitting both **Lamar** and **Larry** possess "plenty of athletic ability as well as a wonderful mental attitude," Seaggins says he is looking forward to coaching David next spring and fall.

Larry, who amazed PHS fans at the outset of the season with his power running from the all-important tailback post, probably will headline the Tiger fullback chores the rest of the season.

"Fullback, that's easier than tailback," Larry said. The PHS sophomore is active in the Christian Youth Club and in all varsity sports.

The brothers are solid on playing college sports but in agreement that college is where a sports career should end.

The **Rawson** boys have enjoyed playing sports together since they were small. Their first game together was basketball, a sport played by their father. Each has participated in varsity basketball, **Lamar** being a starter for Coach Shetty Sneed's PHS club his senior year and **Larry** and David members of Coach Fred Haushalter's Brentwood varsity.

second baseman **Winn's** move a chance to collect from Kansas City; that the Tigers had accepted Martin's contract and "his argument is with the Detroit ball club."

Tiger General Manager John McAlle said in Detroit. "There won't be any contract trouble—no trouble of any kind. He's going to fit right into the organization. Everything will be all right."

Sent to Detroit with Martin were pitchers Tom Morgan and Maurice "Mickey" McDermott, catcher Tim Thompson, and outfielders Gus Zernial and Lou Skizas.

In return Kansas City got outfielders Bill Tuttle and Jim Small, pitchers Duane "Duke" Maas and John Taitouris, catcher Frank House, and the two farm hands, yet to be selected.

Martin, McDermott, Morgan and Skizas were obtained by the Athletics in trades with the Yankees. Thompson was purchased from Brooklyn and Zernial has been with the A's since 1951 when the club, then at Philadelphia, obtained him from the Chicago White Sox.

Maas, Tuttle and House were

Liz Horton Wins Low Gross Honors

Liz Horton captured low gross honors Wednesday in a women's model play tournament at the Pensacola Country Club as over 60 players competed, including a delegation of 30 from the Mobile Country Club. She had a card of low gross 82.

Other winners were:
Division A: Low Gross—June Marston (MCC), 82; 1st Low Net—Max Smith and Gina Kuder (PCC), 77; Most Dots—Moore and Gloria Jean Demott (MCC), 9; 2nd Low Net—Lillian Brooks and Betsy Sherman (PCC), 8; Glen Harrison and Janet Meigs (MCC), 78.
Division B: Low Gross—Tilly Seaggins (PCC), 80; Eleanor Francis (MCC), 136; 1st Low Net—Betsy Moore (MCC), 74; Willie Seagins (PCC), 81; 2nd Low Net—Margaret McPherson (MCC), 77; Club Scores (PCC), 43.
Birdie Bagger (MCC), Isabel Martin (PCC), Betty Bush, Gladys Marston, Kay Courtney and Leah Lester (MCC).
Long Drive on No. 1 Tee—Casper Burtice (PCC), No. 18—June Marston (MCC).
Closest to Pin on No. 11—Margaret Moore (MCC), No. 14—Betty White (PCC).

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Catalonia Mites Cop 26-0 Verdict

Catalonia Mites, city grid champs, romped to a 26-0 verdict over Sacred Heart here Wednesday as their big brothers—the junior team—battled to a 13-13 stand-off in a gridiron twin bill.

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Catalonia Mites . . . 7 12 6 3-26
Catalonia scoring—Touchdowns, Bill Kistner (35 yards), Roger Mar (13 yards), Sam

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LARRY RAWSON
. . . in the middle



LAMAR RAWSON
. . . the oldest

HISTORY OF BELLVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

4750 Saufley Field Road

Prior to 1937, a Union Sunday School was held in the Bellview Community. On April 23, 1937, a small group of people met in the home of Mr. Lonnie Handrop for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church. The church was organized with 12 charter members; Rev. W. A. Broome was elected moderator and Mrs. Jessie B. Ard was elected clerk.



A Sunday School was organized at the very beginning of the new church and two years later, in 1939, a Training Union was organized. In October of that year (1939) the church applied for membership in the Pensacola Bay Association and was accepted.

From the time of the organizational meeting the church has gone through several building programs. The original building, located about one mile east of the Saufley Field gate, was erected under the leadership of Rev. C. A. Crim. In September of 1945 this building was moved to the new site on which the present building is located. This land was donated by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. An auditorium was added to the original building in 1946. Through the years this structure went through many modifications to meet the demands of a growing membership.

In 1951, under the leadership of Rev. Lamar Rawson, the church purchased its first parsonage at 2 Parda Blvd. During the ministry of Rev. Roy Tippett, groundbreaking services for the present auditorium were held on October 10, 1954 and construction was begun.

During the ministry of Rev. A. R. Kingman the auditorium was nearly completed, an educational building containing 4 assembly rooms and 16 classrooms was constructed, and the parsonage was moved to 4748 Saufley Field Rd. The current parsonage is located at 6040 Bradshaw St.

In August of 1967, the church observed its 30th Anniversary, in conjunction with a special dedication service for the new, two-story, \$85,000 educational building located behind the main auditorium. The education building was constructed during the ministry of Rev. Jack Bilbo. Bro. Bilbo served as pastor for twenty-three years, retiring in January, 1988.

Rev. Norman Brown followed Bro. Bilbo as pastor, and during his ministry the old parsonage at 4748 Saufley Field Rd. was completely remodeled and became the "Bellview House"; a place of safe shelter for out-of-town families needing medical treatment in our local hospitals. This mission was the "dream" of Mr. & Mrs. George Brown.

In 1990, Dr. Billy Bolden became pastor and continues to serve at this time. Under his leadership the membership has increased, an early Sunday service added, and a large Christian Recreation Center has been built. Dedication of the Recreation Center was held in October, 1993 and Cody Caywood was called as Minister of Recreation and Education.