

Oscar Lawson Services Set 1/23/73

Oscar Lee Lawson, 77, of Searsboro died Tuesday at Grinnell General Hospital.

The son of William and Eva Wasson Lawson, he was born June 28, 1895, in Hepburn, Iowa. He attended rural schools near that community. On Dec. 25, 1923, he was married to Matilda Matchett at her home in Pleasant Township, Poweshiek County. The couple had three sons: William of Sioux City, Oscar ("Ted") of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Paul, also of Colorado Springs.

Mr. Lawson attended Johnson Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.; Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio; Drake University in Des Moines, graduating with the class of 1925; and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh, Pa., graduating in 1931. He held pastorates in Fertile, Iowa; Cumberland, Iowa; Mayfield, Kan.; Hopewell, Kan.; Red Oak, Iowa; and Shannon City, Iowa. For approximately the past 20 years he had been associated with Capper Publications, working with the American Legion and veterans' organizations. He taught in the Sabbath School in the Ewart Presbyterian Church until he was disabled.

Mr. Lawson is survived by his wife, Matilda; his three sons; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Guy Lawson of Ava, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Josie Howard of Superior, Neb., and Mrs. Edna Pawley of Lincoln, Neb.; a brother-in-law, John Matchett of Grinnell; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; four grandchildren; one brother, George Lawson; and a sister, Mrs. Pearl Amos.

Funeral services for Mr. Lawson will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Ewart Presbyterian Church, with the

Rev. Martin F. Gruneich officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Eugene Holley. Pallbearers will be Ronald Arnaman, Lewis Baltisberger, Kenneth Hayworth, William R. Morrison, Gerrit Septer, and James Van Arkle. Burial will be in Pleasant Township Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.