Elwood Magee

Inducted 1995

Elwood Magee was born May 26, 1922 in Gillette, Wisconsin. He started training horses in Angelica, Wisconsin in 1945. In 1947 he moved the stable to the Outagamie County Fairgrounds in Seymour and during the 50's and 60's he trained a public stable at the Shawano County Fairgrounds.

From 1970 on he trained at the farm track in Shawano. Elwood did most of his training on the farm track and would make the 250 mile ship to Chicago every week as long as weather would permit. Only then would he move the stable into Chicago for the winter meet.

Elwood's winning ways spanned the decades as you can tell by these amazing statistics. In 1952 Elwood's UDRS was .652 with 28 wins in 52 starts, in 1953 his UDRS was .654 with 35 wins in 71 starts and almost 40 years later in 1990 his UDRS was .659 with 30 wins, 13 seconds and 7 thirds out of 60 starts!

Elwood learned his lessons in horsemanship from his father, the late Hugh Magee and has passed those lessons on to other young horsemen. There have been many young horse people who have been influenced by Elwood Magee in the quest to become horsemen. Elwood has always been more than willing to help others out whenever asked for assistance. His knowledge of horses, training, shoeing and balancing, pedigree, lameness, etc. has been passed on to anyone who cared to learn from the master horseman.

Wisconsin harness racing is forever indebted to this true gentleman who has quietly impacted the sport with his class and expertise.

Nominated by George "Woody" Woodbridge