

# From start to finish- racing is his hobby ★★★★★

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Sports Editor

What does one do after he has purchased a totally demolished, late model automobile for \$500? Bob Wood of Eagle Grove decided to repair and race his.

Wood, owner of Bob Wood Chev-Olds, Inc., purchased a 1969 Z28 Camaro through the Bank of America Company in Los Angeles, Calif.

The mashed Chevrolet vehicle was formerly owned by Kenneth Thompson of Calif., previously living near Goldfield.

**100 HOURS**

A "good 100 hours was done in body work" on the car, according to Wood. Alterations on the suspension system were also made at his garage with bodyman George Hogan performing most of the duties.

Double stabilizers, twice the size of a normal car, along with heavy duty shock absorbers and positive casters were placed on the car.

Tires, measuring 12 inches wide on wheels marking 5 inches in width, were placed on the rear of the Camaro. The same size of wheels were mounted on the front with the width of the tire measuring 11½ inches.

**FOUR RACES**

At the races, Saturday is the practice day for all of the drivers. Some 150 miles are usually recorded in these practices by each car. Most races average between 40;50 miles. Wood said that four practices and races are the maximum time that the tires will be used.

The Quaker State Oil Racing Program has been the lead sponsor thus far in this year's races.

The power steering system also had to be removed from the auto. Its suspension system was lowered for better control on the road track.

Wood left the same high performance engine in the auto, a 305 cu. in., adding large tubular headers and re-jetting the four barrel carburetor, totaling 425 horsepower underneath the hood with capability of reaching 8,500 r.p.m.

A chrome alloy steel roll cage, which surrounds Wood during his driving, was added along with a custom made steel bucket seat. Most of the interior features were removed except for the door panels, dashboard, instruments, etc. Five clips on the windshield and two metal bars on the rear window were added to prevent from "blowing out" at high speeds.

Wood crawled in behind the wheel of the "newly remodeled" Camaro on May 5 of this year for his first on the track experience with the machine. Donnybrooke Speedway in Minnesota was the site for the first driver's school. On May 27 another driver's school was held at Hutchinson, Kan. which he attended.

Two driver's schools must be completed in by each driver wishing to attain a novice license. A satisfactory completion rating for a minimum of six hours of driving must be given by track officials in order for one to engage in active competition. Top-rated drivers are the officials of these schools, such as nationally known driver Dick Davenport who was a judge at the Hutchinson track.

The following day, May 28, Wood placed first in the "A" Sedan Class at the Hutchinson Regional Championship. His Camaro also placed first overall in other adjoining classes.

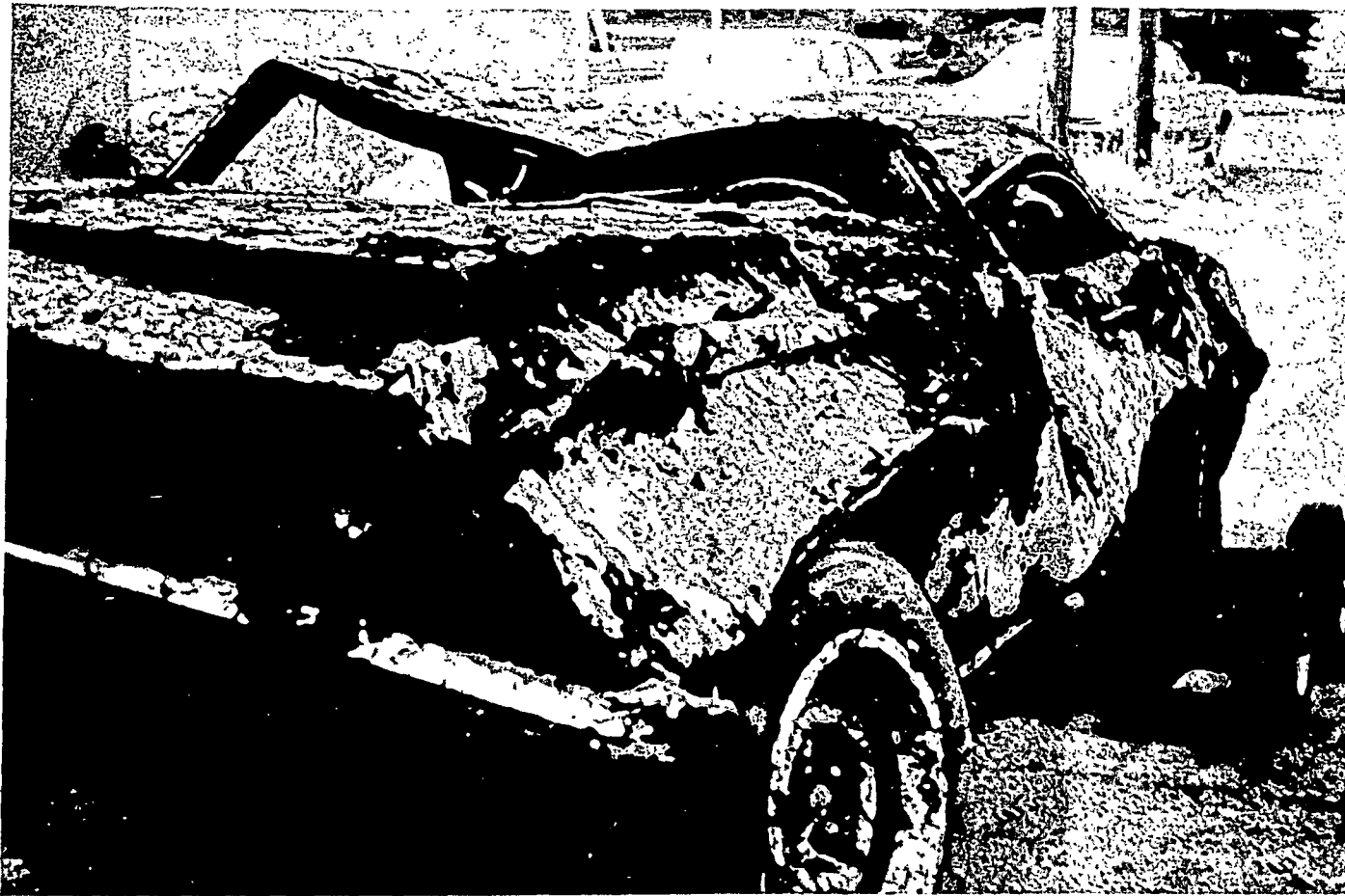
On July 1, Wood traveled to Black Hawk Farms at South Beloit, Ill. for another race. Placing fourth in his class the Eagle Grove driver also finished in sixth place overall.

**FIRST**

Donnybrooke Speedway tuned in again on July 15, the site of the Land of Lakes Great Race. Wood placed first in the "A" Sedan Class and third overall. First place in the overall ratings was taken by a Corvette while second was given to a Porsche.

With no engine problems arriving Woods entered his sixth driving experience of the season, returning to Black Hawk Farms on Sept. 2. His Camaro placed first in his class and fourth overall.

A week later the '69 Chevrolet appeared at Black Hawk Farms for the final time this season. It placed fourth in



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its class and eighth overall in the Illinois race.

**FINAL RACE**

The final race of the 1972 season for Wood was the Land of Lakes Regional at Donnybrooke. A sixth place finish was received both in the class and overall by the Camaro's driver.

With eight practice sessions and races being taken in the car this season, Wood said that the engine will be taken down and gone through. Normally a high performance motor is rebuilt every four faces, this one running the full season. The last two races were "poorly run" because of the tired engine, according to Wood. Normally the engine turns 9,200 r.p.m. in the straights but in the final two races 6,200 was its maximum.

**BEST CLOCKING**

Wood said that his best clocking during the season was at Donnybrooke on a three-mile course. The average top speed on the track was 90 m.p.h. including ten corners in the race. Wood covered the 45-mile race in 30 minutes.

One of the happiest moments of the season came to Wood upon the receiving of his national license. Six races must be completed to be eligible for this license.

A regional license can be obtained after two races have been completed on the novice license. Four finishes on the regional level make way for a national license.

With his national license Wood will be able to compete in national, professional, and Trans Am racing next year. Donnybrooke, and Black Hawk Farms will be met again, along with Odessa, Mo., Aspen, Colo., and Elkhart Lake, Wis.

**175 M.P.H.**

The present engine will be taken out of the race car, to be used as a spare in the future. Another of the same displacement will be used in the Camaro for future races. The new engine should attain a maximum of 175 m.p.h. while the former one hit about 155.

The M22 Muncie transmission will be used again and power disc brakes will be added to the rear of the race car.

Wood, at an energetic age of 48, said that the regional championship at Hutchinson, Kan. was the farthest distance for the Eagle Grove driver to travel this season, 550 miles.

After the car is timed and tuned for a race, Wood loads it on his specially built Camaro tandem trailer and tows this behind his pick-up camper unit. His wife, Marietta, also travels with her husband to the tracks, not missing a single race this season.

About 60 percent of the drivers at the circuits are between 25-35 years of age. Wood commented that the difference in their ages and his didn't bother him while driving. "When out there on the track you forget you age and feel like a young driver," he said.

**72 YEARS**

Wood said that a few drivers are in their 60's. About a year ago at a Sebring race a 72-year-old doctor drove in the 12-hour contest.

"I've been very pleased with

the car this season. It has handled exceptionally well and I have run the same engine for eight races," said the Eagle Grove driver.

With his national license Wood will be making a few changes on his Camaro this winter in preparation for another big season coming up next year.



★ Racing at Black Hawk Farms, South Beloit, Ill. ★



## Wright Co. financial records being examined

Mr. James G. Turnbull, a representative of the Department of Social Services, is conducting a routine examination of the financial records of the Wright County Department of Social Services. An examination of this nature is regularly conducted in all county departments throughout the state.

The Wright County Department of Social Services has the responsibility of administering the Medical Assistance for the Aged, Old Age Assistance, Aid to Blind, Aid to Disabled and Aid to Dependent Children programs as well as the responsibility for Child Welfare Services in the county (and the administration of the General Relief program under the direction of the Wright County Board of Supervisors.)

Assistance payments and other benefits distributed in Wright County through the administration of the Medical Assistance for the Aged, Old Age Assistance, Aid to Blind, Aid to Disabled and Aid to Dependent Children programs as well as the responsibility for Child Welfare Services in the county (and the administration of the General Relief program under the direction of the Wright County Board of Supervisors.)

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**OBITUARY**

Mable Beatrice Uistad was born November 27, 1890, at Holmes, Iowa, the daughter of Samuel and Mary Johnson Uistad.

She was educated in the rural school near Holmes.

In 1910, she was united in marriage to William Orr, the couple made their home in Eagle Grove.

On December 27, 1939, she was united in marriage to Lloyd Baltzer of Nashua, Iowa, and lived at Hampton and Manly.

Mr. Baltzer passed away in 1957. Mable came to live in Eagle Grove after his passing, and has lived here since that time. She had recently made her home with a sister, Mrs. William Spellmeyer, at Woolstock.

She entered Mercy Hospital, Fort Dodge, about a week before her death, on October 22, at the age of 81 years, 11 months, and 25 days.

She is survived by: one son, Glen Orr, Bakersfield, Calif.; one daughter, Mildred (Mrs. Eldon Dilocker), Fort Dodge; one brother, Clifford Uistad, Eagle Grove; six sisters, Mrs. William Spellmeyer, Woolstock; Mrs. Thomas Toft, Belmont; Mrs. Julius Johnson, Belmont; Mrs. Elling Ellingston, Belmont; Mrs. Harvey Cox, Omaha, Neb.; and Mrs. Harold Amerson, Eagle Grove; five granddaughters and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, and two brothers, Clarence Uistad and Jess Uistad.

Mrs. Baltzer was a member of the Franklin Chapter OES, Hampton, a Past Worthy Matron OES, and a member of the Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 25, at 10 a.m. in the United Church of Christ, Eagle Grove. The Rev. Emmett Braselton officiated, and burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery, Nashua.

Eastern Star services were held at the Kastler-Babcock Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 24.

**OBITUARY**

Emmett Charles Jackman was born May 25, 1905, at Graettinger, Iowa, the son of Patrick C. and Abigail Carney.

He attended school at Worthington, Minn., St. Mary's High School at Emmetsburg, Ia., and graduated from Loras College, Dubuque, Ia.

He served in the U. S. Army for four years during peacetime, being discharged sometime in 1931.

On October 1, 1932, he was united in marriage to Helen George of Graettinger, Ia. at Graettinger. The couple farmed near Graettinger for about eight years. Mr. Jackman then worked as a salesman for agricultural products, and the family lived in various communities until moving to Eagle Grove in 1952. In later years, he was a salesman for M & M Livestock Products Co. of Eagle Grove.

Mr. Jackman died at his home on Tuesday, October 17, after an illness of about four years. At the time of his death, he was 67 years, four months, and 22 days.

He is survived by his wife Helen, Eagle Grove; son, Michael Jackman, Grand

Forks, N. D.; daughter, Ann Mary (Mrs. Michael Steffes), Cedar Rapids, Ia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother, and one step-brother.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 19, at 10 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Church, Eagle Grove. Fr. Edward W. Lechtenberg officiated, and burial was in St. Jacobs Cemetery, Graettinger.

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