

Pvt. W. McDonald Fights Blaze

Army PFC William H. McDonald, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. McDonald, 32915 Grand River, was among members of Fort Carson's 5th Infantry Division who took time out from military training July 8 to fight a raging fire that swept across nearby Cheyenne Mountain.

Members of the division joined forestry fire fighting crews in a 48-hour battle that was won only after the blaze destroyed more than 400 acres of valuable watershed timber. The fire raged by stiff winds, darted across the south face of the mountain located just across the road from Fort Carson's main gate.

The division provided hundreds of men plus bulldozers, power saws and backpack extinguishers. By the afternoon of July 7, the fire was brought under control, but troops maintained watch and patrolled fire breaks throughout the night.

McDonald, a track driver in Battery A, 5th Battalion of the division's 4th Artillery, entered the Army in November 1965.

Wood Creek Farms

As most of you know, Anne Phillips, your regular Wood Creek reporter, and her husband Paul have gone to California on vacation. If Anne had flown a plane by herself it wouldn't have surprised me but they really took a jet. During the flight Paul was in the column for her having not the slightest idea of what was getting into.

Perhaps the most important news item for this week is about me good neighbors Clare and Inez Bentley of Millbrook Rd. Clare has been with Tussock for 41 years and retired on August 1. He has been Asst. Chicago Division Manager for many years and more recently assigned to Michigan.

On July 21 a retirement party was held for Clare at the Botsford Inn Coach House dining room. There were 178 people who attended the party and there would have been many more from other states but for the strike.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dodson, vice President of Texaco, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kruger, retired Asst. Regional Manager of Chicago were house-guests of the Bentleys during the party and for the weekend.

Clare has a TV set, a walkie-talkie and various old time signs and pictures of Texaco advertising. Both Clare and Inez received retirement diamond pins. This is the first time a wife of a retiree has received this honor. This was her reward for getting her husband off to work for 41 years.

Previously, on June 29, the District Manager and office staff and their wives held a surprise party for Inez. This really was a complete surprise to Inez for when I talked with her that afternoon she told me she was going to a little potluck supper and had to prepare a dish to take along. Inez received a scroll and other gifts for taking such good care of her husband.

A very warm welcome to Charles and Idella Hoffman and their daughter Nancy. They've moved into the Ritchee home on Salem. Charles (Gus) is an engineer at the Ford Motor Co., Automotive Assembly Division. They formerly lived in Livonia and were with Tussock for one. Bill and Helen Weighman, Bob and Jimmy Swift and Dr. Conrad and Marion Lam took the Detroit News Special Train to building which he is going to put up. The new offices will have about 10,000 square feet of space. The low rambling front view from the Highway will be in colonial style to fit into the architecture of the community.

The depressed parking area will be screened from the highway by a green belt of trees and shrubs.

The Perry's cat had... to be married in Venezuela... their son returned... were seen parked on... The Browns are...

If this doesn't make sense to you, it doesn't to me either. These notes were retrieved from a swimming pool and this is all of them that I could decipher. I just wanted you to know that my intentions were good. Now, if you nice people of Woodcreek would like the column continued in Anne's absence I hope you will co-operate with me. Since I am new in the community it is most difficult for me to contact you so please call me to tell me your news. I'd like to hear about so many humorous things, too. Otherwise I'll just have to write about the birds and the bees and the rabbits.

Local News Happenings

Forty relatives and friends from Detroit, Birmingham, Grosse Pointe, Farmington and Dearborn were in attendance. There was a larged white wedding cake with a white and the legend "95 years" on top. The recreation room was beautifully decorated in white and silver.

The waters of the lake will be right at their front door, and they will be surrounded by high cliffs. Fishing and cards will be their main diversions together with reading and resting. It sounds like a real paradise such as one doesn't often hear about.

Mrs. Dan Lowe of Farmington Rd. and her sister-in-law Mrs. Howard Barnum of St. John, Mich., enjoyed a week's visit with Mrs. Lowe's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Long, at their own lake home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Long Sr., of Grand River Ave. attended the silver anniversary surprise party of their niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Garippee in Detroit. The surprise was engineered by their son and his wife Louise and Nancy, at their new home on Lindsay Ave. Daughter Arlene and her husband, Howard Heidel, formerly of New York were also in on the surprise. The honored couple were delighted to see Gloria's father, Mr. Jack Harnes, who now makes his home in Miami, Fla. among the smiling crowd who were all calling "Surprise."

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