

Sad Experiences Matured Dave McDowell Overnight War Changed Careers Of Educator



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Chevy Bumper Plant Hosts 120 At Forum

Chevrolet Motor Division's Spring & Bumper plant in Livonia was host Thursday to about 120 executives who attended the second session of the 13th Annual Chevrolet Manufacturing Forum.

Plant Manager, Harrison T. Price, said the forum was attended by Chevrolet Central Office and Engineering Center executives from Detroit and Warren and managers and other supervisory personnel from 18 of Chevrolet's 24 manufacturing plants, which like the local plant produce automotive parts and components, and from four of Chevrolet's 12 assembly plants.

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Three unfortunate incidents during service in the Pacific Theater in World War II changed the lifetime ambitions of the man who now has charge of the Clarenceville School District.

David McDowell, a former coach, insurance man, high school principal and now school administrator, probably would have turned to the operation of an auto agency in his hometown of Sault Ste. Marie and devoted his attention to the insurance business but for the incidents that actually turned a fun-loving immature GI into a mature man almost overnight.

The stocky McDowell, a one-time star athlete at Sault Ste. Marie High and later at Northern Michigan University, saw two of his service buddies take their lives rather than face the hardships and challenges of the battlefield and saw a third go berserk and become a mental patient—so bad that he is still undergoing treatment today.

"WHEN I SAW these things happening under my eyes and to close friends," recalls McDowell, "I decided that it was time to re-evaluate things. I had plenty of time to think things out during my years of service in the Pacific Theater and I made a decision to become a teacher and coach dedicated to the idea of teaching young people to play and have fun. I have never regretted that decision."

At the moment, McDowell is the administrator of the mushrooming Clarenceville district which has grown from a total of 2,810 pupils in 1959 to 3,950 at the present time and more expected in the years ahead.

He joined the Clarenceville system in 1960 as principal at one high school and has seen it grow from 600 students then to more than 900 now.

He served five years under the administration of Supt. Louis Schmidt, who retired two years ago, and saw the system grow to its present four elementary buildings, one junior high and one senior high.

HE ALSO is much involved in the peculiar situation of the Clarenceville district which is in Oakland and Wayne Counties, and also in the City of Livonia and the Townships of Redford and Farmington. All of which makes the situation one of the most confusing in the entire state.

McDowell has charge of a system that includes 200 certified personnel and 100 non-certified with more than 40 teachers on the professional staff.

The quiet-spoken, stocky, balding school superintendent is a native of Sault Ste. Marie, the son of Irving and Etta Povey McDowell.

His father was associated with an auto dealership there for years.

DAVE WAS AN average student in high school but a super athlete, starring as quarterback on the football team which had an 8-1 record in his senior year when he was captain.

He was a regular on the basketball team but gave up that sport to devote time to hockey, one of the most popular sports in that area. He was a member of the Elks Junior team that won 22 in a row in one season.

Following graduation in 1941, he decided to work for a time before enlisting in the Marine Corps where he served in the Pacific Theater, participating in the battle of Saipan and winding up his term of duty with the rank of corporal.

Then with his mind made up that he would become a teacher and coach, he enrolled in Northern Michigan University under the GI Bill.

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