

# 'Come in,' Monteith tells public

About a third of the population of Monteith Correctional Centre spend most of their days "outside" in local communities.

Their absence from Monteith is quite legal. Most of them are participating in academic and vocational upgrading courses at various educational institutions.

But this interchange between Monteith and the public isn't a one-sided thing. Monteith is "going outside", and the "outside" is being invited in for a visit.

On May 15, Monteith Correctional Centre will again hold "open house" for members of its staff, their relatives -- and

the general public. The guided tours of the centre begin at 6.45 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

#### COMMITTEE

"Open house" is being organized by a committee of staff members, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Pinder, program co-ordinator.

Mr. Pinder describes "open house" as "a positive way of breaking down the stereotyped image people have of a place like Monteith."

Academic and vocational training are stressed at Monteith, says Mr. Pinder. About one-third of the correctional centre's population goes outside for group therapy, academic and vocational training.

Some students will act as guides for the tours at "open house." Those in the centre's catering course will prepare the refreshments to be served.

#### FEW HUNDRED

Monteith has held several "invitation only" events. Its first "open house" for the public, held last year, attracted a few hundred visitors.

This year those that went then will have an opportunity of seeing how construction is going on the new academic wing, which is being built partly by students.