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Retirement  
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of Ivan  
Ellis  
after 33  
years  
Service*

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Ivan Ellis [left] retired Friday from the Monteith Correctional Institute after 33 years of service. Don Smith, assistant superintendent, was present to congratulate him.

# Monteith staff say goodbye to Ivan Ellis

May 30 a surprise farewell party was held for Ivan Ellis at the paint shop, Monteith Correctional Institute.

After 33 years at the institute, Friday was Ivan's last day at work. Present and former co-workers brought cake and coffee to wish him well in his retirement.

Don Smith, assistant superintendent, said Ellis is the last of the pioneers to leave the institute and a special effort to say goodbye was made. Smith said the party had to be taken to Ivan: his colleagues knew they wouldn't get him to attend otherwise.

After leaving the Armed Forces, Ivan worked for a year with the Ministry of Natural Resources in the Connaught and Timmins area. In 1947 he joined the Ministry of Correctional Services.

Ivan said he was the first one hired from the area to work at Monteith. At that time the Monteith Institute was a satellite camp to Burwash and staff from there were employed at Monteith.

Shortly after starting to work, Ivan was asked to start a farm operation at Monteith. Ivan said he was raised on a farm and did have some experience.

When the farm operation ceased in 1972, Ivan was instrumental in developing vocational training programs for

the inmates. It was at this time that the sign painting program was instituted in addition to the regular course of painting and decorating.

Assistant superintendent Smith said, "Ivan did it from scratch and added a new dimension to Monteith by himself."

Inmates at Monteith, under the direction of Ivan, have painted all the signs for crippled children's camps in Ontario. They have also paint-

ed the fire hazard signs for The Ministry of Natural Resources in northern Ontario as well as mileage signs that are posted from Temagami to Hearst.

By taking an early retirement, Ivan says he will be able to catch up on work on his home and cottage.

Ivan added he doesn't think it will take long to become accustomed to retirement, although there may be a few mornings going out the door with a lunch pail.