

# Smith becomes super at Monteith centre

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Don Smith, who has been with the Ministry of Corrections for 32 years, moved up one position to officially take over the job of superintendent of the entire Monteith correctional facility last week.

Smith, who has worked at Monteith since August of 1965, established the adult training centre, a part of the complex. The other two institutions which are also at Monteith include a corrections centre and jail.

In 1978 Smith was appointed deputy superintendent and he has been acting superintendent since Wally Peters moved to the deputy regional directors' position in Sudbury in July 1983.

The new superintendent started with the provincial corrections ministry in Brampton in 1952 at the Brampton Adult Training Centre and was promoted to Shift sergeant in 1965.

He first came to this area when he was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to Monteith. He moved up through the ranks again in 1974 to take over the position of deputy supervisor.

Since Smith has been acting superintendent for the last

several months his duties will not change. He is responsible for the administration of the Monteith complex, the care of and supervision of staff and inmates, and all institutional programs.

Of his job, Smith said - it's always a challenge because he's "dealing with human beings."

Ina Smith, the new

supervisor's wife is coordinator of the home care program for the Porcupine Health Unit and he has one daughter and two sons. His son Daniel is following in his father's footsteps and is a corrections officer at Monteith, while Kenneth works at Kidd Creek Mines. His only daughter Sandra Lea is currently in Brussels, Belgium taking a course in French translation.

## Fire in Feb 1983. Monteith dormitory

A fire in a steel locker in a dormitory at the Monteith Correctional Centre Saturday forced the evacuation of part of the building for about 90 minutes.

Correctional centre superintendent W.E. Peters told The Enterprise Monday morning that the fire was "mostly smoke," caused when "someone set a fire in a steel locker."

The fire department was called out from Iroquois Falls with additional exhaust fans to help clear the smoke out of the building, Peters said.

Inmates were evacuated to a different part of the building when the fire broke out at about 10:45 p.m., stated Peters, and were returned about one and a half hours later.

There was very little damage and no injuries, the superintendent added.