

Number one Gunn retires

Last Wednesday afternoon at Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital, the end of a dynasty was marked with retirement ceremonies for Dr. Donald Gunn, superintendent at Lakeshore since Jan. 1967.

An estimated 500 staff members, Ministry of Health officials, patients, family members and friends assembled in the sunlit assembly hall to pay tribute to the 66-year-old superintendent.

There were presents and speeches, cakes and cookies, coffee and tea in abundance for all the guests in the hall, which was decorated with flowers and rang with chatter and recorded organ music.

Dr. Ian Bond, medical chief of staff at the hospital, and who will act as superintendent until a suitable replacement can be found, called the retirement of Dr. Gunn "the end of an era, and the end of a dynasty".

Dr. Bond said that the preceding superintendent, Dr. H. C. Moorhouse "established us in the 20th Century, and Dr. Gunn kept us there". Under Dr. Gunn's guidance, Lakeshore became the only fully accredited psychiatric



Dr. Donald Gunn and his wife Joan receive guests.

hospital in the province.

Dr. Gunn joined the hospital in 1935 as a ward physician on the medical staff, and in 1960, became Director of Clinical Research at the hospital.

In 1966, he filled in as superintendent at the Ontario Psychiatric Hospital in Goderich, and upon the retirement of

Dr. Moorhouse in 1967, came back to Lakeshore as superintendent.

Dr. Gunn was due to retire last year, but stayed on an extra year because there was no one to replace him. Officials say that under the recently re-organized Ministry of Health, an administrator will be

appointed in his place, so that psychiatrists can stay in the medical field. Dr. Gunn officially retired Sunday.

Among the gifts he received at the ceremony was a copy of a book by portrait photographer Yousuf Karsh. Dr. Gunn is an avid amateur photographer.