



● DERRICK BROOKS says a sad farewell to staff and customers at his Gosberton bakery. (G3030/24)

## AFTER A CENTURY AND A HALF...

GOSBERTON families who have been buying bread from village bakers D Brooks for more than a century and a half will have to buy elsewhere in future.

Derrick Brooks, who says he has not missed many early morning starts during

the last 50 years, has baked his last loaf.

Derrick's retirement also means the closure of the old bakery in Salem Street because he has no-one to hand over to.

Derrick took over from his father and says it was also run by his grandfather and great grandfather before him!

He has had to rise at four or five o'clock each morning to bake and says it will be nice to have a rest, although he feels it's a "sad parting".

Bakery assistant Carol Norton presented Derrick with his retire-

ment presentation from staff (including part-timer June White) and people of the village - a glass house.

Derrick, of Mill Lane, says it's something he has talked of buying for a long while as he enjoys gardening.

Derrick, who began work at the bakery at 15, said:

"The bakehouse here will close down. I feel sad about this but it's very old property, this is the problem."

Carol will be going to work with Tina Houghton who is setting up a bakery at Swineshead.