

SUPT. WILSON THANKS FORCE IN FAREWELL

Supt. O. W. Wilson gave his farewell speech to Chicago policemen last night.

"I shall always remain, in my own mind, a part of this excellent organization," Wilson told 3,000 persons attending the sixth annual Salute to the Stars, a police recognition ceremony, in the Opera House.

Wilson thanked his police department and Chicagoans, saying: "You have made my work here so rewarding, so much easier because of your wholehearted cooperation."

Wilson Leaves July 1

Wilson goes on vacation July 1 and resigns on Aug. 1. An aid of Wilson said his speech probably was his last while serving as superintendent.

Salute to the Stars is a tribute to Chicago's 10,000 policemen and comes as a highlight of Police week, proclaimed annually during May by Mayor Daley. Daley also spoke at the ceremony.

The department's highest award, the police medal, was presented to Patrolman Paul G. Pietrzak, 27, of the South Chicago police district, for bravery last June when he aided two Puerto Rican youths who were being attacked by a mob.

Name Outstanding Sergeant

Other awards were:

Outstanding sergeant citation, to Sgt. Dick Barrett of Marquette park district, presented by WJJD radio station; most courteous policemen award, to Patrolman John McLaughlin of Grand Crossing, by WIND radio station; outstanding police cadets awards, to Roger Janusz, intelligence, Dennis Cooley, Kensington district, and Curley B. Russell, personnel, by WAIT radio station.

According to a poll of 10,000 Chicagoans sponsored by Max Steiner, president of the Clifford Peterson Tool company, the city's "favorite crossing guards" are Mrs. Katherine Harris, of East Chicago avenue district; Mrs. Helen Zabiak, of Austin; and Mrs. Maria Mosteika, of Deering.

Meanwhile, the Chicago police board met yesterday with Wilson to begin the search for a successor. The five-man board discussed procedures to be used in choosing candidates. Wilson has strongly recommended James B. Conlisk, deputy superintendent of field services, to fill the vacancy.