

She's top citizen

By MARG HAYLOCK
Staff Reporter

PICTON - A registered nurse who started a volunteer foot care service for the elderly has been named by the Prince Edward Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year for 1984.

Kay Bond donates several hours of her time, each week, to senior citizens who require foot care and at the H.J. McFarland Memorial Home for the Aged has earned the nickname "Dr. Foot."

Nominated for the award by former administrator of the McFarland Home, George Ross, Bond said she was deeply touched by public the honor.

"There are hundreds of people out there not being recognized at all except by those that they serve."

Bond went overseas as a nursing sister in the Canadian Army, in 1943 and came into constant contact with servicemen in desperate need of help at the Neurological Hospital at Basingstoke, England, said her nominator.

"All of her married life was spent in health service or private nursing, except for the time taken to raise five children."

She was married to the late Walter Bond, who operated an ambulance service here.

At his death, she accepted a part-time nursing job at the H.J. McFarland Home and began to visit elderly people and shut-ins in her community.

Bond became aware of the need for a foot care program and on retirement started a volunteer service. She took special training at a Kingston clinic and obtained the instruments necessary for the program.

When her equipment was stolen from her car, Bond replaced it at her own expense.

"Kay earned her living in the service, as any RN does and should do and learned to earn her place in the hearts of hundreds of school children, young mothers, expectant mothers and, finally, a cross-section of our aged and handicapped population," Ross said, in nominating her for the award.

"Without being 'holier than thou', Kay is able to love her neighbor as herself, in the true sense of God's word."

Three Awards of Merit were presented by the Chamber of Commerce to community residents who have made special contributions in Prince Edward.

Town councillor Dr. Robert Clapp, who served as chairman of Picton's bicentennial committee last year, was recognized for his work.

When the Tall Ships visited Picton Harbor, last summer, he and his wife, Sally, entertained the entire crew of the Polish vessel, Gdania. Clapp was not present at Wednesday's presentation ceremonies, because of a previous commitment.

Harmon Montgomery, of Ameliasburgh, past warden of Prince Edward, a past chairman of the Prince Edward County board of education and a prominent Quinte area farmer, also was an award recipient.

When recognized for his community service, Montgomery said, "If I could help my fellow man, that is what I liked to do. I have tried to do my level best."

The third recipient was Lavina Hamilton, a senior citizen active with the Prince Edward Community Care for Seniors Association. She was instrumental in bringing Meals on Wheels to the community and is president of the Senior Citizens association of Zone 18.

The Citizen of the Year award is presented annually by the Prince Edward Chamber of Commerce. All entries are judged by a panel, which selects runners-up to be recognized with Awards of Merit. Presentation of Wednesday's awards was made by Mayor Donald King.

Award to Picton nurse

Long-time Picton nurse Kay Bond has been selected as Prince Edward County's Citizen of the Year. She

received her award during ceremonies Wednesday night from Mayor Donald King.



Steel Mar 21/85

PERC - Burg - B

BOND, Kay

Prince EDWARD COUNTY --

Biography

B.