

Postmaster Retires



Postmaster Jack Knox (above) retired on Friday, November 15th, 1985, after completing 35 years with Canada Post. That is the second longest service at the Walkerton Post Office. The "first" Walkerton Postmaster (seen in the photo behind Mr. Knox) Mr. Malcolm McLean, held the position for 56 years. —Crier Photo

Wilf Crerar is chosen 1988 Citizen of the Year

by Ron Wassink

WALKERTON—Wilf Crerar has been bestowed with the highest honor by his fellow citizens as he has been chosen Walkerton's 1988 Citizen of the Year.

Crerar, one of three citizens nominated for the award, was presented with the citizen of the year award at a banquet hosted by the Walkerton Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday, May 24. The other nominees, Dave Jacobi and Dave Buehlow, were also recognized for the special contributions to their community.

In announcing Crerar as the town's citizen of the year, Ronnie McAskill, award chairman, listed his accomplishments over the years.

Crerar and his wife, Fran, have lived in Walkerton over 30 years. Before retirement, he was employed with Canada Packers in administration, management and sales positions.

He has been active in community service work, involved with the Rotary Club and St. Paul's United Church. Crerar is well known for his work with handicapped children and children needing medical attention. He was involved in establishing a school for the handicapped and in the formation of ARC Industries.

In a letter of nomination, the nominator said Crerar has been "most valued" over

the years in his church. Presently he is an elder and a member of the finance committee.

In the last few years, Crerar has been a driving force in the horticultural society. He is currently president of the society.

"When the society was being formed and it appeared it may not get off the ground, he came to the rescue," writes the nominator. "He not only became president, but put in many labor hours in planting and caring for flowers to beautify our town."

In accepting his award, Crerar gave much of the credit for the success of the horticultural society to his wife. "She started me in the business."

He said when he was first asked to help the society when it was first formed, people didn't realize his wife was doing all the work when it came to looking after the flowers at their home.

People of Walkerton, and visitors, have appreciated the flowers along main street and the east end bridge, he said. He told guests that a fellow from Michigan visited Walkerton last year and was so enthused when he saw the work of the horticultural society he returned home to attempt the same for his town.



WALKERTON'S 1988 Citizen of the Year is Wilf Crerar. He was presented with the Citizen of the Year Award at a banquet hosted by the Walkerton Chamber of Commerce on May 25. Mayor Fraser Clark, left, Ronnie McAskill, right, and Steve Berry, back, centre, presented Crerar and his wife, Fran, with the award. (Wassink photo)