

Wasaga museum dedicated to Midland's Cranston

Two unique and noteworthy provincial honours have recently been bestowed on Dr. W. H. Cranston of Midland. It was announced last week that the Electronic

Theatre on Nancy Island in Wasaga Beach will this Saturday be dedicated to Dr. Cranston in a ceremony officiated by Ontario's Premier Bill Davis.

And this week an announcement was made that Dr. Cranston has been appointed as the first, and for the time being, the only honorary member of the Ontario

Heritage Foundation. In making the latter announcement, A.B.R. (Bert) Lawrence noted that all 30 members present at the meeting had voted unanimously

for the appointment. Among the fields of heritage conservation represented were those relating to history, archaeology, architecture and trust activities.

"I cannot think of anyone who more richly merits such an appointment, and as you are aware, I have been in a position to know since my working association with you goes back to the early

1950's," said Don McQuat, Provincial Archivist in a congratulatory message to Cranston.

McQuat also noted that most of the programs now operated by the Heritage Foundation and other historically oriented government agencies were originally put into effect by Dr. Cranston.

Huronian Museum Dr. Cranston's active interest in history and its preservation goes back a number of years to 1947 when he assisted his father, J.H. Cranston, in much of the 'spade work' for establishing the Huronia Museum in Midland.

He was also the prime moving force in getting the province to provide funds needed to preserve and put on display Huronia's Historic Parks, including Ste. Marie among the Hurons, the Naval and Military Establishments in Penetanguishene and the Museum of the Upper Lakes in Wasaga Beach.

Dr. W.H. Cranston was also responsible for the formation of a number of archaeological and historical societies, both provincial and federal. Ill health in the last few years has forced Dr.

Cranston to resign from his membership in all of the organizations with which he was connected. Last year he felt it was also necessary to resign from the post as president of the Huronia Museum and Gallery of Historic Huronia.

Close friends and acquaintances however, say his resignation has not meant a complete cutting off from all activities in these connections. His keen mind is still productive and he's passing on his ideas to those carrying on the work of preserving and presenting the history of this region.

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Nancy G. Biggar
Honours Arts graduate

Nancy Gayle Biggar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Simpson of Midland Point, graduated from the University of Waterloo with an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree in History on May 26, 1977. She will be returning to Waterloo in the fall to obtain her Master's Degree.



Kenneth N. Watson
Honours B.Sc. graduate

Rev. and Mrs. N.L. Watson of 248 Macartney Street, Midland, are pleased to announce the graduation of their son Kenneth Norman, from the University of Waterloo. Ken received his B.Sc. with Honours in Applied Chemistry. He plans to pursue post-graduate studies in Chemistry at the University of Waterloo.



Murray M. Jones
B.Sc. graduate

Murray M. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Jones, RR2, Midland, graduated from the University of Guelph on Friday, May 27, 1977 with a Bachelor of Sciences in Engineering Degree. Prior to attending Guelph, Murray was a student at Penetanguishene Secondary School.



John A. French
Honours Music graduate

Graduated on May 29th from Wilfrid Laurier University with the degree Honours Bachelor of Music, majoring in History and Literature. John also has his A.R.C.T. in Piano Performance. He has been awarded a scholarship to study in Salzburg, Austria, during the summer and will pursue graduate studies in Musicology at the University of Toronto in the Fall. John is the son of Mr. Alden French and the late Mrs. French, and nephew of Miss Helen French.

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