

## **FINALLY- A DEPUTY HIRED**

*After four long years on my own, 24 hrs. per day, 7 days per week, town council authorized the hiring of a deputy. I interviewed many but was impressed with one applicant, Frank Wallwork formerly with the Lakefield Police Dept. Good natured, good looking, talented and strong as an ox. He spent a summer in the Ottawa Roughriders Camp and could really handle himself. He was obviously very capable and knowledgeable and I knew the people would like him from the start. He was married to a lovely wife Ruby and they had a beautiful daughter Tammy. As a bonus, Frank was a musician. He could really go to town on the button accordion. During quiet times we enjoyed many visits playing music and subsequently made several local appearances at banquets, schools etc.*

*Frank weighed about 245 at the time but was very nimble and quick on his feet. I remember showing him around town in the cruiser one day when a motorcyclist came through the main street doing a wheely (front wheel in the air) We took after him as he headed out the town-line road at high speed and I forgot that I warned him earlier about the hump in the road at one intersection when the next thing we were almost air-bound. Anyway the motorcyclist made a bad move and ended up in the ditch. Frank leaped out of the cruiser and tackled this young man so fast it shook the startled offender and me as well. I think Frank thought he was back on the football turf.*

*Also shortly after Frank arrived, my wife and I formed a Gospel Group known as the Stirling Gospelairees. ( See clipping) Frank was so supportive, switching shifts with me, working overtime often with no hesitation. We started the group with the intent of ministering in music at local churches, banquets etc. but I recall we were soon in demand and fulfilled over fifty commitments in the first year. Thanks to Frank's co-operation.*

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*Frank enjoyed the community and we took turns in the dunk tank at the local fair, put on skits in the schools on safety, and as I related, played music together at local events. He really fitted in well.*

*Regardless of the positive impact Frank made, the stupid Council came up with the excuse that they could not afford him and wanted to let him go. ! N O W A Y H O S E A ! Besides the response from the villagers, I personally took up the battle. Firstly, I challenged the council that they had no reason to let Frank go and secondly reminded them that when I signed my contract four years prior, I agreed to work 40 hrs. per week at my own descretion and if they persisted in letting Frank go, I would do just that. Work in the daytime with week-ends off at my own descretion and when I was'nt on duty, I would park the cruiser in the Reeve's driveway and put the keys in his mailbox and they could find their own alternative police service. I meant it and they must have realized it because they abandoned the idea. In an open sesssion of council, I accused them "you are so cheap, you would'nt spend a knickle to see Niagara Falls run backwards." Frank continued on and took my place on my retirement in 1986. He now as 6 or 7 officers, a new station and I believe 3 cruisers. He is well respected in the area and recently took over duties in the township of Rawdon just north of town as well. God bless you Frank.*



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## Constable Frank Wallwork Welcomed to Stirling

Constable Frank Wallwork, assistant to Police Chief Jack Foster, was officially sworn in by Judge Clendenning last Tuesday.

Frank grew up on a farm in the Lakefield area, then entered the Peterborough Police Force in 1966. He continued working there until 1973 when he left the force to work as a driver examiner for the Ministry of Transportation, Toronto. In 1975 he again went back to Lakefield as a police constable.

Frank says he really likes the Village of Stirling and he, his wife Ruby, and daughter Tammy are now residing here.

A warm welcome to you  
family Frank.



Police Chief Jack Foster welcomes assistant, Constable Frank Wallwork to Stirling. Frank began his duties last week.



JACK FOSTER

## Stirling Police Report



FRANK WALLWORK

At 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, Constable Frank Wallwork was called to assist at the scene of a triple fatal accident on Hwy. 14, about two miles north of Stirling. Apparently the driver of a Ford Pinto, Floyd James Finch, 24 years, of the Stirling area, was proceeding north on Hwy. 14 and swerved over into the southbound lane, striking a 1980 Dodge, driven by Douglas Airhart, 64 years, of Marmor Township. The Quinte Rescue Squad and the Thurlow Rescue Squad were called into assist and had some difficulty in extracting some of the occupants. Killed were the driver, Floyd Finch, two passengers in the Finch vehicle, Donna Kavanaugh, 17 years of Mill Street, Stirling, and Sharon Main, 16 years, of Ridge Road, Stirling. Another passenger in the car, Danny Hawman, 22 years, of Lakeshore Road, Toronto, and

the driver of the southbound vehicle, Mr. Airhart, were rushed to B.G.H. with serious injuries.

Also, at 11:40 p.m. the same evening, Constable Wallwork was called to the scene of an accident on Front Street West, just east of the old Marmor Road, where apparently a car driven by William Flanigan, 19 years, of Angus, Ontario, went out of control and struck a hydro pole. The driver suffered facial cuts and was treated at B.G.H. Charges are pending against the driver.

On Friday night, July 25th, Chief Foster and Constable Wallwork teamed up with detective John Hashley of the Belleville Police Department and Jim Eadie of the Madoc OPP Detachment and raided a mobile home in the R.R. 2, Marmor area and arrested a Frank Gordon Warner, 27, of Monarch Park Ave., Toron-

to, on four charges of uttering forged cheques. It is alleged that one of the cheques was passed at the I.G.A. Store in Stirling the day prior. The name used on the cheques was Donald Lazazzero.

On Friday, the 25th of July, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., two youths went into a garage at the rear of 25 Front St. W. and damaged a 10 speed bicycle. It is believed that the youths were trapped in the garage when the News-Argus staff parked their cars up against the doors. The youths tore through a partition to get out.

On Thursday, July 24, the home of Donald Armstrong, Front St. W., Stirling, was entered by means of forcing the milk shoot. Stolen were a pair of gold drapes, an avocado colored wall-mount telephone with the numbers 385-2641 on it and a bathroom mirror. It is believed that this took place the previous Thursday.

Wednesday, July 23, two girls' bicycles were stolen from a house on Mill Street

**Hastings Prince Edward Counties Health Unit  
"INFANT STIMULATION"  
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Must have post-secondary degree, a diploma or a certificate in social science course of study (e.g. psycho-technician, E.C.E. graduate, M.R. Counsellor, Child-care Worker, etc.). To



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Conley be appointed as Police Officers. (it is interesting to note that at this time, the village had three policemen.)

February 9, 1903—that *James McCann* be appointed Constable, sanitary inspector, truant officer, also an officer under the common by-law and streetwalk re-fairer meaning someone to walk the streets and check on stores and taverns. (I wonder what he did in his spare time?)

March 9th, 1903—*James McCann* resigns. (little wonder, it sounded like a lot of responsibility for little money) *Archie Godfrey* appointed to fill the offices vacated by *James McCann*.

April 6, 1903—that *Archie Godfrey* be paid \$6.33 for arresting and taking a local resident to jail.

April 10, 1905—That Const. Phillip Conley's fee be adjusted and that he receive half of the fines imposed and recovered in cases instituted by him. (that could have been dangerous if the constable was an over-zealous individual don't you agree?)

February 5th, 1906—*Alfred McCutcheon* be hired as a Constable.

February 4th, 1907—Const. *Alfred McCutcheon* also appointed caretaker of Music Hall. (even back in those days, they had policeman who were interested in music.)

January 13, 1908—Const. *Alfred McCutcheon* also made sanitary inspector and truant officer. (more duties, he must have been multi-talented.)

September 11th, 1908—Const. *Alfred McCutcheon* resigned.

March 12, 1908—*John Green* appointed Constable and also attached to the office of 1st. Engineer of the Fire Brigade. (I wonder who directed the traffic when he was fighting the fires?)

July 4th, 1910—*James W. Cummings* appointed Constable. This made two Constables in the Village and he was paid a meagre salary plus 25% of the fines.

September 12, 1910—Constables wages increased slightly with  $\frac{1}{2}$  of fines.

October 3rd, 1910—Constables meals paid by the Corporation.

November 7th, 1910—Const. *James W. Cummings* resigns. (he certainly didn't stay long enough for his pension did he, but then again, what pension?)

September 9th, 1912—*J. MacKenzie* hired as Constable.

January 21st, 1913—*Alfred McCutcheon* hired as Constable (This made a force of three Constables).

June 16th, 1913—*John Tanner* made Constable (This apparently increased the Police Force to four men.)



Constable John Tanner

August 5th, 1913—By-law passed to regulate speed of automobiles and motorcycles within the Village.

January 14th, 1914—Law enforced prohibiting minors from purchasing or persons selling them tobacco and cigarettes at the request of the school board.

January 9th, 1922—Const. *John Tanner* also appointed Assessor and Collector of Water Accounts. (I guess they figured that an armed policeman would have better luck collecting accounts in arrears than anyone?).

March 5th, 1925—Reward Offered by Council of \$10.00 for evidence to convict anyone for damaging public or private property. (Maybe they should renew this offer?).

January 13, 1930—Council sent request to Hon. R.J. Cooke to have a Magistrate appointed to the Village. (this apparently never materialized but they must have figured there was enough business here for him?).

February 1, 1932—Constable *J. Tanner* resigned. (10 yrs. was apparently enough?) *Harry Wickett* appointed Constable.

December 5, 1932—Constable *Wickett* authorized to give transients their supper and breakfast at a cost of 25¢ each. (Remember, these were depression years and 25¢ obviously went a lot further than it does today. It wouldn't even be enough for the tip today.)

March 16, 1933—Constable *Wickett* to have transients cut wood in return for board and lodgings and then the wood was sold at \$4.00 per bush cord. (those were the days when a person was expected to work for his keep and the theory was "no work, no eat" and whether we agree or not, obviously the system worked.)

October 2, 1933—Council received a deputation from the business sector asking for a Night Watchman and Constable. Nine applicants.

October 10, 1933—*Sam Eggleton* appointed to patrol all streets at least once a night. (This made a two-man force and the beginning of a long fruitful career for Sam.)



*Constable Sam Eggleton*

January 14, 1935—*Constable Harry Wickett's* services discontinued.

June 3rd, 1935—*Constable Eggleton* authorized to destroy all dogs not licensed by June 10th.

July 4th, 1936—*Constable Eggleton* appointed Dog Catcher as well as other duties. (I've heard of some policemen going to the dogs, but this was ridiculous.)

June 5th, 1939—*Constable Eggleton* engaged to collect arrears in water rates. (could this be referred to as "watering down your responsibilities?")

February 3, 1947—Telephone installed in the Creamery for the Constable who was required to punch a time clock. (I wonder how many times he really punched the clock?)

September 8, 1947—Request to Department of Highways for traffic lights at the four corners. (long time coming eh?)

June 3rd, 1949—By-Law passed prohibiting use of rifles and air rifles in Village also dogs running at large.

July 25, 1950—*Steve Armstrong* appointed Special Constable.

August 4, 1950—*Clifford Cain* appointed Special Constable. (this gave Police Chief Sam two Deputies.)

September 26, 1951—*Constable Cain* resigned when refused a \$15. pay increase.

February 10, 1955—*Chief Eggleton* appointed Day Constable and given gas allowance. *Don Tucker* appointed Night Constable-Watchman.

May 2nd, 1955—*Chief Eggleton* appointed Truant Officer as well. *Const. Don Tucker* appointed Pound Keeper as well.

January 3, 1956—*Const. Don Tucker's* services as Constable-Night Watchman dispensed with.

February 3rd, 1958—Reeve to inquire into cost of O.P.P. services. Motion to advertise for Constable. 31 applications received.

February 18, 1958—*Chief Sam Eggleton* retired after long years of dedicated service. (SEE PHOTO) Apparently the only recognition he received for all those years (25 yrs.) of service was a severance allowance of \$30. per month for the balance of the year and no pension whatsoever.) *William Sutherland* appointed Police Chief. Mr. Sutherland came from Downsview, Ont.

June 16, 1958—*Don Tucker* to assist Chief Sutherland in emergencies.

February 9, 1959—*Police Chief Sutherland* appointed Clerk of the Court rather than give him an increase in salary. Letter received from Trent Valley Police Association regarding standardization of Police wages, pensions and other benefits. Held down for consideration.

January 22, 1959—Request from Trent Valley Police Association for increase of \$300. per yr. in wages for *Police Chief Sutherland*—Denied.

March 28th, 1960—Letter received from Police Association and *Police Chief Sutherland* demanding raise of \$500. per yr. Denied and services of *Police Chief Sutherland* dispensed with forthwith. Request made for temporary assistance from Ontario Provincial Police. (obviously this action was taken prior to the inception of the Ontario Police Commission and the requirement under the Police Act that a hearing be held and just cause established before a police officer can be dismissed.)

May 2nd, 1960—*Douglas M. Ketcheson* appointed Police Chief

January 14, 1963—*Police Chief Ketcheson* to Police College at Aylmer, Ont. for six weeks training.

June 26, 1963—*Police Chief Ketcheson* resigned effective July 15, 1963 Advertised for Police Chief and 15 applications received.

July 16, 1963—*Charlie C. Hicks* hired as Police Chief.



*Police Chief Charlie C. Hicks*

May 9th, 1969—*Police Chief Charlie Hicks'* services terminated. (I would like to comment at some length regarding Charlie's years of service in the Village as he was the last qualified Police Chief prior to my arrival in 1976, however due to the lack of authenticated material, I refrain. From reports I have received, I believe it would be fair to say that Charlie's efforts could well be summed up in the song title of one of Frank Sinatra's biggest hits "I did it my way" and apparently it was very effective. Charlie you still have a lot of admirers in the area who hold you in high regard.) Charlie Hicks at the time of writing is the Police Chief in the Village of Hastings, Ontario.

June 5, 1969—*George Rhynsburger* hired as By-Law Officer and Night Watchman

March 19, 1971—*George Rhynsburger* resigned.

May 15, 1971—*Gerald McGee* hired as By-Law Officer and Night Watchman. Gerald was a local man and I have no record of when he retired his post.

July 29, 1971—*Frank Broekema* hired as By-Law Officer and Night Watchman.



*By-Law Officer Frank Broekema*

November 19, 1973—*Neils Jensen* hired as first school crossing guard in the village, followed by the hiring of *Mrs. Joan Roe*.

April 26, 1976—Application made to the Ontario Police Commission to establish own local police force.

June 7, 1976—*Frank Broekema* retired as By-Law Officer and Night Watchman (Frank did an excellent job under difficult circumstances. He was not a qualified Police Officer therefore did not have the same authority, but in memory, he is held in high regard by members of the Ontario Provincial Police who knew him and appreciated his co-operation. I myself really appreciated the advice and information he passed on to me when I took over the responsibility of policing the Village. Frank was well liked.)

July 27, 1976—*Jack Foster* hired as Police Chief. This was the beginning of a new experience with plenty of challenges. Someday I would like to write a book on the transition from a large Metropolitan Force of over 5,000 men to a one-man Police Department. Many of the villagers welcomed me with open arms while others resented my coming but then again some people resent authority regardless of where it comes from. I commenced my police experience at the early age of 16 yrs. when I joined the Toronto Police Department as a Police Cadet. Before I retired in May 1976 with the rank of Staff Sgt. in the Criminal Investigation Branch, I worked in some of the toughest areas of Metro with experiences too numerous to mention. (33 yrs. experience).

In my effort to establish and maintain a degree of tranquility in the Village, I found myself working around the clock, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks a year for the next four years, with minimum compensation. These years have not been without instance because unknown to most, I have faced potential personal danger on several occasions but God has been good. My wife Ruth and I really enjoy the Stirling area.



*Police Chief Jack Foster*

June 23, 1980—*Frank Wallwork* hired as Constable. Thank God, a break at last. Assistance arrived with the hiring of big Frank. The Village, was more than fortunate to obtain Frank Wallworks services. He came to us with eleven years police experience with the Peterborough and Village of Lakefield Police Departments and highly recommended. He, his lovely wife Ruby and their daughter Tammy have settled in beautifully in the Village and have been well accepted.

Although a big man, 6'1" and about 240 lbs. who spent a summer in the Ottawa Roughriders Camp, Frank can be and is very gentle in his approach when dealing with people, but then again I wouldn't want to make him angry either. Hopefully Frank will be with us for a long time to come, we need him.



*Constable Frank Wallwork*



*Stirling's Police Cruiser L. to R. Allan Wells, Ray Shortt and Police Chief Jack Foster.*

## STIRLING FIRE DEPARTMENT

*Graham Mouck*

Perhaps nothing in the olden days brought out the calibre of a man like a fire. Everyone was expected to volunteer his help; nor were women and children excluded. This is almost the same today, but like everything else through advancement, Fire Departments have advanced with new laws and ideas.

The Fire Departments of yesterday whether urban or rural were made up of everybody who would go. A hand pump operated on the same principle of a hand-car, was filled with water by the bucket brigade, in the years following the most disastrous fires of Stirling.

On June 14th, 1883 an explosion started a fire which gutted and swept across the road and burned all the buildings eastward to the drugstore

and went on to the Masonic Hall. An extensive amount of damage was done and a great amount was lost. It was only by the extraordinary exertion and hard work of men, women, and children of the bucket brigade that any possessions were saved.

Following another disastrous fire in 1908 the formation of a fire department on an organized basis was started. May 2nd, 1910 the first Stirling Fire Brigade was organized with Thomas H. McKee the Hon. Chief and Dr. H.H. Alger as the Chief. At the time of the above volunteers, a Steam Fire Engine was operated. This engine had to be pulled by a team of horses, the owner of the first team to arrive was paid. Robert Fletcher had his team so well trained, that at the sound of the fire bells they hurried for the hall. Many changes and improvements