

# Stirling Chief Charged

Stirling Police Chief Jack Foster has been charged with assault contrary to Section 245 of Criminal Code. He, Paul Smith and

Clifford Barnes, also believed to be police officers, were charged following an incident involving Sam Colladine.

Mr. Colladine has charged that Chief Foster and the other officers allegedly used excessive force in re-arresting him on September 9th following an escape bid.

Mr. Colladine was being held at Belleville Provincial Court awaiting a hearing on charges of attempted car theft and breach of probation when he tried to escape through the ventilating system.

Chief Foster approached Stirling Council to cover his legal costs a few days ago. The Council decided at a special meeting to grant moral support to the Chief and refer the matter to the village's insurance company to obtain a recommendation on a solicitor.

## Chief off the hook

DEC 24/85

by Jack Foster

Charges of alleged assault against Police Chief Jack Foster of the Stirling Police Force and Constables Clifford Hineman, Paul Smith and George Archer of the Belleville City Police Force were withdrawn in Belleville Provincial Court, Friday December 20th.

Samuel Calladine, 22 years, presently serving a three year term in Warkworth Institution, took the witness stand and advised Provincial Court Judge Coulson and special prosecutor Long that he did not wish to proceed with the charges because he had nothing to gain and agreed that he originally laid the charges out of anger and hoped to make a deal.

Police Chief Jack Foster advised "I was never concerned about the allegation because I did nothing wrong and was only doing my

job and I feel that the whole thing was simply a malicious attempt by an angry young man to lash out at society and particularly the Police."

Chief Foster, 59 years, also said he wants to make it perfectly clear that this incident had absolutely no bearing on his recent decision to retire from police work in the spring, after 42 years with an unblemished record.

Mr. Calladine was originally arrested on Sept. 7, 1985 with an accomplice, for attempting to steal a car from a Church St. driveway in Stirling while out on a three day pass from Bath Institute. He was subsequently charged on Sept. 9th 1985 when he attempted to escape from the Court Building on Victoria St. in Belleville. The allegations arose from his capture after the escape attempt.

### FALSE ACCUSATION LED TO MALICIOUS CHARGES AGAINST POLICE

It all started when I arrested to men who were attempting to steal a truck on Church St. early a.m. of Sept. 7/85.

They suspects appearing in Belleville Court on Sept. 9 and Calladine was being held in a lock-up room guarded by Belleville Police when he escaped though the drop-celing. He was arrested as he dropped down into the justice

office. To prohibit this, I placed the handcuffs behind his back. When we arrived later at the Napanee Detention Centre he told the attendant

the cuffs were too tight and believe it or not a Justice of the Peace allowed charges to be laid without carrying out any type of investigation.

The Belleville Constable and I were required to appear in court on several occasions and it was humiliating to say the least. Then finally on Dec.24/85 he admitted he only laid the charges out of anger and hoped he could make a deal with the Crown Attorney. He withdrew the charges only after the Lawyers for the other two officers agreed not to lay any further charges again Calladine. They agreed but I stood firm. Refusing to sign anything. I wanted a trial in order to protect my unblemished record. The charges were dropped and Calladine sentenced to three years in the Penetentiary.

INTELLIGENT DEC 20/85

## Charges against 4 policemen withdrawn

By CHRIS MALETTE  
Staff Reporter

Three Belleville police officers and the chief of Stirling police were cleared today of charges of assaulting a 22-year-old Warkworth inmate in Provincial Court.

Belleville constables Clifford Hineman, George Archer and Paul Smith and Stirling Police Chief Jack Foster had charges of assault withdrawn after Samuel James Calladine admitted in court the allegations were unfounded.


Calladine told court Friday he laid the charges "out of anger" in attempting to strike a deal with police on other charges related to an incident where Calladine tried to escape custody at the Provincial Court House Sept. 9.

The charges were laid by Belleville OPP more than one month ago.

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RUTH & JACK FOSTER  
Police Chief - Retired

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# Police Chief retires

Almost half a century of police service will come to an end for Stirling's Police Chief when he retires in March.

Chief Jack Foster's retirement is the culmination of approximately 42 years of police service with the Stirling and Metro Toronto forces.

The Chief said he will be officially retired from his position effective March 16, though as of last Friday, he is on holiday leave.

A seventeen year old Foster was launched on his police career when, answering an ad in the newspaper, he was accepted as a constable cadet by the Toronto Police force on Oct. 8, 1943.

"Ever since I can remember, I wanted to be a police officer," he explained. Born and raised in Toronto, Chief Foster comes from a large family. He is the youngest son in a family of three boys and five girls. Chief Foster's father was a

uniform sergeant with the Toronto police force for 33 years.

At the age of 21, Foster became a regular constable but remained in uniform

for less than a year before tackling bootleggers and prostitutes as a plain clothes officer.

"Back then you worked seven days of the week, both

Christmas and New Years, and for only \$14 a week."

In the Fall of 1950, he was promoted to the rank of acting detective involved in criminal investigations and posted to the Yorkville district. After 14 years of police work, Foster became a staff sergeant in charge of detectives.

Chief Foster saw duty in several districts of Toronto including the Regent Street Station and the downtown core. He served as a court liaison officer in the criminal courts before retiring from the Metro force in May, 1976 after 33 years of service.

Having bought 40 acres on the 5th Concession of Rawdon, Chief Foster was building his 'intended' retirement home when he was approached by members of Stirling's Council with the idea of starting a village police force.

Hired on July 27,

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## Stirling's new Police Chief

Stirling's new police chief is a familiar face to village residents.

Chief of Police Frank Wallwork, a constable for the Stirling Police Force for over five years, officially became head of the force as of Feb. 15.

Chief Wallwork was hired as a constable on June 23, 1980. Chief Wallwork is a veteran of seven years with the Peterborough Police force and five years police service in Lakefield.

Outgoing Chief of Police Jack Foster described Wallwork as an "excellant officer" who helped him share the responsibilities of policing Stirling. "I was very fortunate to have him," he said.

Chief Wallwork will have Constable Robert LaFreniere, of Peterborough to assist him in policing the village. Cst. LaFreniere, chosen from three applicants at a Feb. 10 Council meeting, will tentatively start as a first-class constable Feb. 24.

Cst. LaFreniere served seven years with the York Regional Police force before transferring to the Bradford Police force for the period of 1981-1984.

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1976, Chief Foster policed the village of Stirling for four and a half years on his own. "I could write a book on the incidents that I've seen," Chief Foster explained. "There were a number of occasions where I had to handle

assaultants who were armed. I've been shot at and attacked from behind with a crowbar." "The work was very demanding and left me with little if any social life." "My wife Ruth has always been a great support. She has had

to put up with a lot over the years. She deserves a lot of credit," he emphasized. "In retrospect, the job was a challenge, a good experience," he concluded. "Yet my wife and I are not retiring; we are re-firing," he

claimed. The Fosters, having sold their home, have purchased a large mobile home and plan to tour Canada. The couple will be active in promoting the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers (FCPO) across the country.

*Chief Jack Foster, and his wife, Ruth*

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## FARM FAMILY SECTION

# City family enjoying farming venture

by Billie McLarty

Five years ago Ruth and Jack Foster of RR 1 Stirling, Rawdon Township, took an early retirement from the Metropolitan Police Force, and realized their dream of rural living, and consequently farming.

Prior to their veal farming venture, Ruth and Jack bought 40 acres of what they now realize was mainly scrub and swamp land.

"We would drive down from Toronto at every opportunity just to look at our future", said Ruth, "although we were just looking at green fields with a small creek running through it. A few willow trees dotted the landscape. But no buildings."

We visualized how it could look with a house and farm buildings on it, and lots of animals grazing," Ruth continued. We decided to enlarge the small creek into a pond. This was successful. And by the time the house was built, we decided on another larger pond."

This other larger pond is the shape of roughly a figure eight. At the smallest point they have built a rural type bridge spanning it. Ducks now grace the surface of the water or waddle at the edge, along with some chickens. The scene is one of 'this other Eden'. Especially when the few sheep, a new addition to the farm, that graze on the banks and pasture beside it, decide to cross the bridge for no

other reason than to get to the other side. Once there, the grass on the other side must look greener to them, for they cross back again.

Ruth agreed: "Yes, it is a beautiful sight. Now that we find we can handle sheep successfully on this land, our next venture will be to enlarge the herd. We keep the ducks and chickens purely for our own use. We get enough eggs for ourselves, and our family of four children, now grown-up and married, and we have seven grandchildren.

"Our family remained in the city. They often visit us here but they no longer ask us, aren't you lonely here? What do you do with yourselves? Because they realize that we have never been happier or busier. It's possible that Jack and I have started a new trend in the family. They all love to get down on the farm. And when we visit them in the city, I can't even get Jack to spend the night there. He has to get



Mrs. Ruth Foster

back here." Ruth went on "We have made so many friends here, that as you can see, we have had to enlarge the house. Not for our local friends really, but for people who visit us and need to stay overnight or a week or two, and we just love it."

Ruth explained, "This is a room that not long ago was the breezeway between the house and the garage, with a window wall to wall, and almost floor to ceiling, that has been made into another family room just off the dining-room and kitchen. The garage has been moved farther away and more bedrooms and bathing facilities are being added to accommodate the many people who stay."

"We have truly blossomed since moving out to the country. It's like a rebirth. In Toronto we were members of St. James Cathedral. In fact I was choir mother there. Although I enjoyed the company of people," Ruth confessed, "I was too shy to sing or speak to a large gathering, but all that has changed now. Jack was always a good Christian and when we moved here he began singing in the choir at

way. And I learned all this at our new church."

"I always felt sorry for people in distress, but now I really 'feel' for them. I see a new beauty all around me. And when you find this beauty you want more," Ruth continued.

"Jack, my husband, is the police officer in this area. His title is police chief. He can handle our veal operation, as it pretty well takes care of itself. We did want to get into cattle, but the poor land wouldn't allow it. After consultations with farmers around we came up with veal farming as they do not graze, but are kept in a corral leading off from the barn, and are fed on a tender-lean program from a feed bin in the corral.

"This bin must be kept full at all times. Of this I was aware. Also I was told to keep an eye on their ears. If their ears go down they are sick," Ruth continued, "Whenever Jack was away, which can be anytime over 24 hours, I would investigate their ears. Doing this one time, I realized that their feed bin was almost empty. The feed comes in 88 pound bags. As a good farmer I immediately went into action. I heaved a bag onto the wheel-barrow in the barn. Opened it there. We hadn't been farming long  
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Hastings Park Chapel in Belleville. Now with his help I not only sing in the choir, I also speak at all the large church gatherings. I feel really blessed when people come to see us and share their problems with us. We can't always help, but we can always listen. I feel it's knowing God in a personal way.

## Goodbye Jack

Former Chief of Police in Stirling, Mr. Jack Foster says "I won't be retiring, I'll be re-firing by heading from coast to coast in my new motor home singing my songs and spreading the gospel." During a short ceremony at the municipal offices in Stirling last week Mr. Foster told of his coming mission for the Fellowship of Christian Police Officers.

Presently Mr. Foster is enjoying the last of his paid holidays with the force. In June he will be turning his new motor home for the east coast of Canada pulling a new GM van behind for the short side trips he might need to take. He will be counselling police of-

ficers to "encourage and uplift them. They are quitting in the large centres because of the intense pressures and frustrations experienced by the police officer of today." Mr. Foster went on to say "I can talk to these guys because I've been there. To help others I will be videotaping our meetings and sharing those tapes with head office of the Fellowship in Toronto. It will be a videotape diary of my travels and talks. I expect to be busier than ever before."

Village Reeve Wieger DeJong presented Mr. Foster with a plaque from the village for his ten years spent on the force.



*Stirling's Reeve Wieger DeJong (right) gives Jack Foster, ex-Chief of Police in the village, a final handshake and a plaque. Members of the municipal office staff presented Jack with a card at a small get together last week with the Reeve and councillor Ken Thompkins in attendance.*

Retiring chief to counsel officers on job stress

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## Jack Foster finds a new police beat

By BILL WHITELAW  
Staff Reporter

STIRLING - Stirling Police Chief Jack Foster hadn't even reached his 17th birthday when he ventured into the world of police work, signing on the Toronto force in 1943 for the worldly wage of \$14 weekly.

Officially only a "constable-cadet", Foster pitched headlong into the job, authorized to make arrests but not permitted to carry a gun, a privilege only accorded policemen who had turned 21.

Now, as he prepares to end a career that spanned nearly 43 years, Foster can look back on a profession that brought him into contact with people from all walks of life, from hardened criminals to Hollywood stars.

Yet while retirement means a welcome break from the work cycle for most people, Foster, in a sense, isn't really leaving police work.

Indeed, through the Canadian Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers, Foster is going to use the lessons learned over 43 years to help others deal with the emotional stress and strain that is part and parcel of the peace officer profession.

Foster knows well the mental and physical toll that comes with police work.

Within the first year on the job, he was assigned to plainclothes duty,

gers and prostitutes who inhabited the criminal world.

He also spent 17 years in Toronto's "beat" of Stirling, where in the 1960s he earned the nickname "Village Fuzz" for his prowess with the guitar from the hippies who then populated the now ultra-chic Yorkville area.

Following in the footsteps of his father - himself a 30-year veteran of the Toronto force - Foster transferred back downtown where he was to stay until opting for early retirement in 1976.

That brought him to Stirling, where he and wife Ruth built a home and prepared to settle down. It wasn't long, however, before the police bug bit again.

Stirling, a growing community, had reached the point where its political fathers deemed it necessary to hire the municipality's own policeman. They lost no time offering Foster the job. He lost no time accepting.

For five years, the chief's job was a lonely one that by its nature, occupied Foster around the clock. He urged village council to hire a second policeman.

"It was very demanding those first five years...I had no social life at all."

But if Foster was highly thought of as a policeman, he was also popularly regarded as a pillar of the community. Friends, family and residents gathered last weekend at a special

At 59, Foster is actually taking his second early retirement - and taking a special message on the road.

For the past five years, Foster has been involved with the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers, a North American-wide organization dedicated to helping members of the profession and their families strengthen their spiritual selves.

Contemporary police work is extremely complex, involving a lot of "stress and frustration," says Foster.

The thrust of Foster's mission is to "encourage, uplift, counsel and motivate" peace officers and their families coast-to-coast.

To that end, Foster and his wife purchased a large motor home from which they will deliver their message. Ruth counts strongly in their work because, as a policeman's wife, she has special insight how

police work affects the rest of the family.

The Fosters' ministry is threefold: sharing testimony from their lives, lapsing testimony from peace officers they encounter on their travels and displaying their musical talents.

They leave for the east coast in June, returning two months later to prepare for a cross-country tour to the west coast. As vice-president of the organization's national executive, Foster says he hopes to visit all existing chapters and perhaps even organize new ones.

Despite retirement, Foster will "still remain closely associated to the profession."

"I like to think that with the experiences we both have we can relate to the everyday problems suffered by peace officers and their families ... and offer the guidance to help them through."

## Advisory group on jobs starts in area

A local advisory council-to give guidance on federal job-creation programs-has been formed for the Belleville area.

Jack Ellis, MP Prince Edward-Hastings, says such groups are an in-

ment and economic statue of their areas.

The groups have no authority to approve work projects funded by the government.

The Belleville-district council was

## C.F.C.P.O. MOBILE MINISTRY



Dear Friends:

We have taken an early retirement effective March 16/86 as Police Chief of the Village of Stirling, Ont. after 33 years on the Metro Toronto Police Force and the last 9½ years in Stirling. I hasten to add that I started my career as a mere youth of 16 years on the old Toronto Police Force as a Const. Cadet.

My dear wife, Ruthie, and I have anticipated the future with excitement and challenge as we have trusted God and His Word as He instructed in Proverbs 3:5 & 6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

God has kept His promise as He lead in a miraculous way in the sale of our home in order to purchase a mobile home, fully equipped, to travel from coast to coast. Our ministry is three-fold as a husband/wife team--sharing our own personal testimonies, singing and music, and sharing video taped testimonies of other peace officers. Our mission primarily is directed to peace officers and their families to uplift, encourage and counsel them as they meet to fellowship or on a one-to-one basis. We are making ourselves available to share at fellowship meetings, church services, banquets, retreats, etc., and in time we hope to touch bases with all our chapters already in existence from coast to coast and to encourage the formation of others in areas not yet organized.

Stress and frustration is taking its toll among our peace officers and their families, and Ruthie, as a policeman's wife, can relate to the wives while I relate to the men. It takes a peace officer to really understand a peace officer, and with our experience and God's help we feel that we can do a great service in this area. Please pray to that end.

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If we can be of service in your area or in your church, kindly contact the National Treasurer, c/o P.O. Box 111, Newmarket, Ont., L3Y 4W3 (416) 895-1739), or our own personal secretary, Mrs. Louise Drouillard, 20 Sixth Street, Belleville, Ont., K8N 4S5 (613-968-4459). We will be heading out to the east coast in June and the west coast in August (leaving Aug. 10).

Yours in His service,

Jack & Ruth Foster



## Foster now has ministry

by Jewel Yarrow

"You might say that we sang our way across the country," says Jack Foster, former Stirling police chief who is now involved in a christian music ministry.

Foster, retired from the Stirling Police Department in October, 1986, has been travelling extensively for the past two years with his wife, throughout Canada and the United States.

"We sold our home north of Stirling and bought a 35 foot motorhome. We visit FCPO (Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers) chapters in Canada and the States and various police stations and jails," says Foster.

The FCPO is an interdenominational group for police officers, corrections officers and provincial offences officers designed to deal with stress, etc. Special speakers, dinners and get-togethers are planned for families of the members for FCPO.

Prior to Foster's retirement, he and his wife sang with the Stirling Gospellers, a locally based group, and at several singing engagements throughout the year.

During the winter of 1986, Foster and his wife Ruth made Florida their home base and returned to Ontario in the spring in 1987.

The Fosters then decided to make a more permanent base for their music group. In June of 1987 they bought a winterized cottage north of Minden on Mountain Lake.

"On July 21 of last year, we had a royal visitor in our home," says Foster. "Fergy, the Duchess of York, came to this area for instructions in white-water canoeing. After they came out of the water, she used our motor-home (which they still have on the lot) to shower and change."

"She is a lovely person, just like the girl next door and she even signed our guest book", Foster says.

Foster says he doesn't miss police work, but it was a great experience for his new occupation.

"I thank the good Lord that I came out of 33 years of working on the Toronto Metro Police Force," he says. "I feel well qualified enough though, to counsel police officers in police-related problems like

stress, etc."

"I wish someone was around to talk to me when things got rough," Foster adds. "You just had to carry your own load and try to get on with your job."

