

Inspector William Wright Retires After 28 Years

Police inspector William Wright can remember being given a battered flashlight, a gun that wouldn't work properly, and the best wishes of the chief when he joined the old Crowland police department some 28 years ago. Yesterday, Inspector Wright retired from a police career that saw service in three different departments.

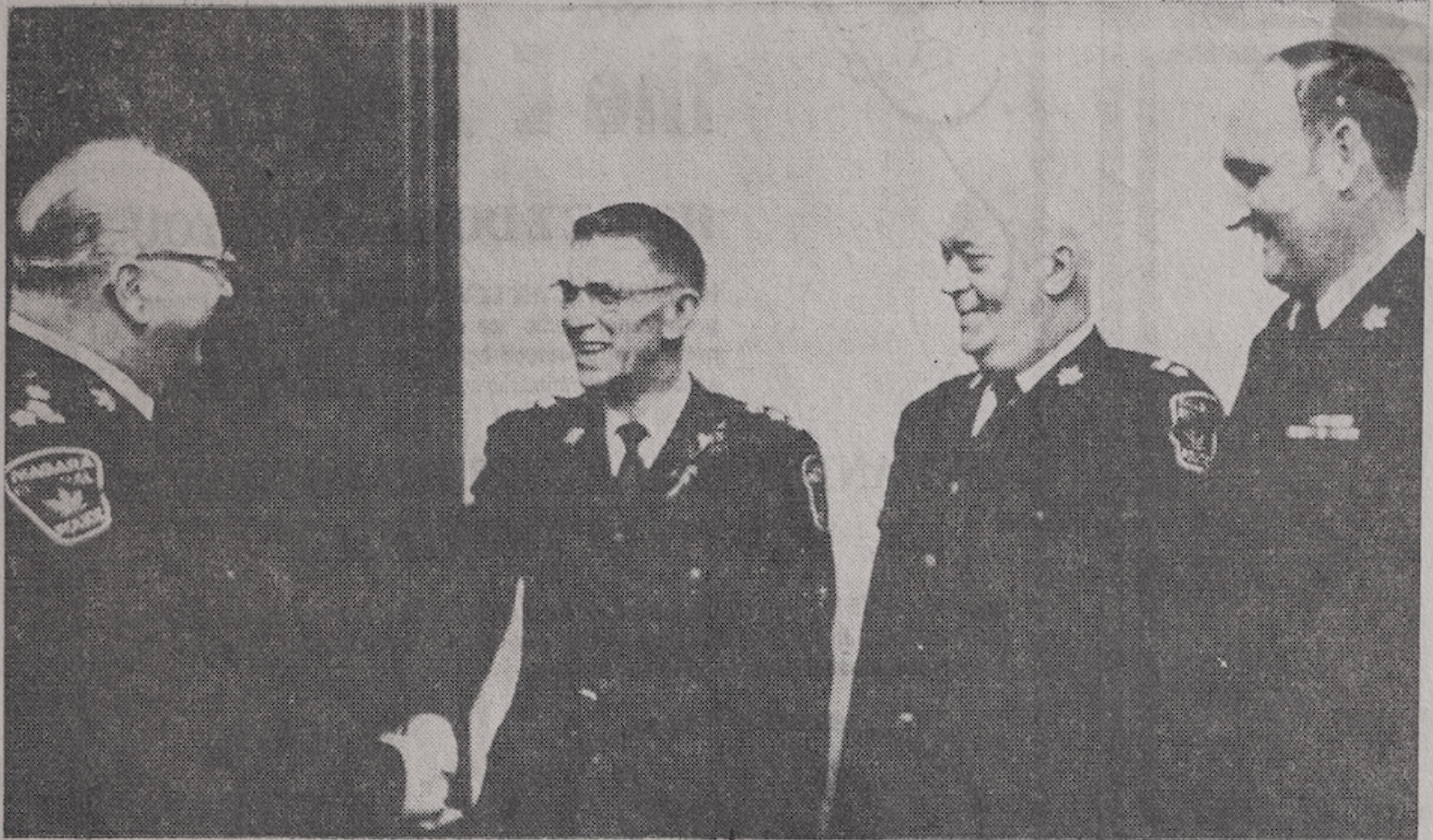
Born in Wigan, England in Jan., 1912, he came to Canada in 1930 and worked first at the Page Hersey Tubes and later the Atlas Steel before joining the Crowland department in 1943.

In 1948 he was appointed a sergeant and in the following year he was appointed chief, a position he held until the township was annexed by the city of Welland some 11 years later. Mr. Wright was appointed Inspector (uniform branch) in the expanded Welland City police force in Jan. 1971. Ten years later, with the

inception of regional policing, he was appointed an inspector of the Niagara Regional Police Force's Welland division uniform branch.

Mr. Wright is married to the former Dora Faulkner and they have one son and two grandchildren. A volunteer fireman since 1935, his chief hobbies are fishing, camping and playing cribbage. He is a member of the Masonic Order.

Inspector Wright was feted at a party at police headquarters yesterday afternoon. Guests who attended included personnel from division headquarters here, a department headquarters in St. Catharines. On January 28, the Niagara Regional Police Association's Welland club will officially honor Inspector Wright with a retirement party slated for the Croation National Home.



POLICE OFFICIALS gathered in Welland yesterday to attend a staff retirement party for Inspector William Wright who put in his last day of active

service after 28 years and three months in police work, yesterday. Inspector Wright is shown here being congratulated for his service by Regional chief

Albert Shennan, extreme left. Two other associates and friends who attended yesterday's get-together are Welland division superintendent, Lincoln Baker

and St. Catharines division superintendent Martin Walsh. Mr. Walsh was a deputy chief of the former Welland police department. —Tribune photo

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