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This season our directorate has been strengthened by the addition of several of our Port Hope friends. We trust that Port Hope feels that this is their team too.

To the Kiwanis Club for the use of the field, to the advertisers in this programme, to those who purchased members' tickets, to those friends who year after year by their generous help have made the fielding of the team a financial possibility, we extend our sincere thanks.

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ed in the club. The many difficulties that beset a football team are "old stuff" to Fred. He has handled everything from shaky finances to prima donna half backs and his worries which used to start September the first, now continue all year round. There is a timehonoured superstition around the dressing room, that as long as "Ferocious Fred" has that worried look the Ghosts are "in". Superstition or otherwise, it is certain that as long as F. F. is rattling the chains the Galloping Ghosts will be a team to reckon with both in their own group and in O.R.F.U. and Interprovincial playdowns.

The local group in 1935 consisted of Lindsay, Belleville, Peterborough, Oshawa Blue Devils, and Cobourg. The late T. H. McClelland of C.C.I. fame was coach of that first team. For playing material "Mac" was knee deep in two hundred pound linemen, but

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In 1939 the team as a whole was bigger and better but with Meikle gone to Sarnia Imperials, the Ghosts were back again to those twenty-yard kicks. They had to be content with another "B" title.

The boys had to take time out to fight a war for the next six years.

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after the war were like the hesitation waltz. Ferocious Fred was just waiting for someone to prompt him and after a lot of the "will we, won't we" routine, enough of the old timers breathed out slightly and he was off like an old fire horse. Equipment was hard to come by in 1946. Some of the fellows had the odd piece that had been scrounged from previous years. War assets provided some used tank helmets. The girls got busy with the sewing machines, some horse blankets and horse hide. Finally the purchasing committee came up with those fancy red nylon pants.

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cropper eventually and 1947 after winning a hard-fought series with Orillia, the Ghosts lost out in the Provincial final to Niagara Falls.

You all know the Horatio Alger story of 1948. Things looked black. In order to compete against cities like Oshawa, Peterborough, Niagara Falls or London, a town the size of Cobourg must draw on other centres. The cities in the Ghosts' group refused to permit this in 1948 and the executive were forced to withdraw the team from competition. "Never-say-die" Dufton couldn't stand this situation for very long so overnight he organized a new group and Cobourg had contenders again. Coach Cooper got away late from the post, but he managed to lead a home brew squad of veterans and rookies into another Dominion Championship

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Do you remember those crushing tackles of Peck? Those booming high kicks of Mikes that slanted down out of the sun for the payoff corner, Edwards crashing in from nowhere? Newton cutting in for fifteen? That great little contender Chuck Henderson edging up to the line and the way Johnny Lucas could set up an end run?

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- 5 HORIZONTAL ARC OF EITHER HAND-Offside Pass.
- 6 SHIFTING OF HANDS IN HORIZONTAL PLANE—Forward Pass not completed by player of Passer's side when thrown over Opponent's goal line.

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It was in 1937 that the name Galloping Ghosts came into being; born the result of two years of trial and tribulation on the part of the then called Cobourg "Red Raiders". Since formation in 1935 the Red Raiders had suffered through two years of nothing but trouble, both of a financial and playing nature. Gates in those days seldom topped the \$35 mark and victories were even harder to come by for it wasn't until the

final game of 1937, following 12 consecutive losses that the team finally managed to win a game.

Deciding something had to be done to remedy a painful situation before a new season rolled around, Fred Dufton, President and Manager of the team, huddled one Sunday afternoon in the Dufton living room with the then club Treasurer, Johnny Hayden. Between the pair of them they hoped to devise some method of improving the sad plight of the luckless Red Raiders.

Something was done alright. They began with changing the name. Johnny suggested the move, expressing his conviction that a complete housecleaning was in order. A turning over of a new leaf, so to speak. The name Galloping Ghosts was also a Hayden brainchild and its popularity was instantaneous, as it proved to be a good luck omen. From then on the team began to win championships and has yet to be stopped by nothing, except war.

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