



LIFE WAS A GAME

A COBOURG STORY 1942-1952

BY GEORGE "GUNG" CHARLES & JACK "DARCE" CAMPBELL

Preface

This booklet contains many short stories and events with accompanying available pictures as experienced by a group of close friends, who bonded together in Cobourg, Ontario during the 1942 to 1952 era. While the contents focus around just a few of the "Boys of Summer" it was not written to exclude anyone and it was our hope that everyone who shared with us the experiences of that era in time, might see themselves amongst us in the pictures or simply reflect on the fond memories of that "Time in Our Town".

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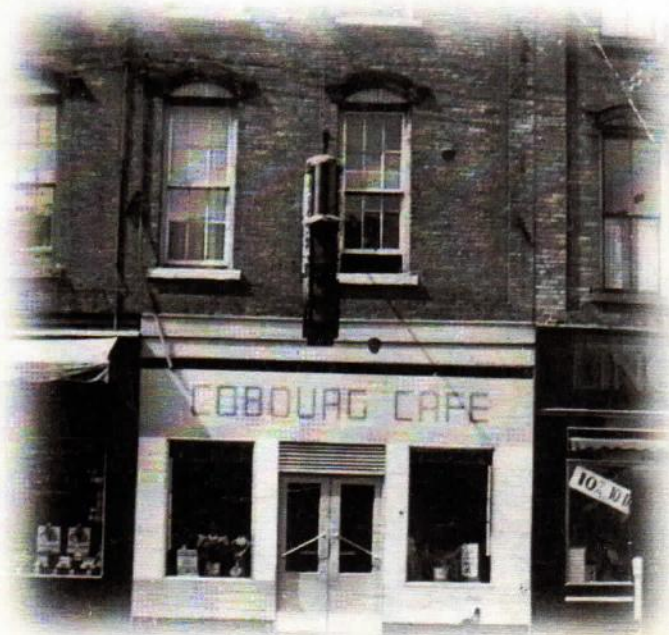


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Introduction

by George "Gung" Charles

While recently contemplating an often discussed compilation of stories from our youth, it struck me that now was the time to act on this impulse, particularly in view of two very important events taking place in the year 2001. Firstly, all of my boyhood friends would, like myself, be celebrating our seventieth birthdays and in addition the Cobourg Collegiate West would be celebrating the 100th year of existence with a reunion during July of 2001. It seemed that the timing of these two notable events demanded action. During the past several months I had been leisurely writing down a number of funny stories involving our group of close friends and decided to contact my friend Darce Campbell, who, through all the years had kept the old pictures and write-ups for our group. We met in early January realizing that our window of time to complete this booklet by the reunion date was fast closing. The results of our hurried research, writing, editing, rewriting, compiling and printing is in this brochure. While many more pages could be added and many more names included, we trust that those reading this will put their own name and story into our mix and simply enjoy some of the pictures and memories from "The Boys of Summer".

Some of the Cast of Hundreds:

Jack Wilcox.....	"Japper"
Bernie Flesch.....	"Bun"
Ken Medhurst.....	"Coon"
John Fox.....	"Pot"
Bob Jones.....	"Chub"
Michael Markle.....	"Mike"
George Charles.....	"Gung"
John Campbell.....	"Darce"

As in all of Cobourg, "nick" names were assigned at a young age by the group you hung out with and each name carried a particular story regarding how it was selected. These "non names" have stuck for over 60 years of deeply rooted friendships. We, as a group, wish to share with you a glimpse of our beach, our trips, our teams, our fun times, our conquest of poverty and our friendships which exist to this day.

The Boys of John Street Area

WAR COMES TO US



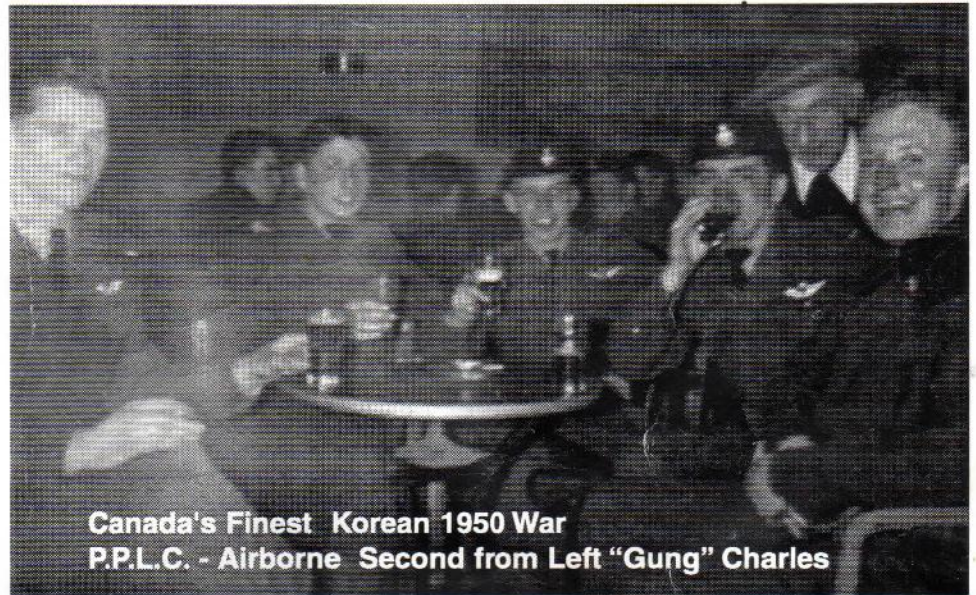
Pte. J. Morford

Word was received last Saturday of the death in the Korean war of Pte. Jim Morford, Cobourg boy, who enlisted last September with the Princess Pats Regiment in Toronto. His father, Henry Morford, lives at Baltimore. Twenty years of age, Pte. Jim Morford was born and educated here. He is survived by his father, a stepmother and two sisters, Marie and Margaret.

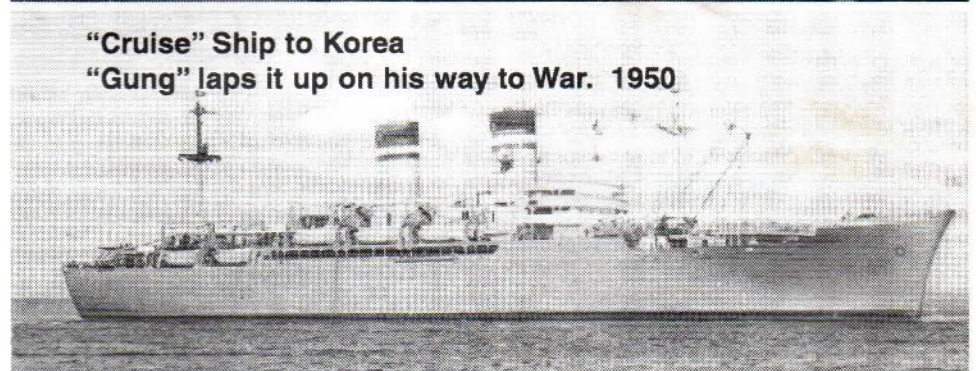
Yr. 1951

John Street Casualty

Sad news that one of our John Street Boys was killed in action in Korea. "Jim Morford's" death shakes us into reality that War is not an "adventure" but a horrible waste of young men.



Canada's Finest Korean 1950 War P.P.L.C. - Airborne Second from Left "Gung" Charles



**"Cruise" Ship to Korea
"Gung" laps it up on his way to War. 1950**

"Gung" is in Korea in the middle of a war. We are in constant mail contact. Decide to send Christmas package with usual socks, gloves, toiletries, etc. Rules say no liquids. However, tin flask filled to brim with Canadian Club is neatly stacked in middle of socks for nondisclosure. Instructions accompany flask, "must not use until New Years Eve when we will have a party here and propose a toast at same time". "Mike" arranges a party at his house as parents are going out. "Coon", "Japper", "Chub", "Pot", "Bernie" and "Darce" arrive and fill tub with ice and beer. Toast to "Gung" big success. After his return he tells us he waited till midnight and took a chance on asking his commanding officer to share with him and army protocol dissolved.

The Boys of John Street Area

Stories from Our Time...

Dining Out "Indian Style"

An invitation to the "Charles Home Restaurant" was an experience all of us remember. Gung's grandmother who was born in a wigwam passed on her native cooking skills to Gung's mother Anne. His father Herb provided much of their tablefood from the land through his skills as a hunter and fisherman. He would often take Gung and one or two of his friends on his hunting and fishing trips. Herb would always bring home fish and game and Gung's mother would prepare it and bake pies and Indian bread which we often had for after school treats. Everyone was welcome in the Charles' home which became the focal point for our gang for many years.

Gone Hunting

Herb takes Coon, Darce and Gung hunting partridge. We carry burlap bags and walk directly behind Herb who shoots a double barrel shotgun from the hip. Gung's dog "Hut" retrieves and the only dog that actually climbs bent trees.

Gone Fishing

Herb and Hank take boys fishing. Large sandwich pile sneakily eaten by Garth Douglas who then accuses Gung of eating them and Herb lands on Gung.

The "Beanery Gang Comes to Town"

During the 40's many cities formed "gangs" and the Toronto Beanery Boys was considered one of the toughest. They would decide on a good "beach type" town with a pavilion where they could come on motor bikes in force and literally take over a town for the summer months. The advanced guard "cased" Cobourg and made it known they would be back in force on the following Saturday night dance at the pavilion. The word went out on the street that every fighter was required that night to defend a territory. They came and took a look at the assemblage of huge muscle power and immediately left without incident and then proceeded to opt for Wasaga Beach.

Gone Swimming Escapade - Darce, Gung, Boom Boom, and Ray

Boom who can't swim over- turns raft on Pratts Pond. Darce loses one of his new rubber boots. Can't find it in mud below. Boots cost about \$1.99. Afraid to go home and face mother.

Life Saver

Gung pulls out "Crown Attorneys" dog from Pratts Pond. Dog follows him home and won't leave 11 Park Street. Crown Attorney wants dog back. Herb wants to give dog back, says he has hard enough time feeding his own. Dog disagrees but finally forced to go by stone throws.

Girls Enter Picture Yrs 48 - 50

Very exclusive "Boys of Summer" club infiltrated by new phenomenon called "Girls". Noticeable change in attitude toward opposite sex. Beach parties at West-end beach now seem much livelier.

The Boys of John Street Area

Stories from Our Time...

Our First War Yr 1941

Many fathers off to 2nd World War. No more back of the hand discipline for 4 whole years. Run rampant now. New bonds of friendship formed that would last for 60 years.

Cheap Trip Around World Year 1950

Gung volunteers for Korean War. Completes Airborne School and heads to Korea to straighten out that mess. Returns in 1952 for huge party. Many letter exchanges to keep him up-to-date on local happenings, very cheap trip around world.

Invading the Private Pool - (Colonel Dumbles Pool)

With the only inground pool in town the "temptation" was too great. At 1:00 a.m. it's quietly over the fences, strip and slip in for great swims and then disappear into the night. They never knew! The John Street Boys had their own private pool and thus moved up with the elite in town.

Jail Cell Awaits

Gung and Darce hitchhike to Oshawa on a Friday to see wrestling matches. \$3.00 between us. Get there and find out its Saturday so decide to "stay over" in Town Park. Police flash-light awakes us from benches at 1:00 a.m. Darce tells Gung he'll handle it, talk, talk to this cop. Cop doesn't listen accuses us as escapees from Bowmanville Boys Correctional School. We end up at Police Station. Gung suggests Darce stop talking or we're going into a cell. Calls to Cobourg get Herb out of bed at 2:00 a.m. to relieve his work partner who has car and drives to Oshawa to pick up 2 vagrants. Herb just thinks it's funny.

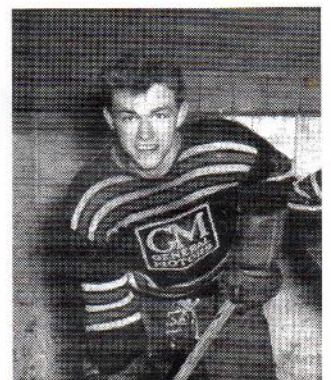
Our Definition of a Real Friend

Someone you can call and awaken in the middle of the night on a workday and his first question will be "are you all right" and not "do you know what time of night it is?"

Circus Comes to Town

Everyone loves a Circus, however when we got there all hell broke loose. Shine Davey accused the "Shell Game" con man of cheating. The truth hurts, but Circus lackey starts wielding a chain and the war is on. Unfortunately for the lackey and his cronies one of their errant chain swings hits Bernie and draws blood which triggers the massacre with many very tough locals participating. Police called in to quell riot. Circus leaves town very early next day. Never did see that Circus back in Cobourg.

Bob "Tonker" Thompson and "Freddie" Loscomb our two new "soulmates" from Oshawa and Toronto arrive on scene to claim popular Cobourg beauties for wives. Many funny trips to Toronto to ride streetcars with Tonker.



Bob "Tonker" Thompson

The Boys of John Street Area

Stories from Our Time...

Ken "Peck" Fleming

He is the sole reason we never discuss with the outside world the "stories" which assigned each "Nick" name.

Bob Bevan

The only University graduate from John Street. The great "I am" who could not only say it but could back it up with performance. Size meant nothing when it came to body contact sport. A great John Street product.

Henry "Hank" Fields

Hank grew up in Roseneath area where his father was the local Doctor. He earned quite a reputation in High School and when the second War commenced he joined up and went overseas, returning in 1945. There was a large parade at wars end and Hank showed up with Red Strides which totally stunned the other Vets but impressed all of us as the Fashion Leader of the day. Soon everyone was sporting strides with Large Knees and

(cont)

Small Cuffs and the array of colours went from Red to Purple to Pea Green or any other bright colour you could find. Henry introduced our group to a "Nightcap" which certainly launched our party times.

Bill Hessin - Tell us Another One

The consummate joke teller who laughs harder at his own. Never the same one. Irony is he gets nose sliced in hockey game, bleeds profusely, put in Hospital to stop bleeding with clamps. On our quick visitation Doctor tells us he is "not" to laugh since clamps will fly and bleeding reoccur. "All we needed to know!" Many funny stories told to him. Mission accomplished, no sympathy, much gore.

"Boom Boom" Baker

A legend in his own time, everyone has a story about "Boom" and all of them are wild. Pick your own from a multitude that exceeds the stars in number and content.

Roy Young -
Feeds the Hungry

He drives the "Potato Chip" truck and frequently shows up at Kelly's with free chips which must be washed down with some kind of liquid. Our free chip supply never ends. Roy went on to join American Air Force and made it a career. Information is he went back to school and attained a PhD. Who said we were illiterate?

Some John Street Area Boys

Edward "Ted" Brown, Gerald "Dick" Turpin, "Flynn" Flannagan, Wilf Cowan, Bob and Jack Bevan, Armand, Andre and Bob Clemens, Bud and "Ducky" Mulvaney, Jack and Bill Black, Bill "Gits" Gallagher, "Coon" Medhurst, Lyle Hircock, "Mike" Markle, "Japper" and Ken Wilcox, "Darce", Jim and Roly Campbell, Jim Morford, Bob and Syd Merry, Bill Bowen, Eugene and Verne Dowdell, Bill Simpson, Bud Lane, John Hilliard Ross, "Chief" and "Gung" Charles, Ken "Peck" Fleming, "Pot" and "Timer" Fox, Bernie "Bun" Flesch, Mike, Jerry and Clem Flesch, John Sprague, Bob Wilson, Bill Mellis, "Flip" Ivey, George Throop, Monte Holman.

The Beach

Early Life on the Beach

How to Earn Money Easy "A" - an intro to "Free Enterprise in Motion" Americans use car ferry for excursions to Cobourg beach on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday all summer. We attend their departures "requesting" (begging) for their coins. They toss them from the high decks to the pier and water, the diving and scrambling is on. Bernie works the pier, Gung and Darce work the water diving off the pier and the landing tower. Get to coins before they disappear in the murky harbour water.

Penalties for Easy Money "B"

Town fathers and Police do not take kindly to "beggars" who "mar" tourist trade. Scourge is on. Many trips to Police station. Boom Boom, Darce and Bernie caught and threatened to be sent to "Bowmanville Boys Correctional Facility". Have doors to bus open when "crying act" finally gets results. No jail term. Back to begging. Remember earning \$1.50 for an hours work would keep you on the beach for two days.

The Original Beach Boys -

Yrs 1948, 1949

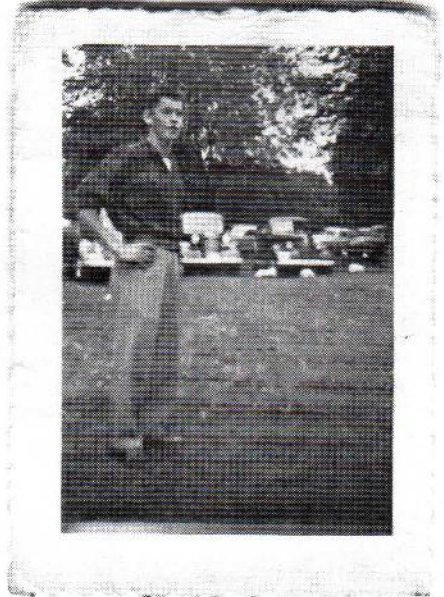
Darce and Gung rent "tent" in trailer park at beach. The party is on. All the guys convene at our "estate". Dance pavilion 100 feet away, beach and water 100 feet away. Darce works as lifeguard, does not go home from June to September (other than laundry). Gung, Darce and Mike swim in Mayor's Trophy 1/2 mile Labour Day Race. First year water temperature 52 degrees, piece of cake we win 3 times and keep trophy.

Beach Play

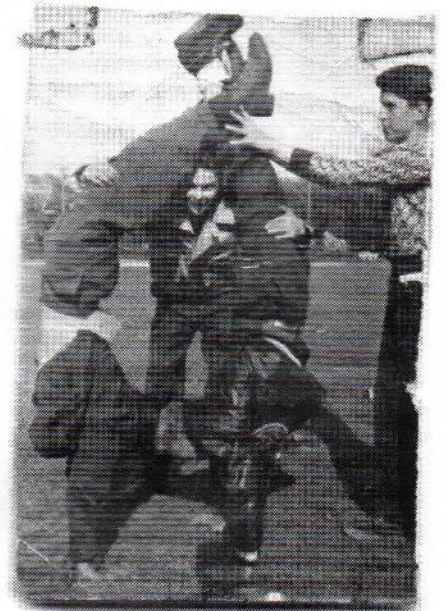


"Bernie", "Darce"

Backdrop - Left to right
"Pavilion" "Trailer Park" for
famous "Tent" and
back of bandshell - 1950



So What's your Problem?
"Bernie"



"Gung", Carl Snelgrove,
"Darce", "Bernie"
1949

The Beach



Buddies at the Beach Park

Left to Right

"Dunc" Fisher, "Bernie" Flesch, "Chub" Jones,
"Darce" Campbell, "Mike" Markle



Hamburgers at the "Pav"

Left to right

"Coon" Medhurst, Doreen Pittuck,
"Japper" Wilcox, "Bernie" Flesch,
Marge "Red" McKeever - 1950



Left to right

Marge "Red" McKeever, Bob
Bevan, "Japper" Wilcox, "Coon"
Medhurst, Doreen Pittuck
1950



Faking it at the Harbour

"Boom Boom" Baker, "Darce", "Gung"

The Beach



Lowest Paid Best Job
in the World
Lifeguard Cobourg Beach 1949
"Darce"

Early Beach

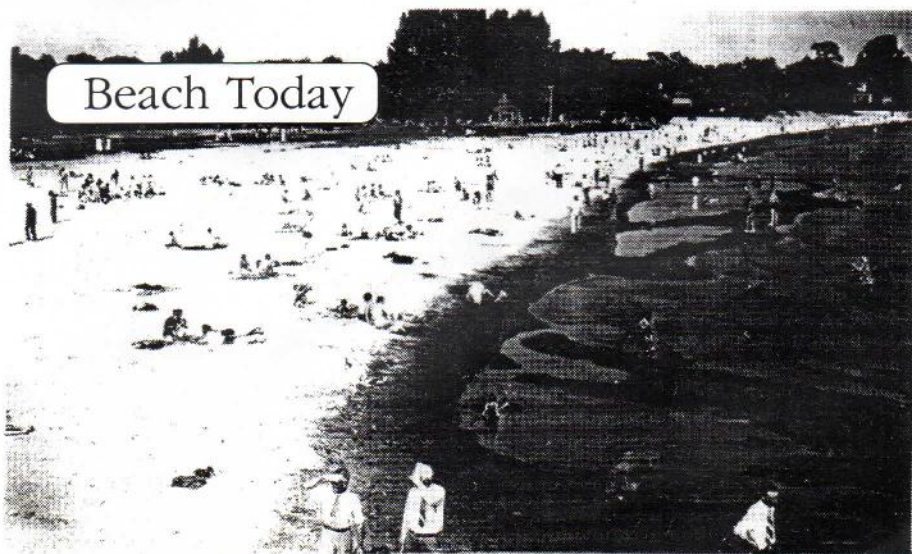


Our Beach



Trailer Park Cobourg
Beach, home of our
Infamous Tent

Beach Today



SECTION ONE

The Beach

Beggars Save Life



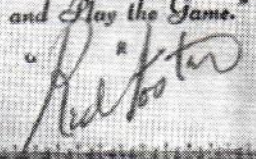

During car ferry departure young girl falls through pier into harbor. Gung climbs down under pier and Darce goes into water and hauls her up to Gung. After the excitement we go back to begging. Had a good "take" that day. Received William Lowney Young Canada Award.

Sea Cadet Saves Girl From Cobourg Harbour

13-year-old Jackie Campbell
Jumps Into Lake to Rescue
Georgina Lingard — Kiddies
Were Catching Coins from
Ferry

In danger of drowning after she slipped down through rotten boards in a wharf alongside the ferry dock Sunday evening, 8-year-old Georgina Lingard was saved from almost certain death by the prompt action of 13-year-old Sea Cadet Jackie Campbell, who instantly dived into the water and effected the rescue. Georgina had been playing around the wharf along with other children, picking up coins thrown by passengers aboard the car ferry steamer when she fell through a hole in the rotten boards. Jackie, who was in his bathing suit, dived into the water on the spur of the moment and secured a grip on the child. Another Sea Cadet, George Charles, who was on the wharf fully-clothed, helped Campbell to pull the badly-frightened girl out of the water.

A Wharfedale Photo. Photo courtesy of the author.

NO. 1291	LOWNEYS	DATE December 5th 1935
YOUNG CANADA CLUB		
Honour Award Certificate		
This Honour Award is Presented to		
<i>Jackie Campbell</i>		
who did show exceptional initiative and courage and through unselfish action, performed a deed of outstanding merit, thereby furthering the high traditions of the Young Canada Club, truly exemplifying its motto "Safety First and Play the Game."		
 FRED FOSTER Director	 E. LITTLER President	
		

Sea Cadets



Two Sea Cadets and a Girl Guide
 "Coon" Medhurst, Marion Kellough, "Japper" Wilcox
 Even Young girls Like Navy guys



1945 - On the Deck of the "Magedoma"
 Rotary Island Gananoque
 Sea Cadets Camp
 "Gung" and "Chub"



Port Hope, Cobourg, Oshawa combined
 Bands and Corps summer 1945



Admiral of the Fleet
 "Mike" Markle

Sea Cadets

AWOL Sea Cadets

V-"J" Day 1945 entire Cadet Corps comes to mainland Gananoque from Rotary Island Camp for afternoon parade and celebration. Three cadets inform their buddies to bring home their duffle bags and they set out to hitchhike back to Cobourg for Hometown celebration. Bill Simpson, "Coon" Medhurst and "Darce" Campbell cause severe concerns for Navy who are missing three cadets. Hitchhikers get as far as Colborne just 16 miles from destination. End up sleeping on three chairs in lobby of old Hotel. No celebration.

Life at Sea Cadets Camp - Yrs 1943 - 1945

The rich went to private summer camps. The rest of us joined the Sea Cadets and went to the finest "free" camp the Government could buy. We thought paradise had finally arrived. Imagine boxing, baseball, swimming and sailing amongst the Thousand Islands, three super meals a day and an army cot of our own at night. It doesn't get any better than this. Two weeks of memories forever for Gung, Coon, Chub, Darce and Japper.

How to get Yacht Duty or Preferential Treatment

The Navy was assigned two Harbourcraft and two private lend-lease yachts for camp use. The Harbourcraft went over to Gananoque and the yachts to the private islands which housed the brass. The Midshipman prepared a list covering each of the two weeks for two cadets to each craft for a day which assured those cadets many privileges. Those Midshipman were not prepared for the "street wise" John Street boys who altered the names on the posted list to secure triple duty days. Only once did one of them question us that we had been there before, which we of course denied.

Sea Cadet Train

We board the train at Cobourg bound for Gananoque Island Sea Cadet Camp. Full parade dress soon taken off on very hot July day. All clothing thrown inside large overhead luggage compartments. About Kingston "Gung" climbs up into compartment and begins throwing uniforms down to seats but throws one set right out the open windows. He laughs loudly thinking one of us would not make parade square. Low and behold it's his uniform that flew out. Now the real laughter begins. He attends parade in a tee shirt.



Bottom row - left to right

Darce Campbell, unidentified, unidentified, Andy McLauchlan, Japper Wilcox

Middle row - left to right

George "Gung" Charles, Don "Yo Yo" Ashton, unidentified, Chub Jones, Jack "Tate" Taylor, Ken "Coon" Medhurst

Back row - left to right

Monte Holman, Bill "Weems" Jamieson, Ab Bailey, unidentified, unidentified, Paul "Crow" Jex

Sea Cadets



Photo donated courtesy of Philip Gustar

Picture taken at Dr. Hawkins High School Campus, 1945 for the High School Army Cadet Inspection

Back Row- left to right

George Gould, Bruce Gustar, Chick Bowen, Bill Rowlings, Henry Blackwell, Paul Jex,
Carl (Dick) Paden (Bandmaster), Jim Watt, Ralph Martin, Howard Tobin,
Philip Gustar, Charlie Tann, Jack Elliott, Harold McBride, Frank Guy

Front Row - left to right

Jack Greer, unidentified, Don Ashton, Monty Holeman, Bev Rollings, Bill Percy,
Charles Trenouth, Albert Bailey, unidentified, Sid Freeman, Ross Porteous, Jack Taylor

1945 - Sea Cadet Camp - Rotary Island Gananoque

The Navy prides a number of two man sailing skiffs which can be signed out for sailing on the St. Lawrence River. Coon and Darce launch out with instructions from the Midshipman that upon return and reentry to pier area sail must be dropped and centre keel lifted to avoid hitting heavy rocks in harbour. Coon is on the rudder, Darce drops the sail coming in but forgets the keel blade and resultant rock disaster is well recorded. Future requests from duo denied.

Recollections & Incidents Along the Way

SECTION TWO

The Way We Were



Movie Theatre

During second World War 1940 to 1945 tickets
for movies were \$0.25

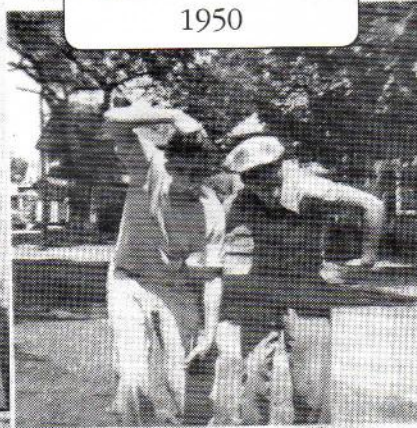


Studying the stock market quotations
at the beach

The Oshawa Connection "Freddy" Loscombe
"Gung" Charles

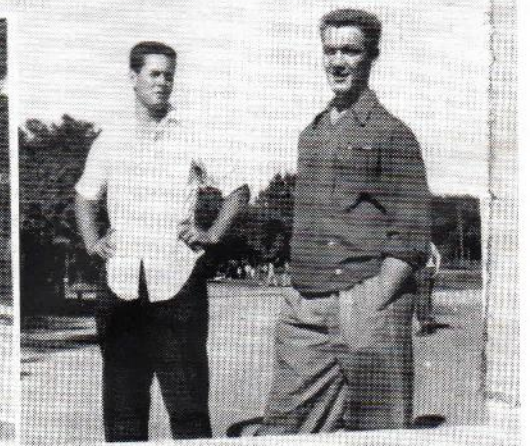


"Darce" & "Coon"

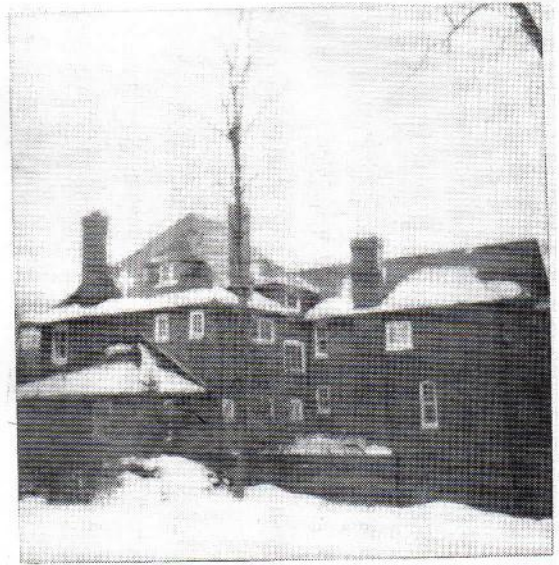


Two Apes
"Bernie" & "Coon"
1950

Beach Park
"Tim" Rolphe & "Japper" Wilcox
1950



The Way We Were



A Night at Hadfield Hall

Very exclusive private girls school where Cobourg street urchins were not welcome by Headmistress. However, fire escape ladders up the back walls made for easy access and many happy "giggling" girls. Also provided quick way down the sliding escape ladders.



"Romers" Dictatorship
Cobourg Collegiate West

A day with "Romer" MacKenzie-the illustrious Dictator at Cobourg Collegiate who took delight in throwing boys against walls and pillars until one of the "urchins" knocked him down the West stairs. He did not come back up for more.

In front of
Cobourg Cafe
1949
left to right
Bernie, Gung,
"Ev" Pittuck,
Darce



Creamery Corner Darce, Mike, Bernie - 1950

The Way We Were



1951 - Coon, Darce
Hanging Out



1952 - Home for Christmas - Darce, Joyce Lane, Gung



1952 - Darce, Gung, "Crowy" Hart

A New Phase Begins

Two Newlyweds

Are you sure there is not a way to turn the clock
back and restart the games.

Darce, Gung

The Way We Were



FROM THIS MOTLEY CREW CAME;

Hockey players, baseball players, basketball players, football players, skiers, swimmers, boxers, golfers and subsequently; tradesmen, executives, doctors, entrepreneurs, retailers, pilots, bankers, salesmen, fathers and grandfathers - WHO KNEW!!

top - left to right

Bob Wilson, Bill Jamieson, "Darce" Campbell, Ellis Reid, "Eagle" Hircock, David "Nibs" Noble

middle - left to right

"Buck" Litster, Bill Black, Ron Lee, George Westover, Monte Holman

front - left to right

Douglas Baker, David Hill, "Chub" MacIvor, Clarence Page, John Jenkins

absent

Bill Simpson, Gerald Walker, Jack Hughes, Charles Throop, "Coon" Medhurst

The Way We Were

Muskoka Trip



You Must be Properly Dressed to Catch Fish
Gung Charles, Erve Downey,
Jane Downey

Alex McKeen borrows car from friend for weekend excursion to Cottage Country. Bernie, Mike, Pot, Coon and Darce pile in and head North. Have car trouble and stop at two bay garage. Car is placed over grease pit for undercarriage inspection. While repairs going on, the "watergun" fight commences circling the car. Unfortunately for Mike he does not see second open grease pit and disappears to the bottom scraping both shin bones going down. Laughter prevails while Mike bleeds and lies in grease and oil. Finally decide to help him out. No sympathy from this group. Saga does not end there. Upon our return home Alex broadsides another car North of Port Hope wrecking friends car. No one hurt, laughter prevails for poor Alex who must now face "ex" friend with banged up car.



Gung Charles
Ted Curtis



Two Movie Stars Undiscovered
Gung Bernie

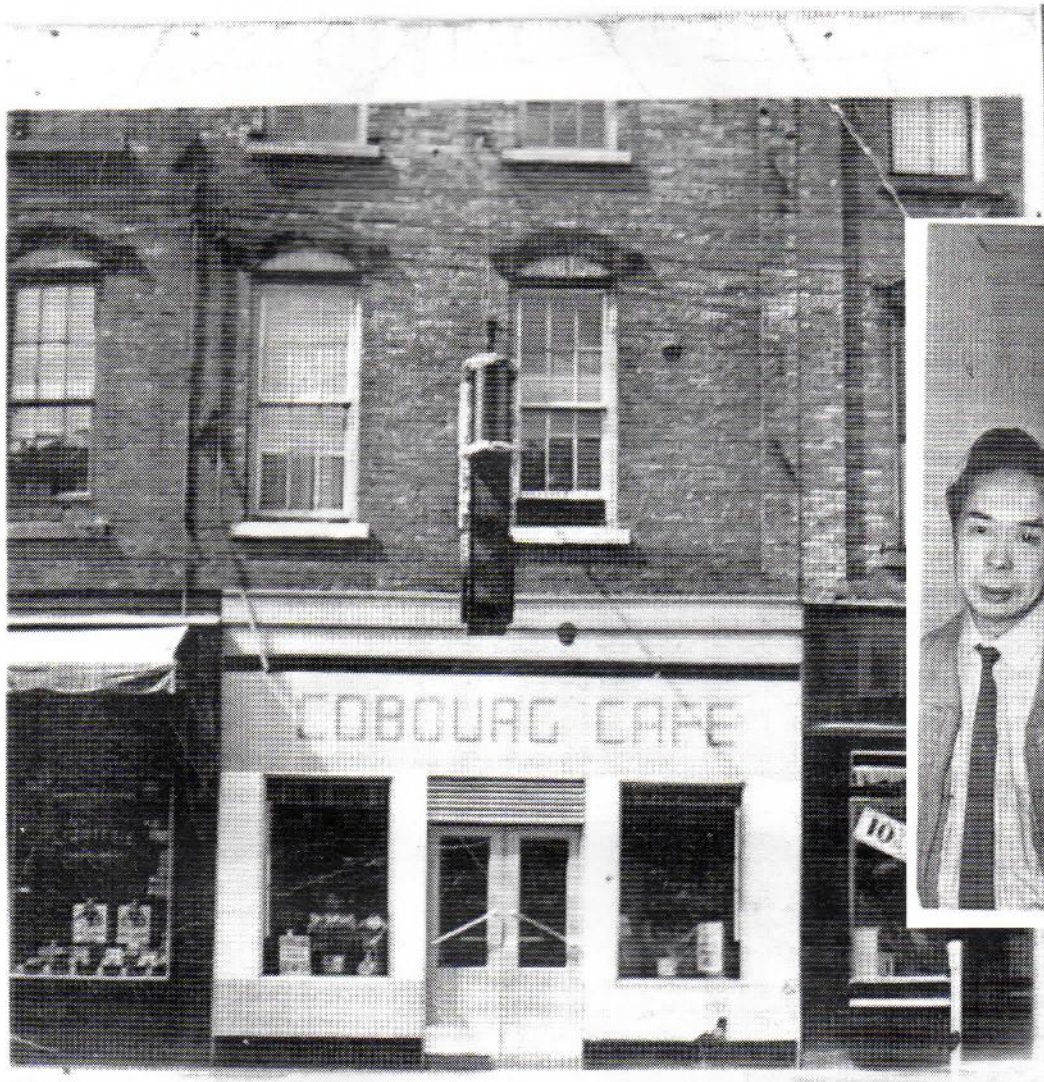


1952

The "Games" are Over

Best buddies enter the world of work, marriage, families, homes and responsibility but friendships never end
Bernie, Darce

The Way We Were



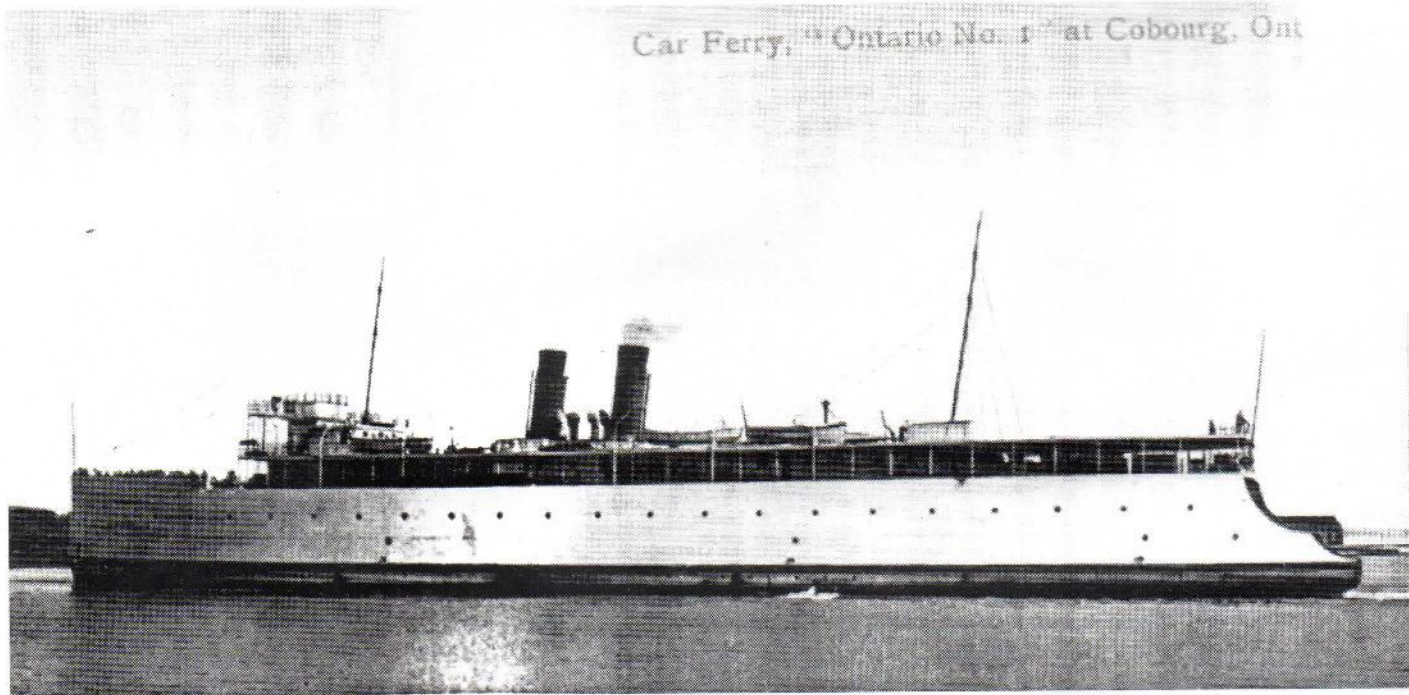
"Little Joe" Ing - proprietor
Ruth "Brown" Brock (a faithful employee for over 50 years)

Cobourg Cafe "Little Joe"

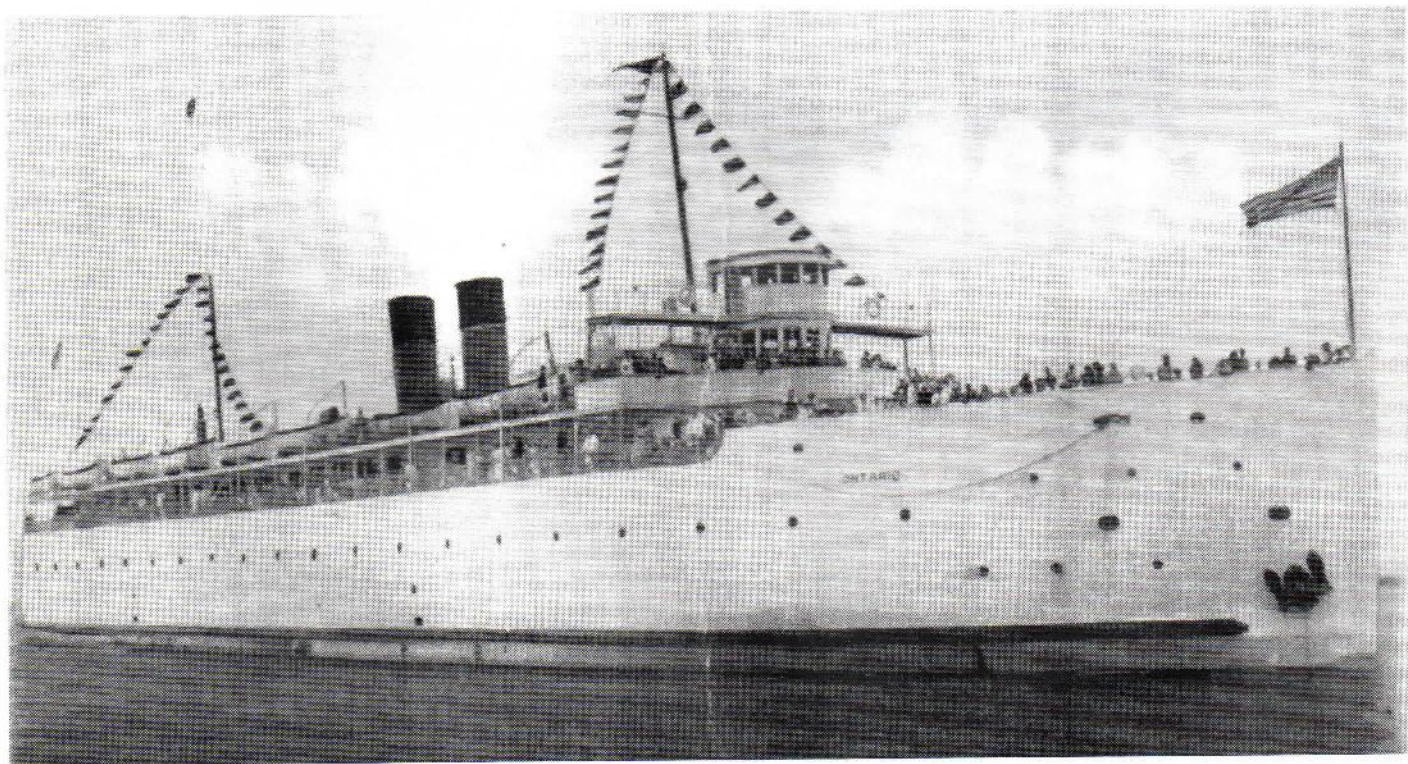
Gathering place late at night after all "watering holes" closed. Also great arena for "Saturday Night Fights!". Three very big and very ugly Lumberjacks appear loaded and looking for trouble. Gung, Bernie, Eugene Dowdell and Bob Bevan with "armcast" oblige. Results very swift, locals "3", instigators "0". Joe calls police but over before arrival. Gung, Bernie and Eugene go to jail. Bob Bevan provides bail.

Car Ferry Excursions

Car Ferry, "Ontario No. 1" at Cobourg, Ont.



S.S. No. 1 Car Ferry, Cobourg, Ontario
1905 - 1949



S.S. No. 2 Car Ferry, Cobourg, Ontario
1905 - 1949

Car Ferry Excursions

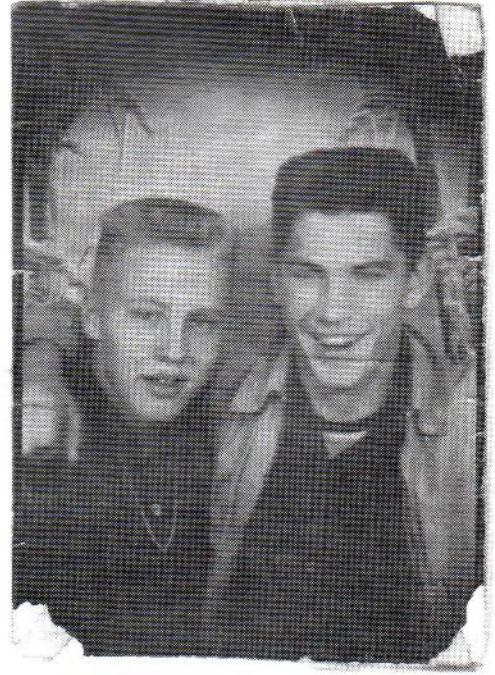


Rochester Arrival

Ninety eight steps up the escarpment to waiting taxis.
Head straight for Stoneys Bar. The party is on.

Sea Sickness

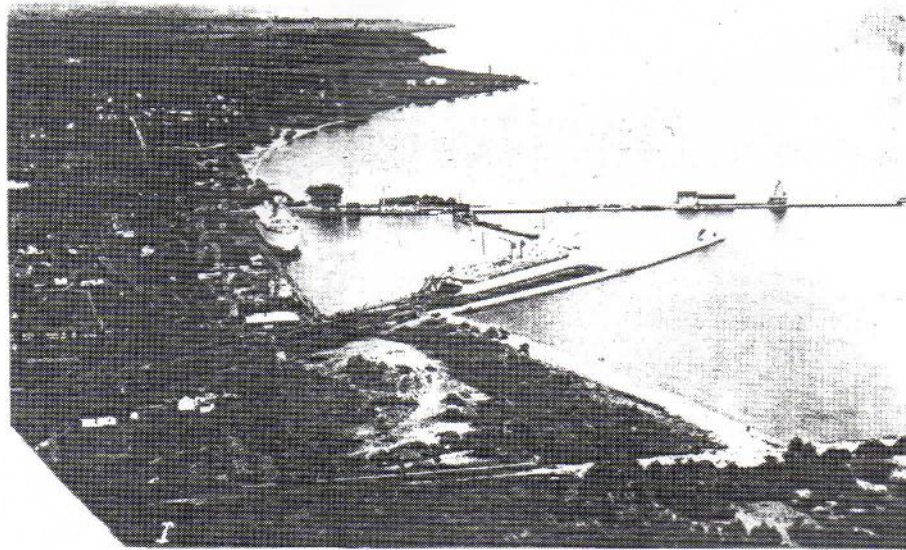
Gung Charles, Boom Baker, Bernie Flesch, Pot Fox, Mike Markle, Peck Fleming, Coon Medhurst, Chub Jones, Japper Wilcox, Darce Campbell spend night at Peck Flemings screened porch getting ready for early morning cruise departure to Rochester. All hands pool resources so everyone to crap game on front deck and we end up with seventy-two dollars which is a fortune and assures us of a very large party at Stoneys Bar in downtown Rochester. Many sick boys but Gung much sicker. Call ship medic on way home and he prescribes that nothing wrong with him that ten hours sleep won't cure. It must have been the food! It only happened on the way home! Strange!



Excursion to Port Dalhousie
1950 - Photo Booth
Darce, Bernie

On the Top Deck of S.S. No. 2
Heading to Rochester
Chub, Darce, Gung, Bernie, Pot,
Peck, Boom, Japper, Coon, Mike
Resting up to hit Stoneys Bar
1949

Car Ferry Excursions



WATERFRONT COBOURG, ONT. AS SEEN FROM AN AEROPLANE

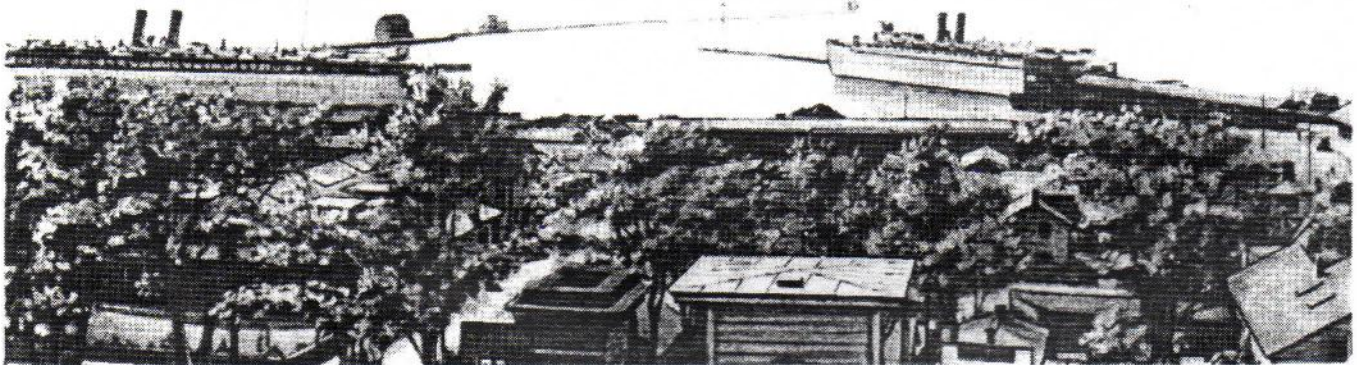
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The Beach
S.S. No. 2 docked
S.S. No. 1 loading
Railroad cars

Our private swimming
pool harbour

S.S. No. 2

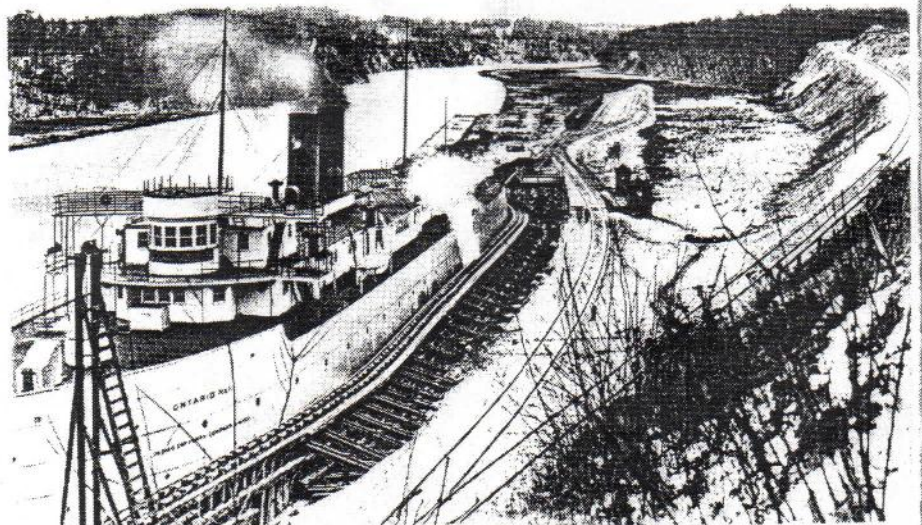
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THE HARBOR, COBOURG, ONTARIO, CANADA

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Car Ferry, Cobourg to
Rochester, At Landing on the
American side



SECTION TWO

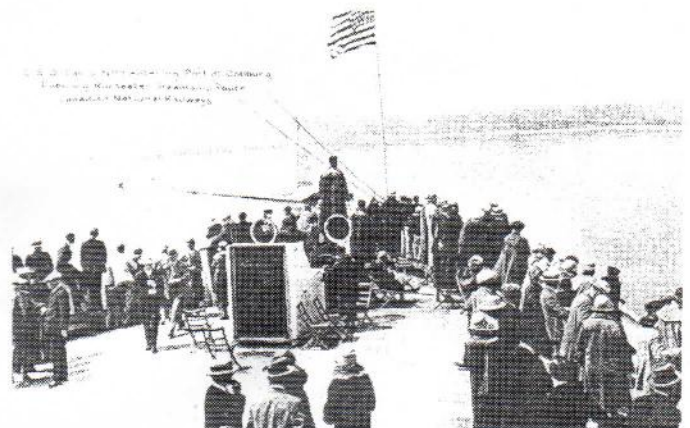
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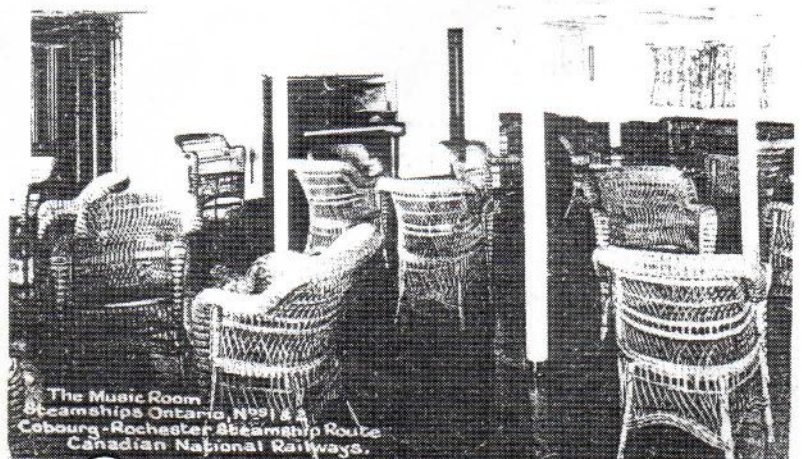


On Board - The Dining Salon
Steamship Ontario No. 2
Cobourg - Rochester Steamship Route
Canadian National Railways



S.S. Ontario No. 1 entering Port at Cobourg
Cobourg - Rochester Steamship Route
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What Music?
The Music Room
Steamships Ontario, Nos. 1 & 2
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The Pavilion

Some ads from 1948

COBOURG PAVILION
 FRIDAY NIGHT TEEN-AGERS AND STUDENT NIGHT
Friday and Saturday
BERNARD TIERNEY
 and his orchestra
MART KENNEY
 presents on
Thursday, Sept. 26
ART HALLMAN
 \$1.00 Tickets Now on Sale at Pavilion -
 William's Snack Bar in Cobourg -
 Strong's Book Store in Hope

COBOURG PAVILION
 presents
HORACE LAPIERRE
 And His Orchestra
FRIDAY, JULY
 featuring love-ly
GENE CORDAY
 On Vocals
 ★
SATURDAY
 with Sayers' Orchestra

CANTEEN
 at Cobourg Pavilion
 Every Night During September
 THE TEEN-AGERS
 HALL

Cobourg Pavilion
Friday, Sept. 13
The TEEN-AIRES
 11 Piece Orchestra featuring
 Sweet Swing, Boogie Woogie, Novelties
 Ladies 50 cents
 Gents 75 cents
 Students and Teen-Agers 35 cents
Sat., Sept. 14
BERNARD TIERNEY
 And His Orchestra
Mart Kenney Presents-Sept. 26
ART HALLMAN
 And His Sensationally New Dance Band



"The Pav" had its final fling

The music died Saturday
 at Cobourg's old Pavilion

SANDRA HICKLIN
 Saturday night, the music died at Cobourg's old Pavilion. For a few years it was a place where the music was good.

COBOURG PAVILION ★
 PRESENTS
 Canada's Finest Pianist and Victor Recording Artist—Assisted by Count Basie,
 Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway and Numerous Others

OSCAR **Johnny Holmes**

The Pavilion

Inside the Pavilion
 Left to right
 "Dutchy" Van Buren
 with Georgina,
 Carole Campbell (24
 hour bride), Joyce
 Lane, Verda
 Battersby, Betty
 Blackwell, Jon
 Fisher, "Gung"
 Charles, "Darce"
 Campbell (groom),
 "Japper" Wilcox,
 Anna-Marie (Hall)
 Charles



"Japper" Wilcox and Delores "Arch" Campbell
 Inside the Pav



"Pogy" Lavis

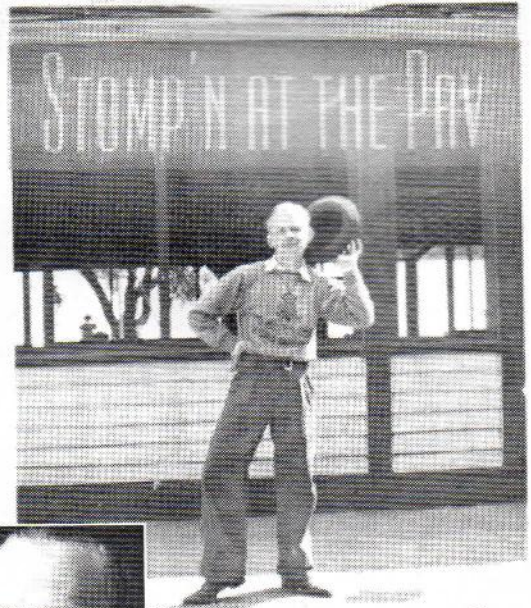
The Pavilion



Inside the "Pav"

left to right - back row: Betty (Sleeman) Lazenby,
Dutchy van Buren, Gung Charles

front row: Carole (Banks) Campbell (24 hour bride), Darce
Campbell (groom), Japper Wilcox, Boom Boom Baker



Brooklin New Yorks Finest
The "Pav" ticket taker
"Brooksie"

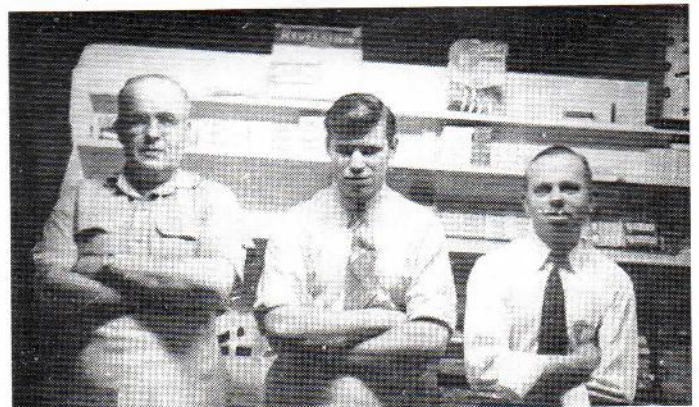


The "Pav" Contingent

left to right -
Rowena Hamilton (Landymore),
Betty Waite (Nicholas),
Ruth Waite (Seymour),
Ida Hamilton (Ashby)



Brooksie and Tom Savage - behind the pavilion



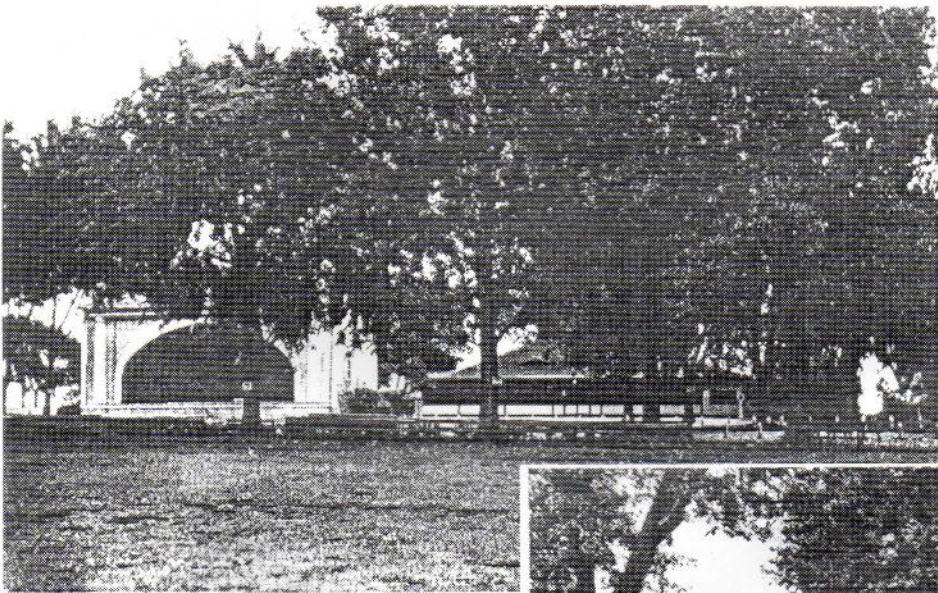
Canteen at the Pav

Gord Healey, Shamy Shaw, Brooksie

The Pavilion



Getting "Ready" to go the "Pav"
 Bud Lane, Bill Turland,
 "Japper" Wilcox, Delores
 (Campbell) Turland, "Darce"
 Campbell (groom), Carole
 Campbell (bride), "Gung"
 Charles, Anna-Marie (Hall)
 Charles



Bandshell & Pavilion

Pavilion, Victoria Park,
 Cobourg



Watering Holes



BALTIMORE HOTEL, COBBOURG, ONTARIO, CANADA

CICV

The Blue Room at the Baltimore

Small room in Hotel beverage area with one ground level window for escape hatch during routine police inspections for underage beer drinkers. Gung, Bernie, Darce, Pot, Mike, Chub, Japper and Coon! All prewarned by Coon's dad "Jessie the bartender" and everyone out the window. The eight bottles on the table were explained by Jessie that they were all in the men's washroom, seemed to work!



Not far from the Beach

Watering Holes

KING STREET LOOKING EAST, SHOWING TOWN HALL COBOURG ONT., CANADA.



The British Hotel

The Plaza Hotel

The British Hotel & The Plaza Hotel - Great Saturday Night Fights "Live"



The "Famous" Dunham Hotel

Watering Holes



1945 - The staff at "Kellys"
Homelike Inn



Inside Kelly's
left to right
Kenny Wilcox, Bill Turland,
Bus Kelly, John Fisher, Chub
MacIvor and "Bun" Flesch
1952

Let the Games Begin

SECTION THREE

Horseback Riding



The Circle N Ranch Gang 1948 - 1949
left to right

"Peck" Fleming, Carl Snelgrove, "Japper" Wilcox,
"Bernie" Flesch, "Darce" Campbell, "Gung" Charles,
"Chub" Jones, "Dunc" Fisher, unidentified

More of the Gang
Front

Mike Markle, Bob Bevan, Bernie Flesch, Pot Fox,
"Peck" Fleming

Centre

"Japper" Wilcox

Back

"Gung" Charles, Carl Snelgrove, "Dunc" Fisher,
"Coon" Medhurst, unidentified



The Circle N Ranch Gang
Large "Cavalry" Unit formed from
John Street recruits to prove their
prowess racing horses at highest
speed. Many horses and riders go
down, some into wire fences. Some
breaking saplings in half and some
into stone piles. Remnant reaches
barn. Casualties high but all will be
back next Sunday.

Horseback Riding



Classy Rider
"Japper" Wilcox



"Gung" Charles

Circle "N" Caper

The whole Cavalry heads for Circle "N" Ranch for "light" brigade training. Mike is terrified of snakes, so on our way in to Ranch "Peck" picks up a garter snake from road and puts it in Mike's pocket. The resultant hollering can be heard in Cobourg 10 miles away. Just no sympathy with these guys.



Small Posse

Bernie Flesch, "Carl" Snelgrove, "Darce" Campbell

Boxing



St. Mikes



Public School

"Fight" Day at School 1937 - 1945

Early introduction to fight game - Playground gladiators ring

Everyone gathered to see the heavyweights "go"! New kids were tested early. Some fights lasted through whole recess and reconvened after 4 o'clock buzzer. The beginning of Cobourg Boxing Club.

Cobourg Boxing Club
Local Boxing Club formed -
Headquartered in Market
Square building which housed
speed bags, heavy bags and a
legal sized ring for sparring
and training.



Boxing

Gone to Boxing Match

Gung and Darce hitchhike to Toronto, Oakwood Stadium, Chief is main event with Gus Rubicini for Ontario Middleweight Champ and Johnston Wax Trophy. We have no money so climb fence to get in. Caught by guard police and taken to office. Gung has them contact Chief who says we come in to his corner or no fight. We get in, Chief wins. We sit on floor in back of car to get home.

Murray Schwartz
comes to Town

Life takes on new meaning in boxing ring and at boxing club in market building. Everyone fights. Bernie, Gung, Buz, Coon, Chub, Japper, Darce and Cobourg's Best "The Chief" plus many more. Big amateur fight night in Victoria Opera Hall.

A Dollar a Round

"Promoter" Schwartz drives by all the "boys" heading to the beach at 10:00 a.m. Big Cadillac stops and says do you guys want to earn 3 bucks? The reply is who do we have to kill for that big money. It just happens to be General Motors Picnic Day in Oshawa Park and the promoter is in charge of the entertainment of the workers with a fight card but needs some punching bags. Japper, Kenny Wilcox, Timer Fox, Darce and Chub all volunteered. The hitch was that you got 1 buck for each round you stayed. we had not been in ring since winter time so the punching bags were ready. Pile all into Cadillac. Fight time 1:00 p.m. Darce goes first rides fast bike as usual, has bloody nose but gets the first 3 bucks. Japper knocks his guy down 3 times, loses decision (no hometown judges of course). Timer kills his guy loses decision, I think we were 0 for 5 which pleased the Home Crowd.

Dec 6, 1948

SPORTS

Legion Boxing Show Lifetime Of Thrills

Lingard-McPhee Battle High Light of Show — Local Lads Do Well — More Bouts Are Planned for Dec. 13

Average Scores Mark Win By Maintenance

With a large and wildly enthusiastic audience present in the Opera House last Thursday evening, the first of a series of boxing bouts was held in Oshawa.

The feature bout of the evening brought together the much publicized Eastern Ontario Champion, Joey McPhee of Oshawa, and the highly rated local contender, Hope Sea Cader.

This bout produced a thrilling contest in five rounds in which a definite lead was given to the local lad in the main event in a determined and vigorous manner. McPhee, however, was round hard and fast, showing fine footwork until Lingard showed him to a walk with a right to the head and left to the body. Lingard then landed a series of blows to the head and McPhee a pace then showed in the second round, leaving Lingard connected with a wild left to the guard's jaw as the going was to end the first round.

Refused to be beaten, McPhee took the second round before Lingard could get a second wind. The third round was a walk for the local lad as McPhee was too good for him. The fourth round was a close one but his opponent was too good for him. Lingard won the fifth round.

Persistent in his attack, McPhee opened the fifth round with a series of blows to the head and body. Lingard was too good for him. The sixth round was a close one but his opponent was too good for him. Lingard won the seventh round.

These fighters have been repeatedly mentioned in the local press and will again be in the ring on December 13 when the Legion will sponsor another full evening of boxing.

Park's Maintenance crew knocked down the Carmen Nov. 28 to a total score of 2322 against 2136. Maurice was high scorer for the night with 100 for the round. Score by Park's team — 2; Longhurst — 1; points Parks — 2; Longhurst — 2.

Each sinner received a pair of boxing trunks.

There were several local boys on the card. These fought for the most part against each other as all were experienced. However a trio of them took life and limb against each other and of these Cliff Barker made a fine showing. He had a long tussled opponent posing of a terrific punch. This bout brought about the downfall of Barker in the second round, giving the bout to Kille by a T.K.O.

Tim Answorth met Kehoe in a close contest and was also defeated by a heavy puncher on a T.K.O. in the third round.

He, Tim Answorth, fared a bit better. He was as he battled the crowd which was a bit better. He was a brother of the local, featured heavyweight, Tim. He was a close contest and it seemed that near corner that "condition" would be the downfall of "Tim".

Other promising battles showing in the evening were K. McDermott, a local, and a last and strong one between two draw after each winning.

Complete Results:
The evening was three rounds and the main bout which went five rounds.

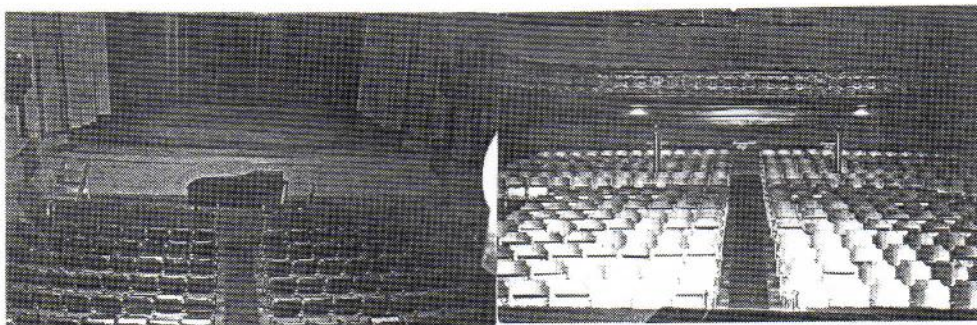
Bob Fox (115) outpointed Joey McPhee (110).
Joe Wilcox (115) outpointed Joe Fox (115).

Ken McDermott (110) outpointed Cliff Charles (112).
Frank and Wilcox fought to a draw in last of Cobourg bout.

Freeman (115) Port Hope outpointed Naylor (115) Oshawa.
Tim Answorth (115) Grafton outpointed Tim Answorth (115).

Port Chad (110) Toronto outpointed Tim Answorth (120).
Lionel

Don Longhurst (125) outpointed Joey McPhee (125) Oshawa.
Oshawa-B. L. Naylor, Port Hope, Oshawa.

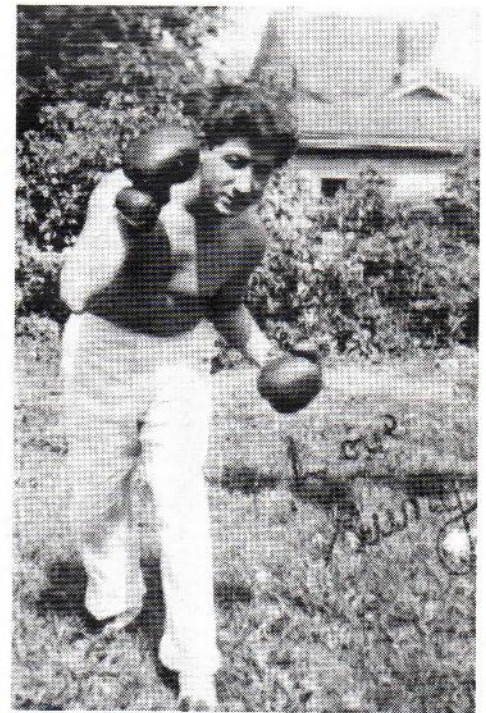
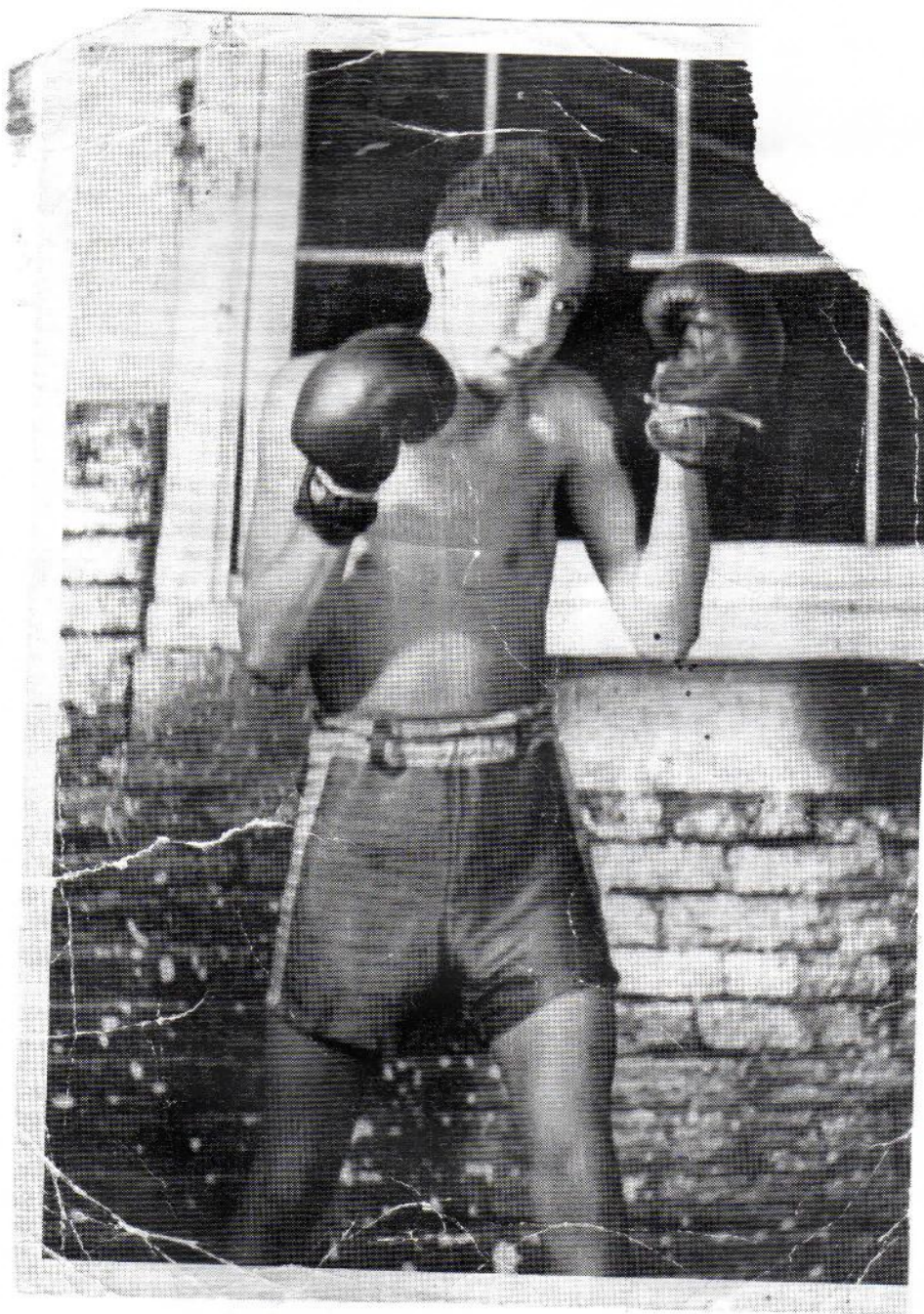


SECTION THREE

Amateur fights held in beautiful Opera House in Victoria Hall.

Legal size ring installed on stage and very large crowds would come to see the fight card.

Boxing



Morning After Fight

George "Gung" Charles
1947

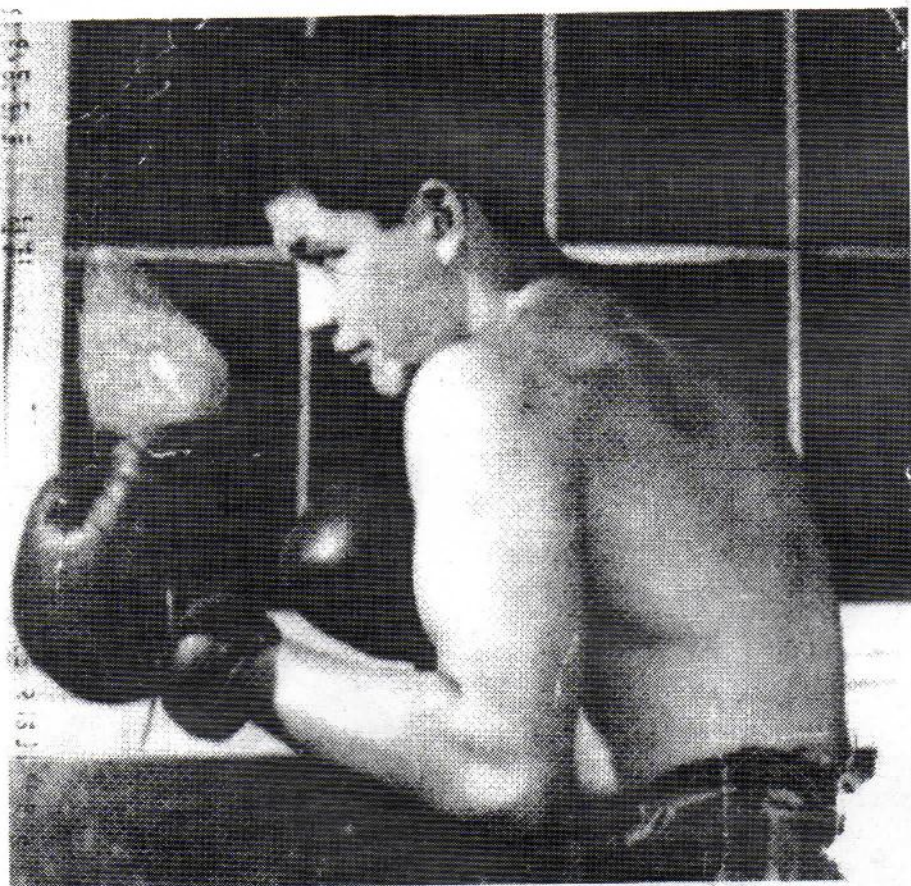
Gung returns from Peterborough after very difficult match with policeman. He is badly bruised (above) but wins fight. Resides with the Campbells and is severely questioned by "Elsie" as to what happened to him because she says, "you look awful!!", Gung replies, "Don't you want to know how I made out in the fight?", Elsie in her wisdom says, "what difference does it make?"

Boxing

Kiwanis Boxing Show Had Plenty Of Action "Chief" Charles Wins

The second Kiwanis boxing severe trouncing. Tom fought a gamely and scored more than a

Timor Fox and Bun Flesch hooked up in another bout that saw plenty of action. Flesch, who appeared the more accomplished of the two, took his time and as the fight progressed began to land the more telling blows and was pummeling his man freely in the final round to take the decision.



Emerson 'Chief' Charles fighting in 1950s

Emerson "Chief" Charles fighting in 1950s

Cobourg's most famous boxer turned professional and fought out of Patterson, New Jersey. Went to a six round decision with Joey Giardello then World Welterweight Champ

Cobourg's new found pugilistic hero "Chief" Charles, invaded the rings of Peterborough last Thursday night and scalped another victim. The following account was taken from the Examiner — Chief Charles of Cobourg, 145, outpointed Danny McGregor, 146, of Peterborough in a three-round prelim. Dan won the first with his speed and aggressiveness, Charles missing a lot. But the Chief started tagging him in the second with looping right uppercuts to the head to told an edge. He downed Danny for three in the third with a right to the whiskers and kept coming in though McGregor was shifty and game, and threw a few back. It was the Chief's bout.

Another Indian chap from Cobourg, George Charles—weighing 118—won a decision over Louis Carveth of Peterborough, 118 also. He started like a buzz saw with a two fisted attack, and showed a lovely left to cop the first. He took the second, too, in a hot go as the crowd applauded, both having their noses bleeding and both crowding in to land plenty. Charles' stabbing left gave him the margin. In the third, he used a sharp right to the whiskers to gain it as Louis fought back hard, but when down once for no count on a slip. It was a nice fight.

Skiing

Northumberland Ski Club

In the mid 1940's a ski club was formed and was given the use of the Northumberland Forest area just North of Baltimore. There were 3 "runs"; Junior, Intermediate and Senior with "rope tow" to the top. A volunteer ski instructor from Montreal soon had many of our group on skis. Some excellent like Gung and Bernie and one or two not so good at skiing but capable of running into a few trees (Darce). The town ran ski buses on the weekends and a very generous mayor "Joe Smith" would give free bus tickets and tow tickets to those who could not finance the trip. It was a full day of skiing and mingling at the chalet with a new phenomenon called "girls". The introduction of this new "breed" commenced the downfall of the gladiators by a subtle force.



SKI CHAMPIONS

Left to Right
Ken Booth,
"Gung" George Charles
Philip Calnan



The Senior Hill
Marty McGuire

SKI NEWS

The big ski event of the year was the high school meet which was held on Feb. 22. Six schools were invited, four answered, three could enter teams, and on the day of the meet only Port Hope showed up.

Nevertheless, a successful meet was held with good old C.C.I. taking the new trophy presented by Mr. J. J. McTague. The ski team consisted of Ken Booth, George Charles, and Philip Calnan.

In the individual races Bob Hancock and Mike Jarvis of Port Hope came first and second and Philip Calnan came third in the Downhill event. The slalom race was won by George Charles with Tommy Krackenburg and Philip Calnan finishing behind him.

Pat Maher back at the school prepared a delicious supper and after that the skiers had a dance.

The local merchants donated prizes and food.

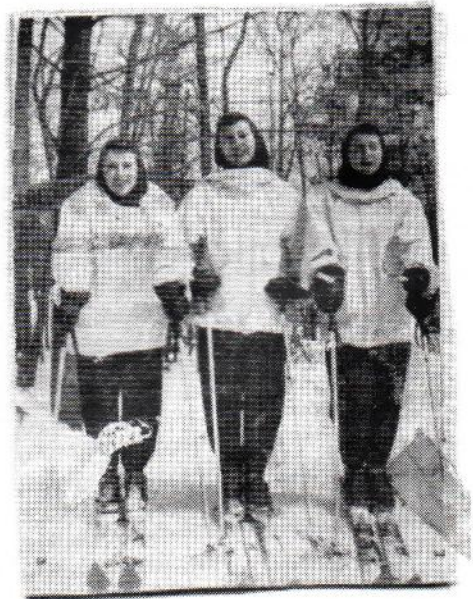
The skiing this year was improved by the addition of a new tow leading to three new runs which were in use well into March till even the diards were forced to oil up their slats and wait till next year.

SKI NEWS

P.J.C.

The Cobourg Collegiate Ski Team of '48 was composed of Ken Booth, John Emery, Victor Emery, George Charles, Ted Curtis, Douglas Clark and Philip Calnan, Jane Nichols, Joan McCaig and Mary Webb.

The team took part in the Oshawa Collegiate Meet at Brimacombe's Hill and the Peterborough Collegiate Meet at Bethany. John Emery made a very good showing in Oshawa and George Charles won the silver cup for best combined times at Peterborough.



Eat Your Heart out Guys
Mary Webb, Jane Nichols,
Joan McCaig

Charles Wins Cross Country On Saturday

(by Ted Martin)

Phew! Puff! Gasp!

On Saturday afternoon at the Northumberland Forest Ski Club, six ambitious local boys entered in a five mile cross-country race. It took plenty out of the boys and they all agreed that perfect conditioning was absolutely essential for ski racing.

Basketball

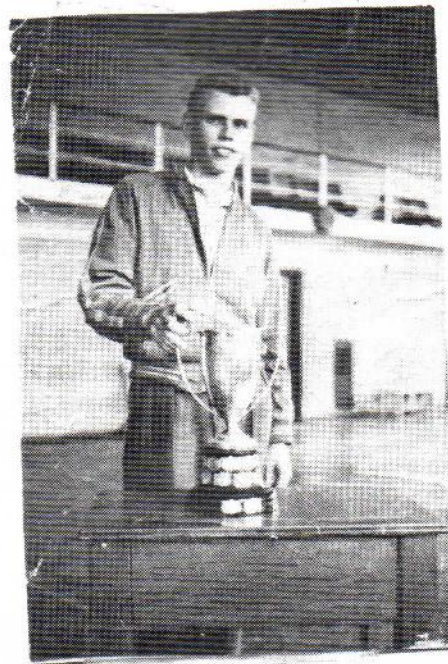
Our First Basketball Team 1945



BANTAMS

REAR—Monty Holman (L.G.), Don Goody (R.F.), Lex Bruce (R.F.), Archie Campbell (L.F.), David Noble (L.F.).
FRONT—Tom Wilson (R.G.), Wilfred Cowin (L.G.), Dale Dillon (R.G.), Bill Jamieson (Centre), Ted Brown (L.G.).

Led by Cobourg's terrific forwards Campbell and Brown, and their rear-guard Martin and Cowin, plus the able assistance of Medhurst, Charles and Dillon, the Cobourg Squad at all times had their opponents worried.



Bill "Weems" Jamieson
Cobourg Collegiate West
Athlete of Year and
Ravensdale Trophy Winner
1948

Our Second Basketball Team
1946

The only thing they were worried about was whether we would cross-check or tackle them.



JUNIOR BASKETBALL TEAM

Front Row—T. Martin, D. Clarke, J. Norton, M. Holman, Coach, Mr. H. Allan.
Back Row—J. Campbell, D. Dillon, W. Cowin, G. Charles, G. Lawless.

Basketball



Our Last Basketball Team 1948

Left to right

Top - Monty Holman, Fred McMillan, Bob Bevan, Ted Brown, Ken Booth, "Darce" Campbell

Front - "Pedro" Allen, Coach

Marty McGuire, Bob Wilson, Bill Jamieson, "Bambi" Gillespie, D. Clarke, Don Goody

Peterborough Juniors 46, Cobourg 27

The Peterborough Juniors gave the local Juniors a trimming last Friday night by a 46 to 27 score. The smaller C.O.I. team never was in the running as the "Peter" Jrs. passed rings around them and they had little difficulty in keeping their unbeaten record.

Peterborough got off to flying start and outscored Cobourg 26 to 8 in the first quarter.

The C.O.I. Jrs. gained 8 points back in the second quarter by topping Peterborough 8 to 2.

Cobourg gained another 8 points in the third quarter by outscoring Peterborough 8 to 2. The "Peter" Jrs. protected their lead by outscoring Cobourg 12 to 6 in the final quarter.

Cowan, Jamieson, Bevan and Campbell were best for the home. McKee, who scored 18 points, Lee, Richardson, and Connell, were the Jrs. of the Peterborough squad. P.O.V.S. Connell 6, McKee 18, Nelson 12, Lee 12, Richardson 22.

PAGE SIX

Cobourg Co

Gain Kingston Title Second Straight Year 168 Points Against 98

The Cobourg Collegiate senior basketball team, the same squad of boys who represented Cobourg in the recent ill-fated O.A.B.A. Provincial finals, met with better luck last week in the invitational tournament at Queen's University, Kingston.

For the second straight year, the local club returned home as Champions of the tournament. After dropping a close one point decision to Belleville in the first

10 points himself. Quigley, Allender, Bevan and Ball were tied with six points each for this game. With everyone on the squad taking part in the scoring, the boys took advantage of the occasion to sharpen their scoring eyes for the tougher contests to follow.

Third Game

This game sent the team into action for the third time in twenty-four hours when they found themselves stacked up against the Belle-

Golf



Twelve Feet Tall
Coon



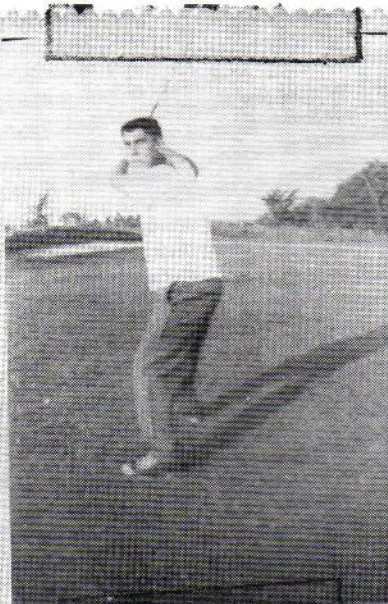
Take That
Darce, Coon



Take That
Japper



What Difference Does it Make
Dunc, Japper



Get Out of the Way
Bernie

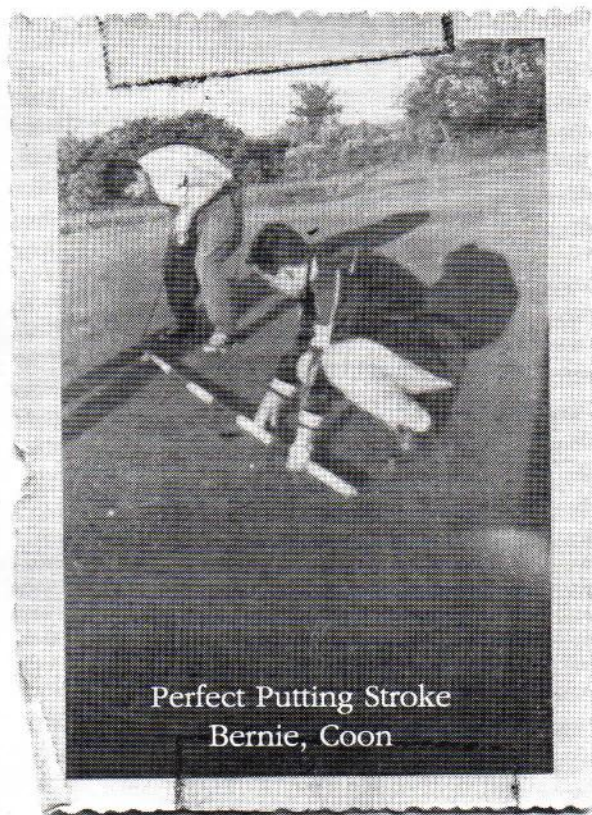


Ryder Cup Foursome
(The Moving Company)
Japper, Darce, Bernie, Coon

Golf



Does it Matter Which Fairway You're In?
Coon

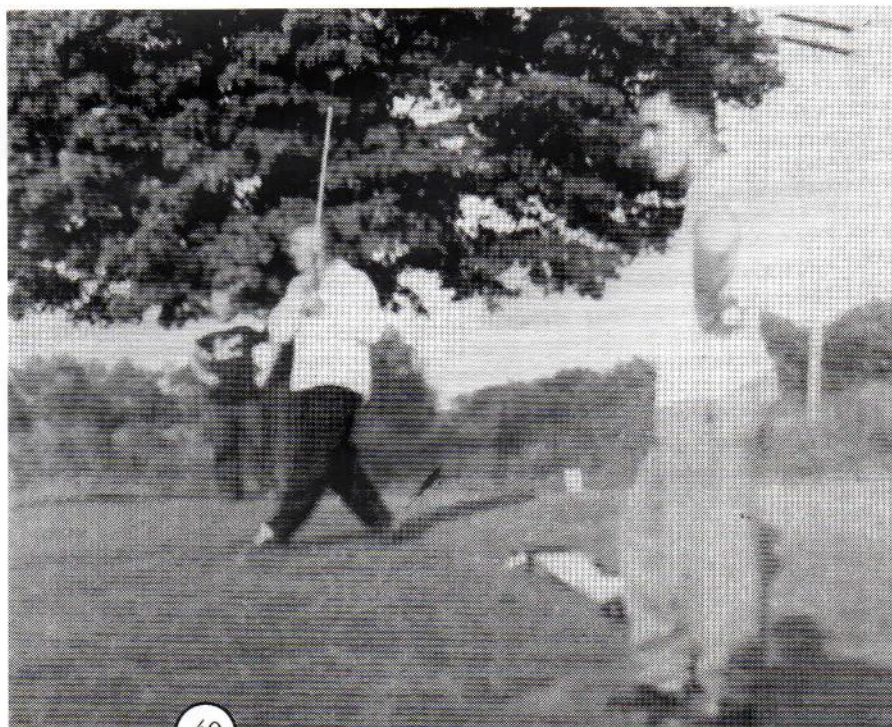


Perfect Putting Stroke
Bernie, Coon



Slightly off Line
Darce

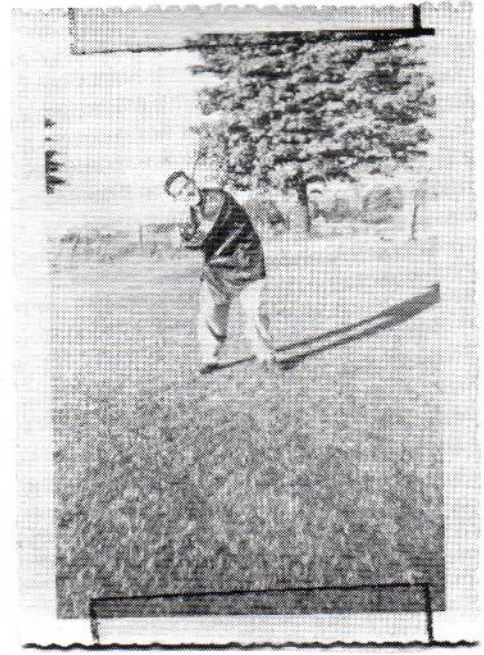
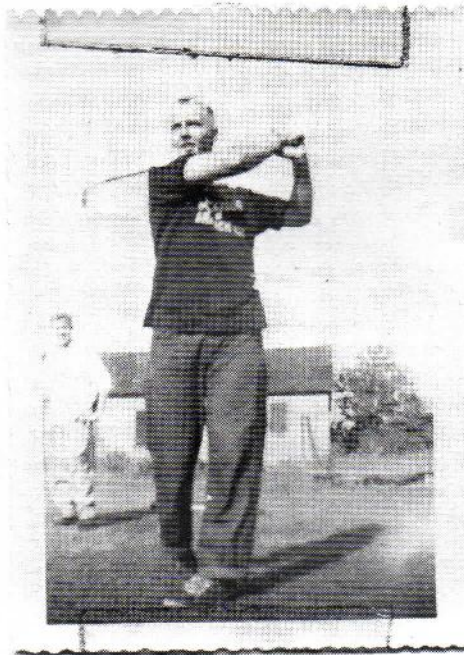
What a Drive
Darce, Dunc, Coon



Golf

First Union Protest

The boys are caddies at Cobourg Golf Club. Always carry double bags \$0.30 a bag, each 9 holes, so big money, \$1.20 for 18 holes. Hottest day in summer. We are in caddy shack and call comes for two caddies. We decide swimming is more comfortable so refuse and head down to Pratts Pond. Turned down big money, first protesters.

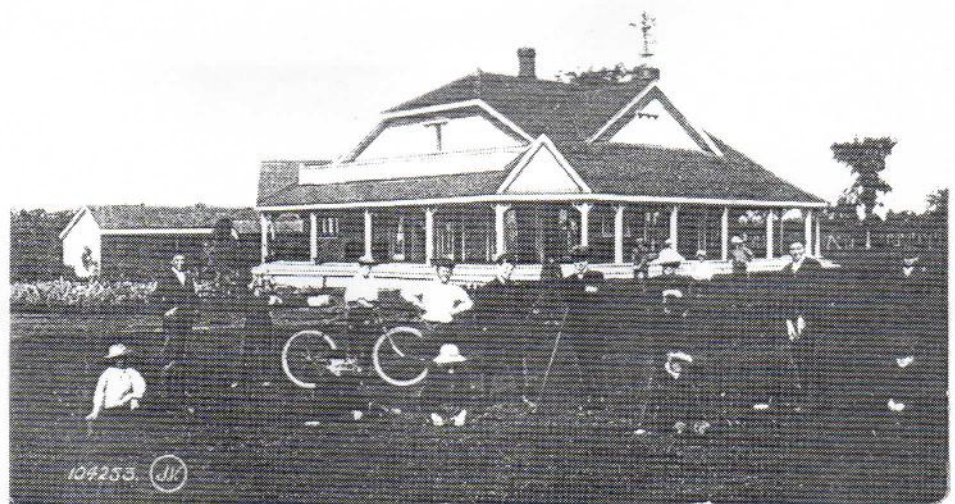


Professional Golf Tour

Blossoming professionals re-write rules and etiquette for golf. Sneak on to Cobourg Golf Course at second hole and play through eighth, all located on "other" side of tracks which suited where we "lived" Much more fun than our "caddy" days and rules not in play. Strangely not long after our devastation they convert course to housing development. Many "unit" excavations already dug.

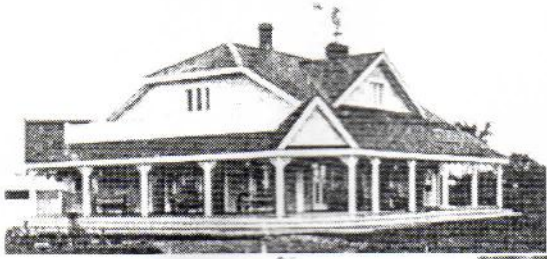
"Tiger Who"
Japper and Darce

Ernie Els as a Junior
Coon

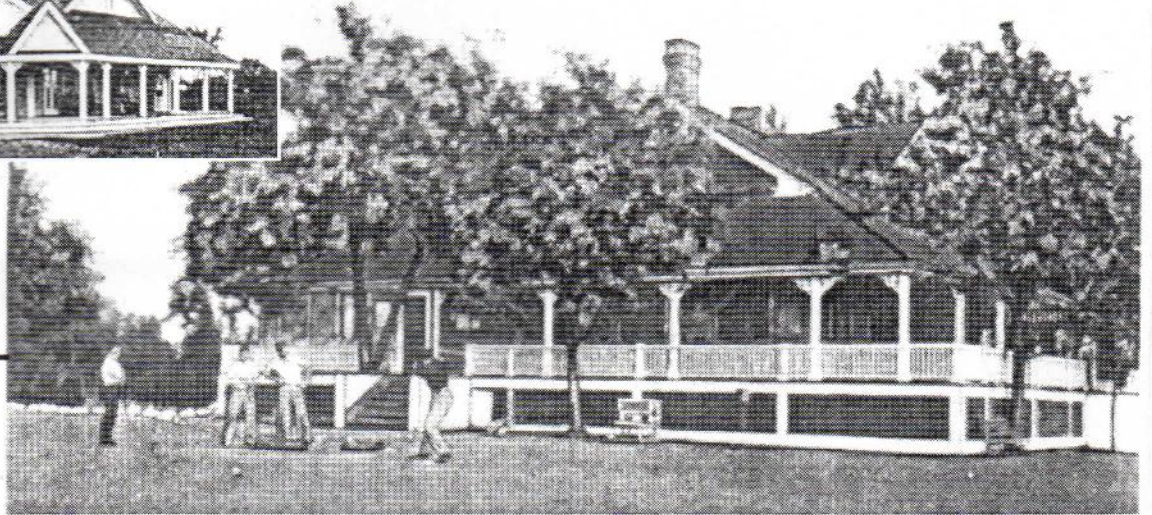


Cobourg Golf Club
We "Caddied" For this Group

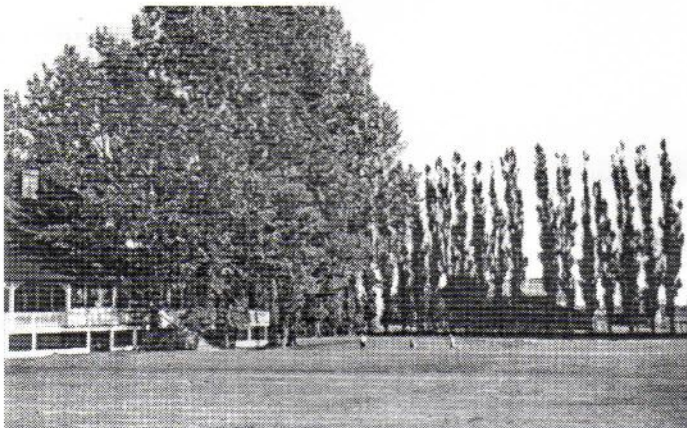
Golf



Caddy Shack



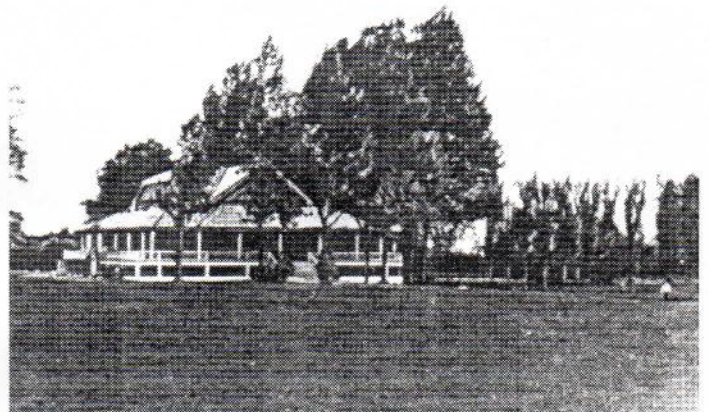
Golf Club House, Cobourg, Canada



Clubhouse

Ninth Green

Hircock Farm



The first Tee

The Ninth Green

Bowen, Allen, Melvor Sweep Season's Golf Competitions Here

Billy Bowen Places Ninth In Ontario Jr. Golf Final At Oakdale

Billy Bowen, Cobourg's leading junior golfer, came ninth in the Ontario Jr. Golf Final at Oakdale. Bowen finished second to Melvor and Brown Redmond came second.

Men's Golf Final Sunday Features Bowen, Melvor

Billie Bowen, 19 year old defending champion, will tee off with Bud Melvor, Sunday morning at nine o'clock in a 36 hole final for the Cobourg men's golf club championship. Bowen and Melvor reached the finals last week-end after a lengthy competition that saw many members fall by the wayside. Playing for the ladies' championship at a date yet to be announced will be Miss Jean Allen and Mrs. Dorcas Barr.

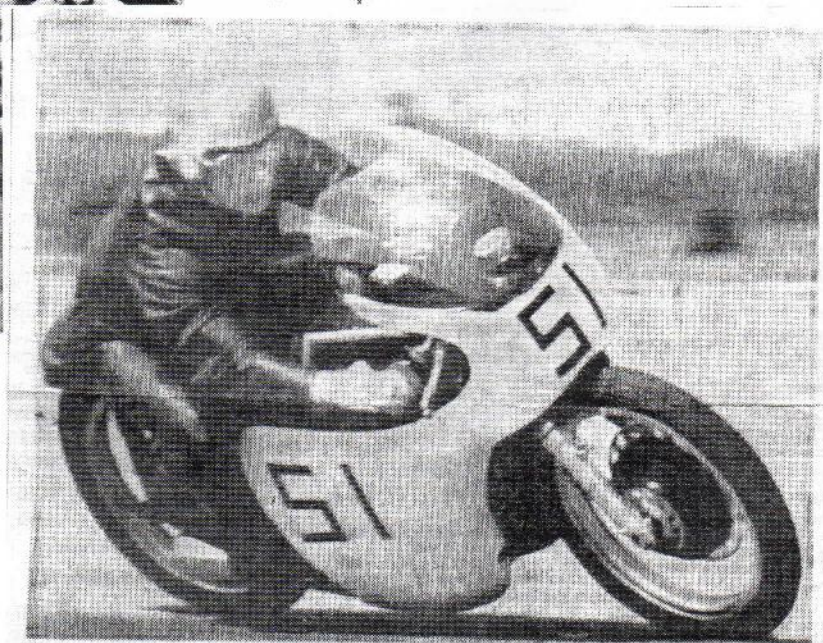
Motorcycle Racing

Racing to Glory

"Pot" Fox with trophy and traditional winners headdress awarded by 6 Nations Reserve Branford for winner of 75 mile Mossport "Indian Summer Race"



Around the Turn
"Pot" Fox



John (Pot) Fox of Cobourg is caught by the camera rounding a turn at Harewood Acres at Jarvis earlier this month. Driving a Matchless Road Racing Motorcycle, John finished second in the race, averaging over 80 miles an hour on the asphalt, winding track. It

was the second event he entered this year and his second straight second place finish. He was runner-up to Toronto's Mike Duff, of European racing fame, in his first start. Fox, sponsored by Hillier's Texaco, races again at Mossport this weekend.

Other Games

Lacrosse 1943

No organized leagues in Cobourg so we play field lacrosse in Public School Yard with no nets and no limits on rules

Tennis 1945 - 1950

The Double Tennis Courts sat in front of the Cenataph Area of the Park. When the Town installed lights for night play we figured out how to open the switch box without keys so our games would start after midnight and go on into the early morning. No one around to bother us.

Gymnastics

The High School rendition of tumbling on mats was far too unimaginative for our guys. Town installs a set of rings and trapeze and high bar directly behind Pavilion on the sand. All participate with no idea of what we are doing. Many fall with minor injuries but "Gung" attempts very difficult "fly away" and snaps ankle at landing. We carry him to doctors office near Chateau Hotel for treatment. Workouts continue next day.

Lindsay Bows To Local Net Team By 6-1

The Cobourg tennis team continued its unbeaten streak last week in Lindsay, when the home team was swamped, 6-1.

Following are the scores:

Cobourg victories:

Men's singles: J. Adams defeated J. Doran, 6-2, 6-2; first men's doubles, D. Dillon and A. McIntosh defeated J. Moore and R. Williams, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; women's doubles, F. Leonard and A. Martin defeated B. McCarty and G. Saganski, 6-3, 6-1; first mixed doubles, M. Mark Adams and D. Gummer defeated Ruth Smith and C. Alsworth, 6-2, 6-2; second mixed doubles, Juanita Twidale and C. Randall defeated Mary McGrood and J. Logan, 6-2, 7-5; ladies doubles, B. Black and M. Houston defeated A. Crow and D. Doran, 6-1, 6-2.

Lindsay victory:

Ladies singles, A. Logan defeated J. Twidale, 7-5, 6-4.

On the other hand, several up-and-coming lads are showing promise. Two that come to mind are Del Dillon and A. McIntosh. There are others too, but these two have particularly impressed this year.

Art, who has a rather odd nickname that wouldn't go too well in a family newspaper (it rhymes with "hank"), looks as if he's put in some time on the winter circuits; can't see any other explanation for his greatly improved service so early in the season. Del has also improved in all departments although his backhand needs more work. Don't be surprised to see either, or both, of these boys on the team this year.



High School Rifle Team
1947

Left to right

Top - Vic Hewson, Bob Meggs, George "Gung" Charles, Bill Spiers

Middle - Ken Booth, Bob Wilson, Marty McGuire, Chuck Harrot

Front - Not identified, F. Bolger, Bill Thompson, "Pud" Jamieson, Gordon King

Racing Pigeons

John Street area has the largest concentration of racing pigeon lofts, Mike Markle, Coon Medhurst, Pot Fox, Darce Campbell, Japper Wilcox and Hillier family. The neighbours were not too enthusiastic when everyone let their birds out together for exercise runs. Pot and Coon continue to improve their racing stock and have won many professional races in the 500 mile range.

Billiards

We had to sneak in the back windows of Cliff Pages Pool Parlor (underage) and Charlie Pearson would let us play at the back table until we were of legal age. He said you don't play on the "First" table for money until you are old enough and good enough. Someone asked a definition of steel nerves; Here is mine: When you are playing a very large and very tough stoker from the Car Ferry on his payday for five dollars and you are 17 years old and don't have the five bucks. That's nerve or stupidity but never did get beat up.

Baseball

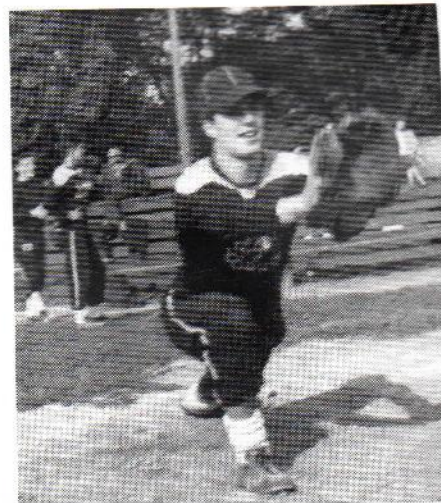
Cobourg Legion Juniors



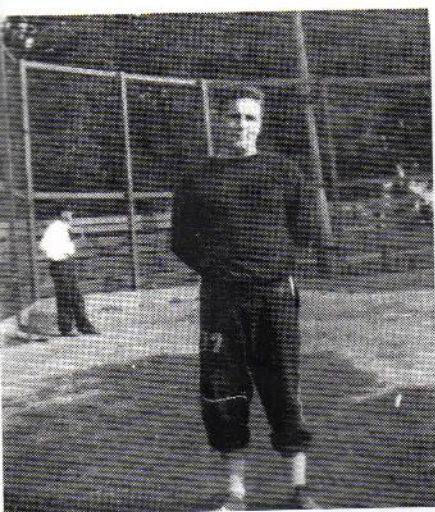
Mike Markle



Bob Bevan



Chub Jones



Jack Irvine



Leo O'Brien



"Chub" McIvor

Town League Notes

TOWN LEAGUE BATTING
AVERAGES INCLUDING 3
PLAYOFF GAMES

	AB.	Hits	P.C.
Campbell	33	18	485
McIvor	33	15	470
Bob Bevan	40	18	450
Fisher	33	13	394
Flesch	16	5	312
Holman	24	7	292
Irvine	14	4	286
R. Jones	40	10	250
O'Brien	34	8	235

WILSON MOTORS

R. Stanley	15	5	333
Buck	15	5	333
Quigley	33	10	303
Clarke	11	4	360
Bissonette	38	11	289
McDonald	14	4	288
Hignley	41	3	273

COOEY

Jim Medhurst	30	13	433
Jack Bevan	19	8	421
H. Lean	35	14	400
Tom Owens	40	13	325
L. Kewin	6	2	333
Dave	30	9	300
J. Turpin	29	8	275
C. Andrews	29	8	275
Abraham	15	4	260

Home Runs—Extra base hits. McIvor 4, Jones 3, Owens 2, Johnston 3, Quigley 3, Jack Turpin 3, Galley

113. League Wilson Motors very easily took the Cooley nine into camp by 26-3 in a nine innings contest. Brandy Hie on the Wilson mound gave up seven scattered hits, walked but two and struckout nine.

Teams:-
COOEY—Owens 2b; May c; Jack Turpin s.s.; p; Dave l.f.; Jack Bevan c.f.; s.s.; Lean r.f.; Andrews 1b; Hilliard 3b; Kewin p; Caffin c.f.

WILSON MOTORS—Hie p; Johns c; Smoke c.f.; Corbett 1b; Brooks l.f.; Crowe 3b; Bastien s.s.; Hawke 2b; Bert Medhurst r.f.

Umpires—Dick Turpin sat plate; A. W. Brown (on bases).

Extra base hits—Home run. Brooks, Jack Turpin, Bert Medhurst, Three base hit, Corbett, Two base hits, Jack Bevan, Hawke.

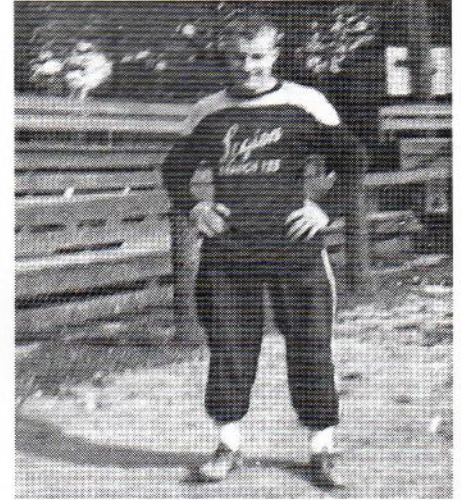
Baseball



Stu Bevan



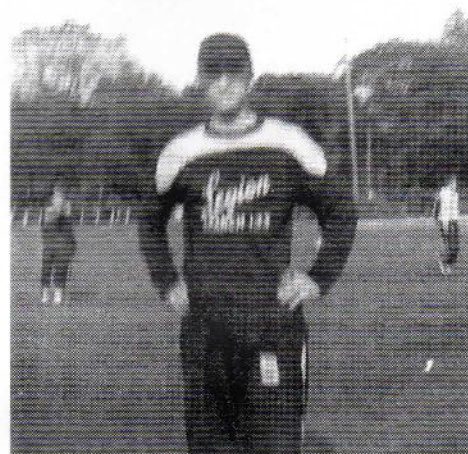
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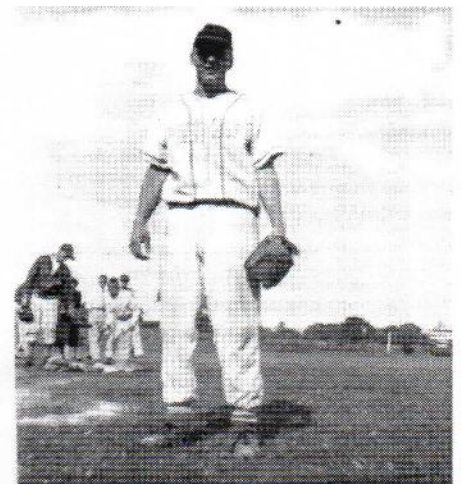
Dunc Fisher



"Bernie" Flesch



Pete Galaski



Darce Campbell
Port Hope Senior Flyers

Cobourg Legion Juniors

Our last ballteam together

Ontario Finalists - 1950 New Toronto
Ontario Finalists - 1951 Port Robinson



Darce
Campbell

Agincourt And Campbell Return Against Juniors

Agincourt Juniors will return for their second visit of the season this Saturday, to meet Cobourg Card Juniors, in what promises to be a rip smortin' affair since the two clubs are now deadlocked at one game each.

With Agincourt will be Darce Campbell who is one of the greatest all around athletes ever produced in Cobourg. Campbell is a softballer of note and will be up against his old team mates in this one.

The local boys will have their full lineup on hand and will try to give Campbell and his crew a softball lesson they'll remember.

Baseball



1949 - Famous Ball Team

Top - Mike Markle, Coach Jim Medhurst

Middle - Peck Fleming, Coon Medhurst, Ted Brown, Ed Caffin, Chub Jones, Japper Wilcox

Bottom - Darce Campbell, Pot Fox, Bat Girl - Beth Ormerod, Dunc Fisher, Bun Flesch

Year 1949

A Trip to the "Sticks"

Famous ballteam invited to play the farmers in Hastings. Load everyone in Fisher Dairy truck and wildly drive to Hastings in order to teach these "Hicks" how to play ball. Gung and Bernie have very short pitching careers. Some balls hit out of park and across road to rink. Substantial loss to farmers drives all to Dairy truck which carries much beer.

Baseball

A Major League Ballplayer - Bill Jamieson is drafted by "Philadelphia Phillies" sent to minors, but returns to Canada goes back to school and becomes a doctor in London, ON, married highschool sweetheart Marion Kellough

Jamieson Hurls No-Hitter For Eight Innings, 4 To 1

Sports Get Two In 9th; Judges At Home Tonight

MONROE, La.—(Spl)—Southpaw Bill Jamieson twirled eight innings of hitless ball last night as the Pine Bluff Judges downed the Monroe Sports, 4 to 1, before a Ladies Night crowd of 1,227.

Jamieson, a Canadian, allowed only two men to reach base, via walks, for eight and one-third innings. Then Gerald Puffer, pinch-hitting for Pitcher Merv Hatcher, socked a double to left field. Jess Van Winkle singled to drive in Monroe's only run of the game.

The fastballing lefthander faced only 31 men. He struck out four.



BILL JAMIESON
A Near No-Hitter
(Pine Bluff Ark.)

Jamieson Wins His Fifth Game, At Pine Bluff

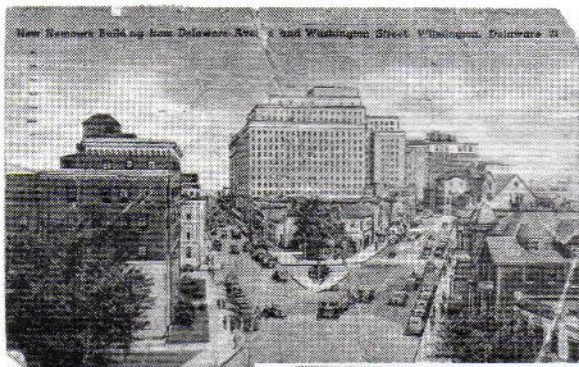
Lefthander Bill Jamieson, in his second year of professional baseball, is going along in fine style with the Pine Bluff, Arkansas, team in the Cotton States League.

Jamieson posted his fifth win of the season recently but was forced to go an extra two innings to win 4-0 over Hot Springs.

Originally scheduled for seven innings as part of a double header, the two clubs forced the extra frames by failing to score during the first seven.

In the ninth Pine Bluff sent four

men over as a result of a rally that was started by Jamieson who singled into centre, moved to second on balk and scored the first run when Bob Camiel punched a hit into centre that was caught by a fielder.



Jamieson Hurls And Hits To Lead Locals In First Playoff Win

When Jamieson had all his chard the tiff, coming here last Wednesday night and he rumped an easy 4-3 win in the second game of the Lakeshore league finals against Port Hope. Never in the hunt from the first frame, the Ontarios failed to get a run off the rangy left hander until the fifth. He turned them aside again after that until the eighth and last inning. The game was called then for darkness.

Jamieson with three hits as well as hurling great ball was the central figure in a game that lacked the sparkle and brilliance of play-offs in other years.

Line Score—
Port Hope..... 000, 010, 01-2
Cobourg..... 300, 201, 2x-3
Batteries, Woods, Choiniere (4) and Baxter, Mann; Jamieson and Zealand. Umpires, Barnes at plate, Keller on bases, both of Oshawa.

SECTION THREE

Baseball

Gerald "Dick" Turpin

A distinguished John Street graduate who was another outstanding ballplayer from "The" Street but more important gave over 25 years of dedicated service in promoting Minor League Softball in Cobourg. His awards from peers speaks volumes about his contributions.

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Thanks for everything — Dick Turpin, in appreciation of services rendered in excess of two decades, is recognized as the person most dedicated to Legions minor league softball at the association's windup banquet receiving the Tom Savage Memorial Trophy last Saturday night from Bernice Savage.



Super softballer — Dick Turpin, a member of Cobourg Legion, Branch 133, poses with the Royal Canadian Legion District 1 Sportsman of the Year Award which recognizes his 45 years of service to minor softball.

Turpin earns coveted Legion softball award

The man who has done it all for the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Association over more than two decades received one of the highest honors the organization can bestow at its annual year-end appreciation and awards banquet Saturday night at Legion Branch 133.

Gerald (Dick) Turpin was recognized as the person most dedicated to Legion minor softball, accepting the Tom Savage Memorial Plaque from Bernice Savage near the close of the formal award presentations.

Coach, umpire, governor, treasurer, vice-chairman, chairman, equipment manager, Legion softball tournament convener and national anthem singer are among the positions Turpin has held during his association with the CLMSA.

The award, greeted with a standing ovation by the 159 people in attendance, came at an appropriate time since he's talking retirement.

Turpin was clearly moved by the distinction, noting in his acceptance speech that he "really loves kids" and that the award meant a lot to him since it was Tom Savage who first got him involved with Legion softball.

Sports

OASA names Dick Turpin as Ontario's Mr. Softball

By Legions Dispatch

For the second time in six years, a Cobourg man has received the Ontario Amateur Softball Association's highest individual honor.

Gerald (Dick) Turpin of 4 Coverdale Avenue was named winner of the F.R. Power Memorial Award, a distinction which carries with it the title of Mr. Softball, at last Saturday night's convener held at Marlborough's Chateau Hotel during the OASA's 21st annual convention.

Turpin, while somewhat apprehensive that something was in the wind, officially did not learn the award was being bestowed on him until the actual announcement was made. A number of Legion softball officials were in attendance to hear first hand Turpin's brief but emotional acceptance speech. A following writer in view of his lengthy, varied and distin-



Turpin, Mr. Softball — Turpin's distinguished service in the community spanning five decades, Turpin has graciously donated his time and know-how first as

a player, then to an administrative capacity with Legion softball since 1972 in capacities such as chairman, treasurer, vice-chairman, umpire-in-chief, coach, governor, umpire, equipment manager and fundraiser.

The CLMSA's written submission nominating Turpin for the award noted that Turpin was prominent as a good fielding and hitting shortstop back in the fifties and sixties in intermediate men's softball with the old Homestead Indians and Cobourg Merchants, as well as with intermediate baseball teams of that era. Also, he excelled as the catcher and leader for the St. Andrew's team during a string of championship successes in the Cobourg Men's Softball League.

Turpin started a juvenile 15 softball team here in 1963 and coached them to the Ontario championship in 1967. Cobourg Juniors, under his guidance, won the provincial junior 15 title the very next year.

For about 12 years now, Dick Turpin has been the driving force, along with Andy Dingler, of the Cobourg Legion adult softball tournament which has been held every Victoria Day weekend and raised thousands of dollars for minor softball.

Turpin has been attending OASA annual meetings since 1955, at first with the late Harry (Huck) Matthews, who was an OASA convener for years, and for the past couple of decades as part of the Cobourg Legion minor softball delegation.

Today, Turpin is a life member of the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Association, a honorary member of Cobourg Legion Branch 133, a member of the Cobourg Men's Bowling League (since 1949), a longtime member of St. Andrew's Church choir and a volunteer driver for the senior Trans-Wheels van

that serves the disabled, elderly and the sick.

Retired from the Cobourg Fire Department, Turpin doesn't act nearly his age and doesn't have any trouble putting in his time. In fact, Dick still is playing six-pitch in the Lakeshore oldtimers' circuit, still contributing to the operation of Legion minor ball in many ways, still kibbitzing with his many friends in his various endeavors.

"Truly, Dick Turpin of Cobourg is a man for all seasons, a volunteer for all the right reasons and a marvelous candidate for the OASA's Power Award," the nomination said.

"Clearly, the Mr. Softball title would look good on him," it concluded. Obviously, the OASA agreed.

CONVENTION NOTES — Six Legion softball executives, led by chairman Scott Tuttle, attended the convention. There were a record 195 voting dele-

gates at the annual meeting. Among the amendments carried was one raising the age limit in midge and junior by one year. Players will have three years to adjust now. The baseball, power, upset and safe age limits were left as is. The juvenile age category, which had been phased out, has been restored. Fees were increased in a number of areas. The new executive committee includes Al Harrison of Wingham as president, Hub Fehrmann of Chatham as first vice, Kevin Walker of Cobourg as second vice, Doug Bach of Sarnia as third vice, Bill Topping of St. Thomas as secretary, Bob Abbott of Lindsay as treasurer, Wilf Carroll of St. Catharines and John Pysklyk of Oranby as auditors and Wingham's Ted Ahern, Sarnia's Doug Edell, Ottawa's Peter Pears, St. John's Bill Martin, Guelph's Don Weber and Bath's Bob Whitfield as executive committee members.

Baseball

g Juveniles Take Softball

Run By aks Tie

awa and Trenton on their way to the final set.

Irvine Wins Again

Jack Irvine pitched this one for the winners and was hit fairly hard but kept the blows scattered. In all they had 13 hits off his delivery and got to him in the sixth for four runs when he looked to be weakening. It was the last big rally, however, and he held them off the score sheet from that time on.

Winners Held to Nine Hits

Scout's who went the distance for the losers was in good form after the first frame and held the locals to four runs up to the seventh when they started to get to him. In all he allowed only 9 hits to the Kin Kids with McIvor, Douglas, Lingard and Fisher gathering two each and the other going to Jones.

Fitting Pitcher

final run on hits by Platt and Ball with Platt scoring the tally.

Losers Got Only Six Hits

Netwary, New Toronto hurler, was stingy with hits and the locals had only six good ones to their credit when the game was over with six players dividing them. Jack Bevan and Herb Oslley had doubles in the Cobourg attack and the other four all singles went to Jones, Corbett, Platt and Ball.

New Toronto Gets Long Blows

The winners were held by Stevens and Butman with two hits each. Stevens having a double among his brace of blows.

Five T. Walks 4

Ball, for the losers, fanned seven men and walked three while the visiting heavier struck out 3 and walked four men.

Errors Count

The game was well attended but the Orphans were again loose on defence and they committed four errors while losing the important game. New Toronto on the other hand turned in a near perfect game and were the better

SPORTS SCENE

SOFTBALL C.A.S.A.

The Cobourg Tigers won the Juvenile B championship of Ontario last Saturday by a 9-8 score. Congratulations to the following players: Neil Cane, Jack Irvine, Don McIvor, Sporrin, Chub McIvor, Garth Douglas, Jon Fisher, Mike Markie, Chub Jones, Ed Caffin, Stu Lingard, Glen Rusk and the following coaches: Jack Bevan, Jim Medhurst and Bob Bevan.

BY PRINCE GORDON

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SOCCER

St. Michael's 3 West End 2

FUTURE GAMES

Thursday October 6

No. 1 Public vs St. Michael's

Saturday October 8

West End vs No. 2 Public

Tuesday October 11

No. 1 Public vs No. 2 Public

STANDING

Thursday October 13

No. 1 Public vs No. 2 Public

Won Lost

No. 1 Public 2 0

St. Michael's 3 1

No. 2 Public 1 1

West End 0 4

FOOTBALL

4 Man Touch Results

Argos 4 Alouettes 2

Argos 17 Roughriders 1

FUTURE GAMES

October 8-130 p.m.

Roughriders vs Alouettes

October 8-230 p.m.

Argos vs Roughriders

October 13-130 p.m.

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As Juniors Shove Mathews Out Of It

Cobourg Card Junior clawed their way into the Cobourg and District Softball League finals Monday night when they sent Port Hope Mathews into the discard by taking the second straight game of the semi-final round, 9-3.

Sleep Dawe, wild at first, was effective after the third frame and fanned the staggering total of 20 men during the entire game while allowing only four hits.

Dawe's team mates raked Barney Mills, on the Port Hope mound, for 10 hits and scored four, two run rallies, starting in the third and going on in the fifth, sixth and seventh to push the Mathews club aside. Mills fanned eight men and was not helped by some loose support outfield.

The Juniors, having defeated Baltimore Millers in a sudden death game and Port Hope in two straight, will now tackle the C.G.E. in a best in five series, first game of which was due to start last night. The factory team defeated Foundry in the first round after having rolled

Lees Leaves Locals Stranded On Holiday As Port Hope Wins 9-1

Rogers Lee, up from the Port; Bryan Hart heaved fair relief.

Cobourg Takes "24th Of May" Win In Long Tilt, Beat O's 16-12

Baltimore Millers Edge Legion Jrs. Out Of C. & D. Playoffs 6-4

Baltimore Millers showed the Le-

got only five hits and the elder of

he "B" boys struck out two more

during his short mound term.

Jack Irvine started for the los-

ers but couldn't get by the fourth,

when the villagers fell on him for

three runs, off three hits, two walks

and an error to short.

Step Dawe went in and worked

the rest of the way, giving up the

winning two runs and being touch-

ed for five hits by the winners, who

got three in all.

D. Hannah led the Baltimore

crew with four for four, D. May

and "Gunner" Ball getting two

each.

Chub McIvor collected three bin-

des for the losers, Chub Jones get-

ting two safeties, thus accounting

for the entire hit output.

Line score:

Legion Jrs. 000 000 400 ... 4

Baltimore 001 311 000 ... 6

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FOUR-HIT PITCHING BY JIM DAWE AND COBOURG POWER AT THE PLATE TOO MUCH FOR PICKERING, LOSE 26-4

Cobourg—The Cobourg Juvenile softball team won their first game of the best of three playoff series with Pickering Juniors, 26 to 4, Wednesday night.

Jim (Sleepy) Dawe pitched a sensational game of ball, collecting 30 strikeouts, giving up only 4 hits and walking ten. He may have established a Victoria Park strikeout record.

Neal Cane was the man behind the plate and what a great job he did as he has a very sore eye from his injury of last Friday night when he was hit in the eye with a ball, but that didn't seem to do any harm to his great catching last night.

The Cobourg boys collected 24

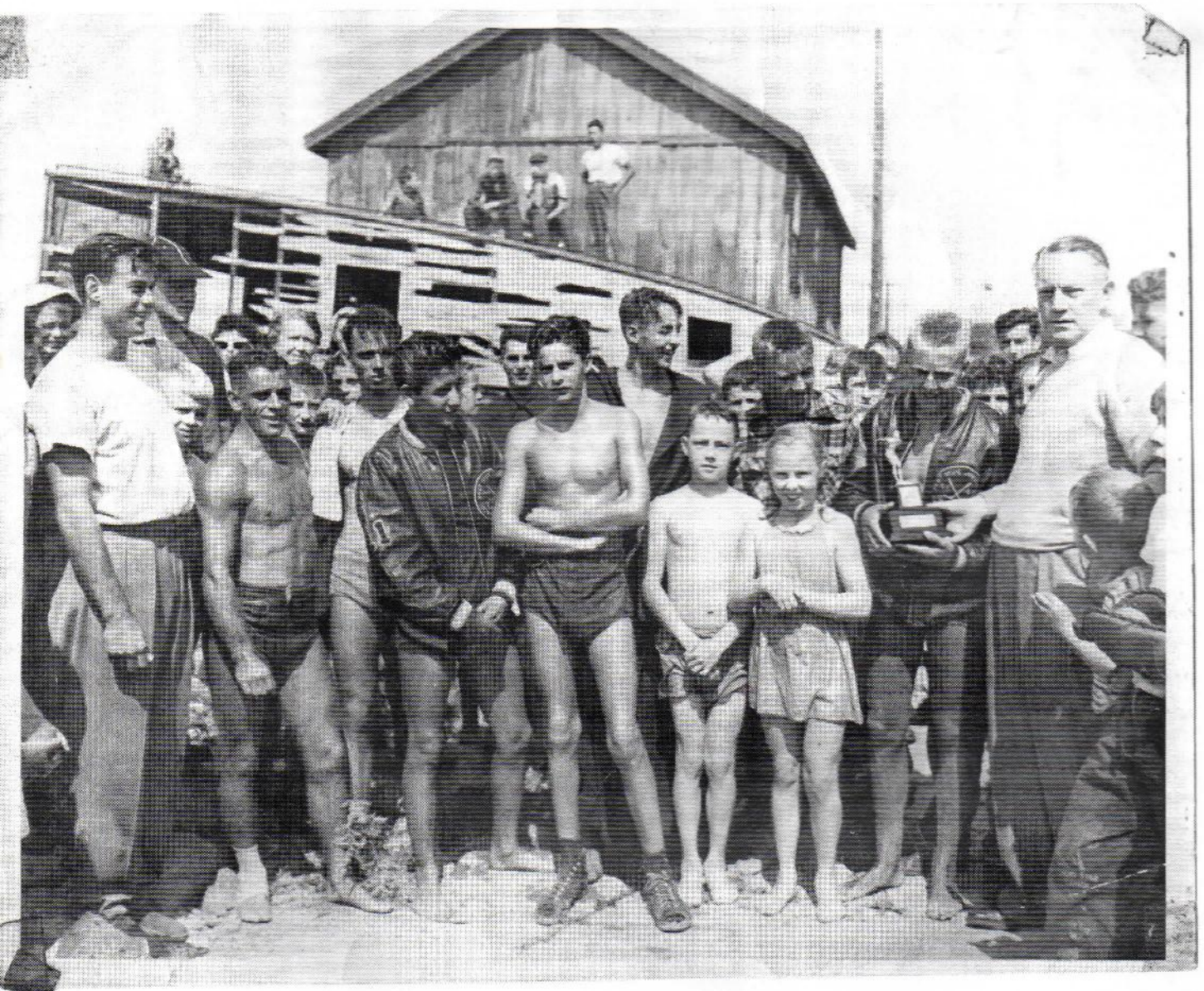
(1b), Pearce (cf), Dawe (p), Lingard (rf), Campbell (3b), Douglas (ss), Boswell (2b), Spalding (lf).

Pickering—Brittain (2b), Rimmer (ss), Irish (1b), Richardson (c), Jones (cf), Mashinter (3b & rf), White (lf & p), Cowin (rf), Brian (rf), Butt (p & 3b).

R. H. E.

Pickering 010 020 001—4 4 8
Cobourg 512 072 90x—26 24 3

Swimming & Diving



Labour Day, Sept 5, 1949

Year One Competitors

Left to right - Bob Cooper, Recreation Director

Joe Hart, Gung Charles, Jack Daignault, John Emery*, Dunc Allen, Catherine Allen,

Buz Cavanaugh, Darce Campbell, Joe Smith - Mayor

* John Emery would later go on with brother Vic who captained the 4 man bobsled team that won the Gold medal for Canada at Winter Olympics of 1964 in Innsbruck, Austria

Swimming & Diving

Our First Swimming Hole "The Stumps"

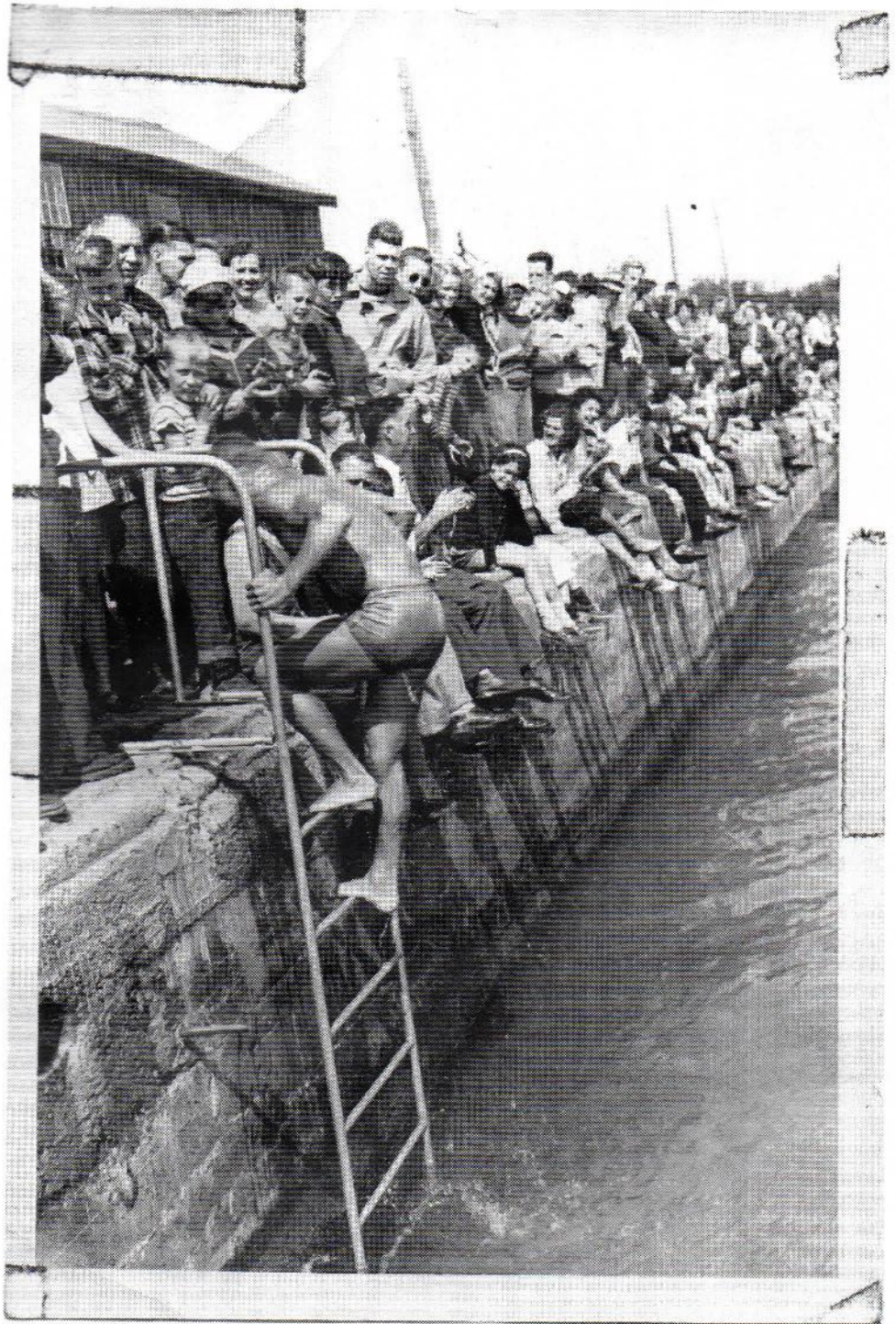
A natural dam created by cut trees and tree "stumps" was located on a bend of the creek on Division Street just North of the 401 highway. We all learned to swim there and everyone had to dive in (under water) on the 24th of May each year. We would run from school and swim in our private pool before supper. That 24th of May swim was always so cold but no one dared to not go in. No wonder Lake Ontario was a piece of cake after this.

The First CN Tower

Sunnyside Beach Pool builds tallest diving tower. Gung and Darce hitchhike to Toronto to take it on. We climb ladder together and upon arrival at top decide tower is higher than our brazen pride. However, only one way down, decision, do we jump or dive? Gung decides to jump and Darce only knows how to dive. Gung leaves his right hand open by his body and tears his wrist with severe sprain at impact. Darce cuts right to bottom and hits forehead lightly on concrete. No second attempts forthcoming and no more talk about the "cliffs" at Acapulco.

Our First Diving Towers

The small trees on the edges of the creek gave us our first opportunity to dive about five feet in the air. Progression led to diving off the pier at the Harbor and installing our own board to raise our levels to ten feet above water. Next came the Light House which had to be scaled and required considerable push off to miss the concrete butment at the larger base but provided about twenty feet to the water. Then came the highest available, from the roof of car ferry upper deck loading platform for an exhilarating but very dangerous harbor dive of about thirty-five feet. We now had to seek higher mountains to climb.



Labour Day, Sept 5, 1949

First Senior Half-Mile Swim

Darce

Pick yourself out from the crowd

Swimming & Diving

J. Campbell Repeats In Swim Event

Despite a nippy north wind and water that would have pleased a polar bear more than a South Sea Islander, two swimming events were staged as part of the Allied Labor Council's Labor Day sports program in, and near, Victoria Park.

The junior swim, a 440-yard affair in the lee of the east pier, was won by Bill Stewart after a tight battle with Brian Leguard. Both lads forged ahead of the rest, but stuck close together. Stewart especially showed good style.

Linda Cooley was third, and other finishers were, in order: Mac Richards; Mary Pratt and Susan Blackwell (dead heat) and Eve Hargraff.

In the senior half-mile swim, Jack Campbell thrashed his way to victory again, but not without some stiff competition from John Burns who was a ripple's breadth behind at the finish.

Phyllis Clark proved something when she came in third. She swam backstroke for most of the way and held her own against the crawl artists. Fourth was Buz Cavanaugh, fifth, Russell Lake and Bill McBride was sixth.

Sept. 4, 1952
The Last Swim

Waterfront Race

R. Hempstead Breaks Darch Campbell's Win Streak In Half Mile

A fast moving, 19 year old swimmer, Roy Hempstead, upset Darch Campbell's perennial hold on the half mile swim championship here Monday when he took an early lead and never relinquished it, with Campbell coming in a game second.

Hempstead son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hempstead, Covert Street, is a water lover and swims every day without fail. His superb condition gave him the power to beat Campbell and lead home a field of five finishers before a packed crowd that lined both the East and Tee piers.

Behind Campbell in third, was Mike Markle. Fourth place went to Gilbert Lake and fifth to Duncan Allen.

In the junior swim a new star was born when Greg McBride headed a field of five boys to first home. Pat Darch was second, Madeline Stevenson third, Janet Allen fourth, Larry Lonsberry fifth.

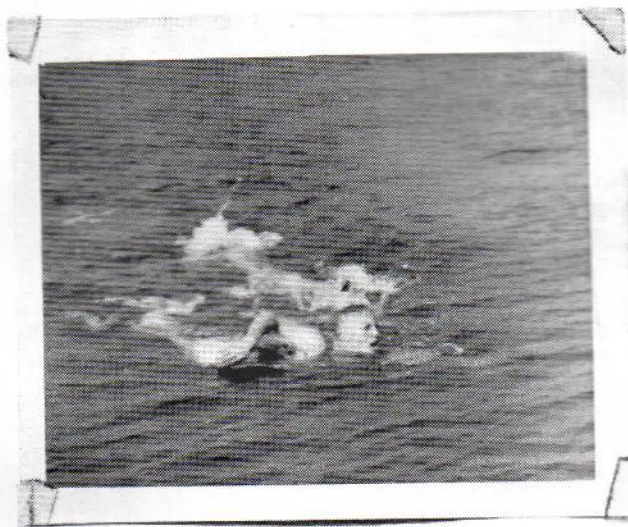
Malcolm McMartin, now of Peterborough but formerly of Cobourg, continued his string of wins in the two mile road race and headed O. Keeler to the wire. Eddie Schamberham was third, Ed Caffin fourth.

Ken Lonsberry proved a double winner taking the "100" and "440".

In the outboard motor boat races Jack Mitchell's "Co-Mo-Shun"

Second Senior
Half-Mile Swim - 1950
Water Temperature 52

John Burns,
Darce Campbell



Winners of the Allied Labor Council sponsored annual half-mile swim on Monday are shown in the above photo. Left is Buzz Cavanaugh who placed second and on the right is Mike Markle who finished third. Holding the Joe Smith Memorial Trophy which he will keep permanently for having become a three-time winner of the event is Darce Campbell.

Polaroid one-minute photo by Ed. Haynes.

Third Senior Half-Mile Swim - 1951

All the Gang are there and we take trophy up the street to
"Blue" Room at Baltimore Hotel

Football



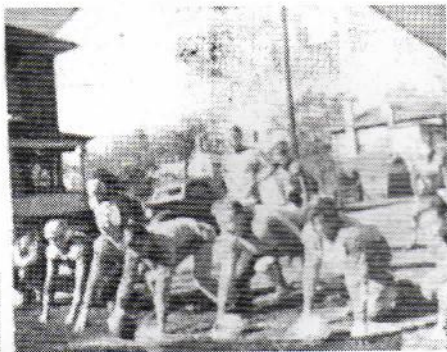
Our First Real Football Team - 1945
Cobourg Collegiate West - Junior

Back row - Pedro Allan - Coach, Darce Campbell, Roy Hircock, Alex Bruce, Bill Jamieson, Coon Medhurst, Peck Fleming, Ted Martin, Hawley Hozelton - Coach

Second row - Mike Markle, Monty Holman, Waldo Walden, Ted Curtis, Red Moore, Lloyd Margles, Bernie Flesch, G. Davey

Front row - Gung Charles, Gerry Lawless, Chuck Harrot, Bambi Gillespie, Chub McIvor, Malcom McMartin, Jack Irvine

Football



1947

Our First John Street Backfield
Coon Medhurst, Darce Campbell,
Gung Charles, Bill Jamieson, Bernie Flesch



GIRLS SR. BASKETBALL: A. Sherwin, P. Jones, R. Waddell, J. Ralls, B. Jamieson, M. Burr, A. Macklin, M. Rutherford, Miss O'Connor, Coach.

BOYS' RUGBY: FRONT—T. Martin, F. McMillan, M. McGuire, B. Bevan, W. Jamieson, T. Curtis, Mr. Allan, Coach. MIDDLE—G. Walton, G. Hoselton, C. Hoselton, R. Bulger, J. Hoselton, A. Jellough. REAR—A. Bruce, K. Medhurst, D. Goody, G. Charles, R. Jones, W. Thompson, J. Taylor, K. Grieves, R. Moore. Missing: Darce Campbell

—Photos by Morris Shearer, XII.

Our Second Real Football Team

1947 - Cobourg Collegiate West - Intermediate

Football



Our Third Real Football Team
Cobourg Collegiate West - Senior - 1948

Back Row - Don Goody, Bambi Gillespie, Bill Jamieson, Darce Campbell,
Bob Bevan, Peck Fleming, Bernie Flesch

Second Row - John Spragge, Red Moore, Ted Martin, Eagle Hircock,
Pogue Lavis, F. Buler, Pedro Allan - Coach

Front Row - Lloyd Margles, Malcom McMartin, Gerry Lawless,
Ted Curtis, Fred McMillen, Marty McGuire, Waldo Walden

Football



Canadian Football Champions - 1950

John Street Presence

Coon Medhurst, Bob Bevan, Darce Campbell

Graduates to College Football

Bob Bevan, Eagle Hircock, Keith Hawkins to Queen's Golden Gaels, Ron Smith to Varsity Blues, Ernie "Sam" Darragh to McMaster Marauders and on to career with Montreal Alouettes.



THE FOUR HORSEMEN

TIMES PHOTO BY MURRAY R. SMITH

1950
Left to right, Ken Medhurst, Ernie Darragh,
Bob Bevan, Paul Currelly.

Football



Fred F. Dufton, shoulder of champions. That title is a good one for the dominion champion Cobourg Galloping Ghost who won the Canadian intermediate grid crown for the third time last Saturday. Fred has personally been in charge and the main driving force behind every one of Cobourg's football champions in the ORFU.

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Happy days of memory

nostalgic throng, perhaps in a 10-minute game. Ignored by their former employers, groups of the old stars band together on oldtimer teams that go into the hinterland and raise far more money for charity than the warm-hearted owners ever contribute except to their personal bank accounts.

Currently, one of the most successful football teams of its generation, the Cobourg Galloping Ghosts, is organizing a reunion for next summer as part of that Eastern Ontario town's sesquicentennial celebration. What! You didn't know that the Cobourg Galloping Ghosts are revered as national champions? Who else do you think won the Dominion intermediate championship in 1946, 1948 and 1950, and before that, in 1937 and 1939, the Ontario Rugby Football Union intermediate title? Nobody else but.

"We are older, wiser and probably slower," smiled tubby Paul Currelly the other day, speaking of an organizing committee that also includes chairman George Edwards, Chub Downey and Jim Redmond. They're trying to contact every player who

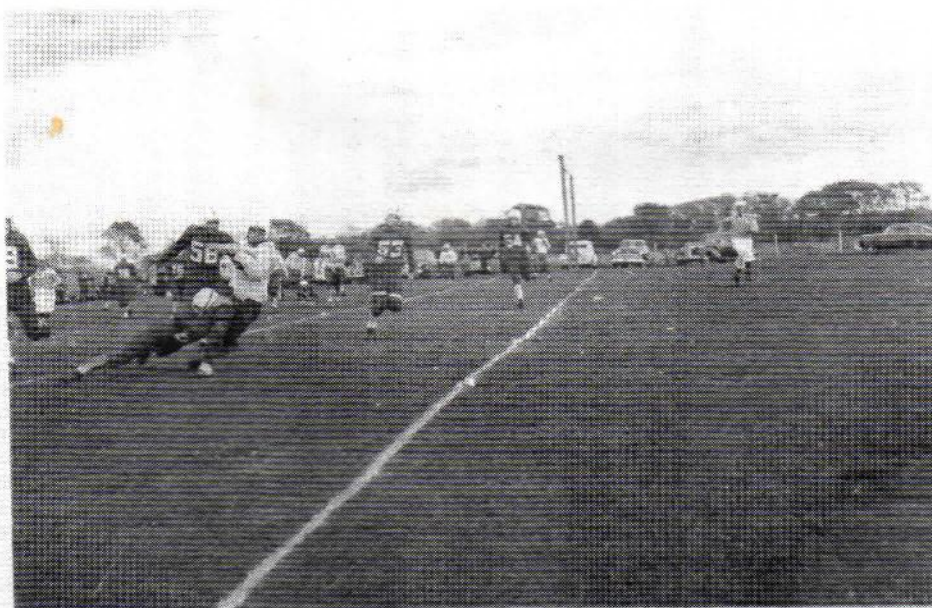
ever laced up the old moleskins for the Ghosts, and in their researches have learned that 61 are no longer living and 175 are.

The Ghosts were born in 1935 in the living room of the Cobourg high-school coach, Fred Dufton, whose two sons, Joe and George, had just graduated from the school and had no place to play football. Fred worked for the leather-goods firm of Edwards and Edwards, a company that agreed to provide equipment and uniforms. The team was called the Red Raiders for two seasons, then switched to the Galloping Ghosts in 1937.

"By 1952, most of the guys had played enough football to last them a lifetime and, besides, costs had soared," Paul Currelly recalls. "Nobody really picked up the ball. I mean, these days helmets alone are \$85 or \$90 each."

And so next summer, after more than 30 years, the ghosts of the Galloping Ghosts will reassemble on their home field and for a little while they'll revel in that old feeling one more time.

Mister Football
"Fearless" Fred Dufton
"Just Win Baby"



Heading for Goal Line
Coon

October, 1950
Cobourg Galloping Ghosts

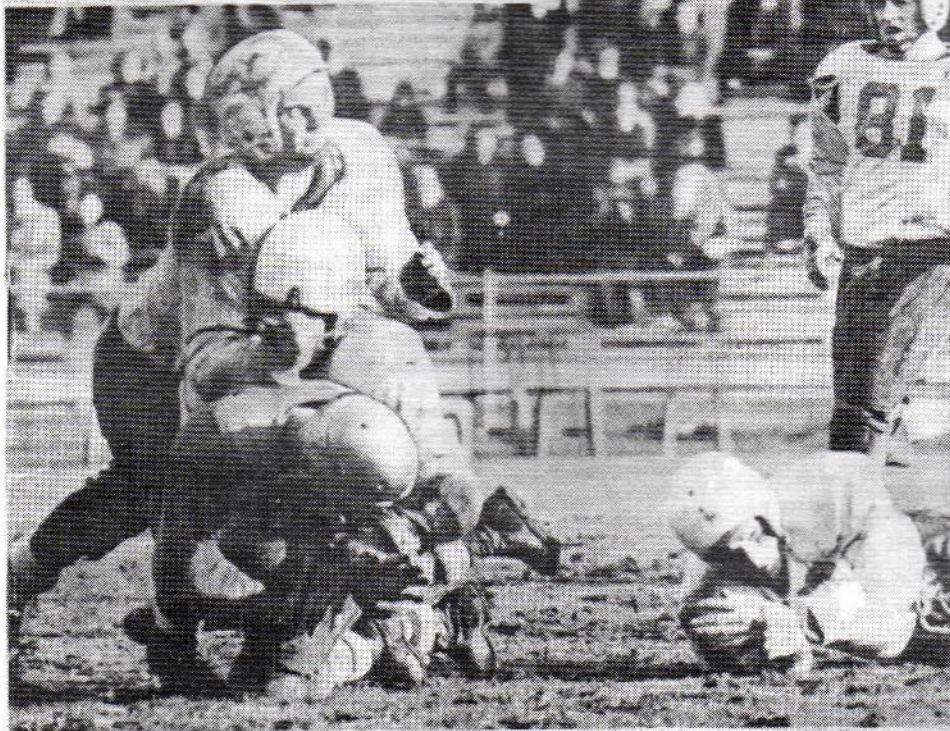


Medhurst
Wins M. V.
P. Poll

SECTION THREE

Football

Galloping Ghosts



1951

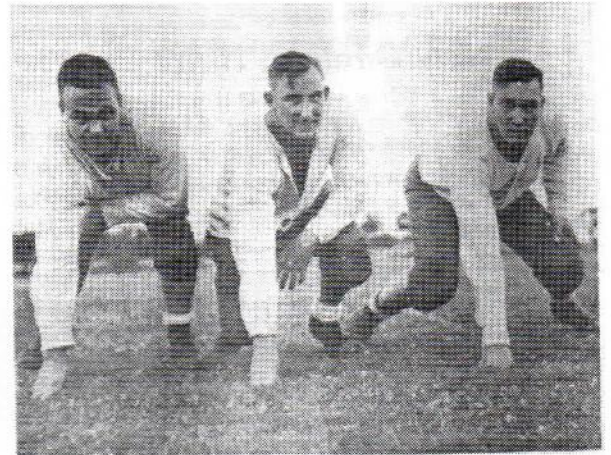
PROGRAMME

Bobby Bevan delivering a Hit
"Sam" Darragh #81
from 1950 Season

Football



Veterans of the Galloping Ghosts with the number of years each player has played appear below - Kneeling- left to right - Bob Cooper (5) Art Brandwood (6) Bill Jarvis (5) Vern Lees (5) Rye Holman (4) Bill Douglas (5) Paul Currelly (5) George Watson (3) Ken Medhurst (4).



The Strength of the
Ghosts Linemen
1951

Bill Jarvis, Rye Holman, Homer Seale

Veterans do not tolerate losing
Rookies be ready



Paul Currelly



1951

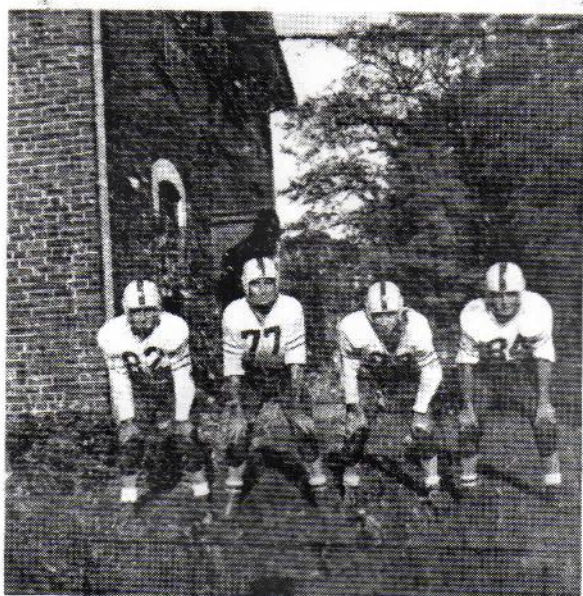
Donegan Park - First Practice
left to right

Darce Campbell, Paul Currelly, Bun Flesch,
Coach Jake Edmiston

Football

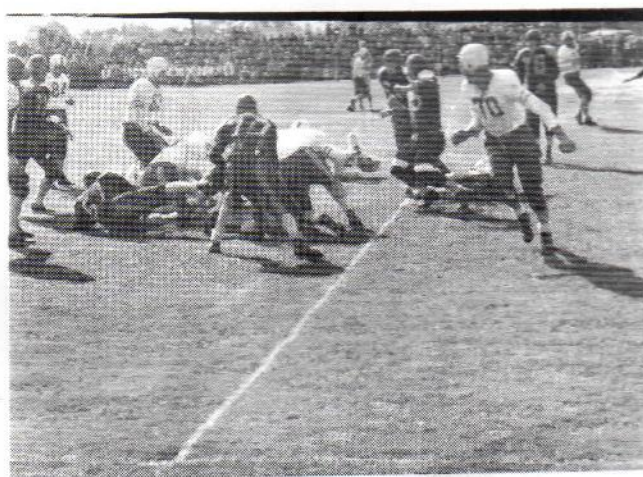


Left to right: Bill Douglas, Art Brandwood, Vern Lees, Bill Jarvis, George Watson, Jerry Forster, Paul Currelly, Bun Flesch, Rye Holman, Bob Cooper, Ken Medhurst, Jack Campbell, Karl Lenehan, Jack Wilcox, Gord Hoselton, Bob Longhurst, Bill Ross and Randy Longhurst.



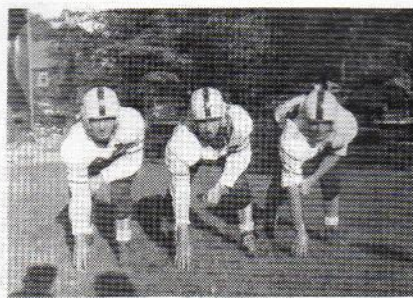
Starting Backfield
1951

Cobourg Galloping Ghosts
Right Halfback - Coon Medhurst
Quarterback - Joe Kane
Fullback - Bernie Flesch
Left Halfback - Darce Campbell



1952

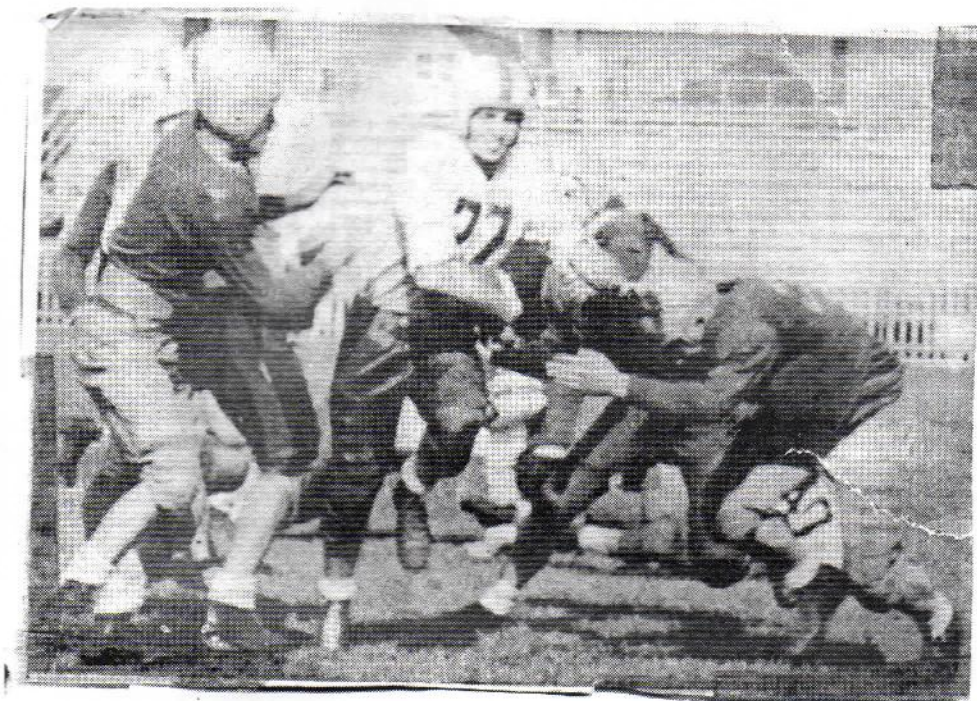
The Usual Huge Crowd
Darce #84, Bernie #83, Coon - in the mess
Donkey Douglas #70, Boyd Hendry - faking it
Orillia Here



1951
The Pony Backfield

left to right
"Coon" Medhurst 82
"Bernie" Flesch 83
"Darce" Campbell 84

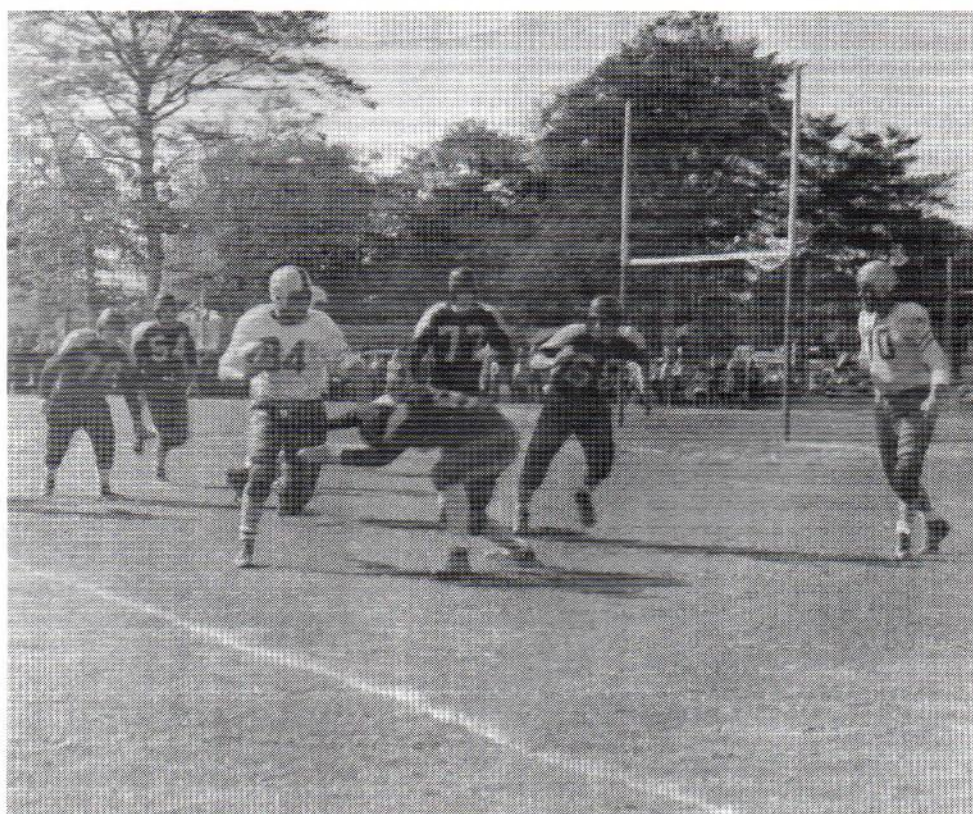
Football



Here Come Da Judge
Joe Kane - Quarterback
Cobourg Galloping Ghosts
1951
Went on to become a Judge in
Toronto



BILL DOUGLAS



Running the Ball
1951
84 Darce Campbell,
70 Bill "Donkey" Douglas

Football

The Prayer of a Sportsman

Dear Lord in the battle that goes on through life,
I ask but a field that is fair.
A chance that is equal with all in the strife,
And a courage to do and to dare.
And if I should win let it be by the code
With my faith and my honour held high;
But if I should lose let me stand by the road,
And cheer as the winners go by.

Galloping Ghosts In Form Beat Petes 17-2 In Opener; 2500 Watch

Ghosts Whin Orillia 20-0, Clear Way For Oshawa Title Tilt

Leaside Lions Band To Lead Off Football Opener Parade Here

Ghosts Take Easy Win Over East York; 40-0 Edge Illustrates It

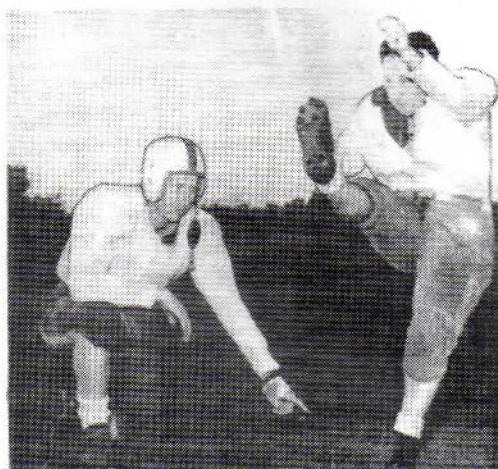
Cobourg Galloping Ghosts had chance of their own goal line and the Ghostly band scored a touch-down by Lenahan off a March.

Ghosts Set For First Game Monday

Cobourg Galloping Ghosts are preparing for their season opener in Toronto, Monday, against East York. The Ghosts, drilling all week, have a new quarterback in Joe Kane.

Ghosts Nip Flesch, Dou Majors Fin

Registering the second succes-



BILL JARVIS

Guard - 230 lbs., 5'10". Now playing his seventh season with the Ghosts and hails from Port Hope. Topnotch man both on offence and defence.

RYE HOLMAN

Tackle - 200 lbs., 5'10" and 26 years old. Another member of the veterans corps, having been with the Ghosts for five seasons. Good blocker and tackler and knows the game thoroughly.

ART BRANDWOOD

Tackle - 200 lbs., 6'1", age 27. Another seven year man with the Ghosts Reliable and rugged. Hails from Port Hope.

PAUL CURRELLY

Halfback - 160 lbs., 4'8", age 26. Now playing his sixth season with the Ghosts. Now lives in Cobourg but originally from Port Hope. Will be a defensive half this year. Knows the game well and is a good team player all the way.

VIC GARVIN

End - 175 lbs., 5'11", age 25. Second season with the Ghosts. Fast and good ball handler. Good team man. Lives and works in Cobourg.

KEN MEDHURST

Halfback - Age 22, 165 lbs., 5'9". Playing his fifth year with the Ghosts. Fast and tricky runner. Has chalked up some mighty important scores in past successes of the team and will be counted on to continue his good work. Cobourg boy all the way.

BILL DOUGLAS

End and halfback - 190 lbs., of real football player. Age 27 and plenty tough. Starting his seventh campaign with the Galloping Ghosts. Calls Port Hope home. Another of the mainstays of the team.

BUN FLESCH

Halfback - Age 22, 165 lbs., 5'10". Starting his second full season with the Ghosts. Rugged and fast. Another hometown boy.

JACK CAMPBELL

Halfback - Age 22, 170 lbs., 5'10". Three year man and a Cobourg boy now living near Toronto. A good team player and tricky runner.

KARL LENAHAN

Halfback - 5'11", age 20, 165 lbs. Second year man from Port Hope. All round athlete and has the makings of a topnotch footballer. Good runner and ballhandler.

JACK REEVES

Halfback - 195 lbs., age 23. 6' tall. First year with the Ghosts and in '51 played for the Ontario Agricultural college. Fast and tricky. Should prove to be a star.

BOB McNALLY

Guard - 185 lbs., 29 years old. Played with the Ghosts last two years. Prior to that played for the Beaches and Indians.

VERN LEES

Guard - Veteran member of the Ghosts. Big and tough. A Port Hoper with plenty of team spirit.

GLEN CONNOR

Kicker - No stranger to Cobourg fans. Played here a couple of years ago. Will likely do the kicking.

ART JONES

End - Third season with the team. May work at end or as place kick specialist.

ZEKE SAUNDERS

Tackle - 180 lbs., 6' tall. Age 26. Third year with the Ghosts. Hail from Port Hope and is another of those rough, tough boys that revel in the heavy going.

Football



Our Last Year of Football Together - 1952

Getting Ready to Take the Field
left to right

Aubrey Magee, Jake Edmiston - coach, Red Alexander, Art Brandwood, Darce Campbell, Coon Medhurst, Verne Lees, Zeke Sanders, Bill Jarvis, Marsh Glassford, Rye Holman

Football "John Street" Style

Unlike CFL or NFL this game was played on a 20 ft long by 10 ft wide piece of lawn. A "first down" was 10 inches and not many were made. The players: Coon, Japper, Bob Bevan, Gung, Pot, Darce and many others. Surprisingly some of these "lived" to play for the Galloping Ghosts of football notoriety.

Football

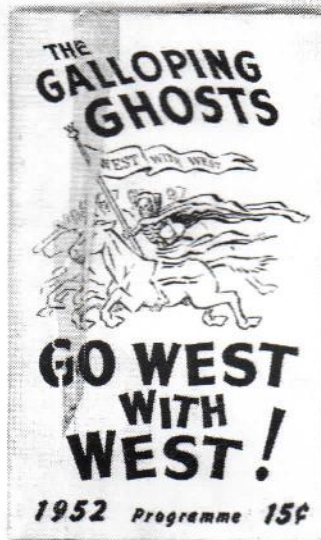
Ghosts Beat Oshawa Red Raiders 21-0 As Reeve Gets 2 Majors

Cobourg Galloping Ghosts served notice Saturday that they are the team to beat in Ontario intermediate football when they trounced Oshawa Red Raiders in a powerful display 21-0. The Cobourg crew were pounding the Oshawa outfit from the start, charged around the ends, tore the middle and raced down the sidelines with ease and speed. From the start the Galloping were threatening and it was a foregone conclusion that they would grab a major score in the first stanza yet Oshawa held them off for nearly twelve minutes of the contest before Jack Reeve raced over the left side for a touchdown. Jack Darch, Campbell helped set up the play with a dazzling 20 yard run and Red Alexander added seven more to bring the Galloping to the Oshawa 10 from where Reeve was let loose.

Oshawa made a feeble attempt at a stand in the last session when they got to the Ghost 18 as the result of a series of penalties to the Cobourg squad, but the Galloping held them off easily and when a desperation pass was thrown by the Motor City team, Reeve came up with the ball and the Ghosts started to roll down field. A penalty at the start put them on their own five but within three downs they were on their 27 and only stopped them from what looked like another touchdown march.

The Ghosts, with about 85 per cent of the play were far the better team and this in spite of the fact that did not use M. Taylor, brilliant star of Oshawa last year, or Cec Armstrong, both of whom Oshawa questioned.

In handing out the stars it must be said that the Ghost team was hard to stop and all along the line



5 POINTS!

Ghosts Take Opener From K-W Rams 17-12 To Lead Final Series

Three touchdowns gave the Cobourg Galloping Ghosts a five point win over Kitchener-Waterloo Rams Saturday in the Kitchener-Waterloo park and also set the Galloping up for the return game next Saturday.

The final score of 17-12 for the Ghosts means a sizeable lead in the total points series.

It was a fourth quarter win for the Ghosts as they entered that session down 12-5 but the Rams started to fumble and the Ghosts took advantage quickly to rush over two touchdowns. The first one, in that last session came when Don Hart fielded a 30 yard pass to Boyd Hendry who wound up on the Rams' 10 yard line. A second short pass then Ron Fleck hit through and went over for the touchdown. It was not converted.

The Ghosts were still behind at 12-11 but they came in with an Ed Quantz fumbled on his own 10 yard line. The Rams took an early lead in the second session. Cliff Hester, Tullis, the Rams' star, passed for a touchdown and a field goal to lead the Rams 10-0. Then came the third and Red Alexander and Art Jones led the Rams up at 8-6. Tullis put the Rams ahead again however when he threw a long pass deep in the end zone to Mark Pagan for the 10-6 lead. Pagan again converted and the Rams headed into the fourth with the Rams leading 12-6.

It was a good battle with the Ghosts coming back to win from a strong team.

Winner of the series must be Kitchener-Waterloo for the all time final of a sudden death game.

Lineups

Cobourg: Flying wing, Curran; fullback, Campbell; Alexander; place, Quantz; halfback, Ed Quantz; guards, Herman, McNeil; tackle, Herman, Deane; ends, Hendry, Hendry, Alexander, McQuinn; quarterback, James; place, Ed Jones; running back, James; blocker, Mages, Garvin, Garvin.

Kitchener-Waterloo: Flying wing, Thomas; halfback, Tom; halfback, Miller; quarter, Tom; center, Bradshaw; guards, Ford, Miller, Larkin, E. Kark, Kermata, Pukla, McTavish, Kermata, Goodrow, Sisk, Mager, McDonald, Thier, Paterson, McQuinn, McQuinn, Fitzgerald, Sloan, Barnhart, Hamilton, L. Kark, Quantz.

Officials: referee, Harry Mills; umpire, Les Deady; lineman, R. Rowntree, Gary Oliver.

GG Honors

- 1937 Intermediate "B" Champions
- 1938 Intermediate "A" Champions
- 1939 Intermediate "A" Champions

1940-45 War Years

- 1946 Dominion Intermediate Champions
- 1947 Dominion Intermediate Finalists
- 1948 Dominion Intermediate Champions
- 1949 Dominion Intermediate Finalists
(Undefeated in 1946 and 1948)
- 1950 Dominion Intermediate Champions
- 1951 Ontario Intermediate "B" Champions

Ghosts Win

(Continued from page 41)
out side line. The decision was made by Referee Darcy Little and ended in Kitchener-Waterloo leading what would probably have been the exciting showdown.

The play was one of the most thrilling of the game and started from the Kitchener-Waterloo 40 where the Rams were playing second down.

Carl (Honey) Tullis threw a short pass to Leo Martin and he suddenly hit through a hole, reversed behind the broken field and headed down the sideline. The Galloping were almost caught out of position but two of them veered over to meet Martin. He stepped up the pace and almost got by them but just at the last second Vern Lee grabbed him by the left shoulder and held on the Rams' sweater long enough to spin him a bit.

Martin recovered and raced past.

Ghosts Win B.T. By Winning 7-0 Kitchener-Waterloo

Cobourg Galloping Ghosts triumphed over Oshawa Red Raiders Sunday but they had their followers hanging on the ropes throughout and were nearly down for the full count in the first of two overtime periods.

The overtime came about when Kitchener-Waterloo tied the clock points to count) round at 18-18 with just three minutes remaining.

Then Cobourg decided to go to overtime with the Rams and again in the second overtime period.

It was during the second overtime that the Rams scored a touchdown.



Shown above is the Cobourg Clown Band, a group of local musicians formed for the purpose of supporting the Galloping Ghosts. The band attends all Ghost games and will be on hand when the Galloping take Peterborough this Friday night in the little city. From left to right they are, Bob Irvine, Ray White, Johnny Reedy, Earle and Ken Gorman.

Photo by Keith Porter.

Hockey

The Alpha and Omega
All the Games Started Here

Christmas 1937 brought three boys on John Street their first pair of skates and a hockey stick. Coon Medhurst, Japper Wilcox and Darce Campbell are introduced to the game of hockey, shinny style on a small square of ice provided by Jappers mother. Since Jappers brother Ken also got skates and stick we now had the first team combat ready to go. Coon suggested the two Kens (Wilcox and Medhurst) play against the two Jacks (Wilcox & Campbell). The unfortunate outcome of every one of these matches was a game ending fight between the two brothers on opposite sides. Conference determines that two brothers must play together against Coon and Darce. No more fights and little did we know that those first games as a hockey line would result in Coon and Darce playing together for twelve wonderful years through Church League, Ontario Minor Hockey Association and Ontario Hockey Association.

Everyone gets skates and sticks and now the gang heads for a larger surface at the bottom of John Street provided by John Spragg's father complete with boards and strings of light bulbs which kept the shinny games going until Mr. Spragge turned out the lights. This rink was somewhat of an embarrassment for the pros from upper John Street since Mary Webb was far and away the best player. As more and more of the gang became equipped we now set out to find much larger surfaces to accommodate multiple players on each team. This happy dilemma led us to Cann's Pond located just over the tracks North of Buchanan Street and McIvors junkyard. With an ice surface of 400 feet square it was not uncommon to have teams of ten to twelve guys. This is where you learned to stickhandle since you would only get to touch the puck a few times in a whole day of hockey, so make it count. Many pucks lost in pond open dam area but all retrieved in the spring. It was during these shinny years that we all became "Rink Rats" which is a job that is child labour intensive at the "indoor gardens" that sat across from the St. Michaels School playground on University Avenue. The payscale was simple you shoveled and swept the ice surface between periods of the Intermediate Team game and between breaks at Public Skating. This labour gained entrance to every game but more important we were allowed to play after the games and skating on a "Real Rink". These scrimmages often ended up after midnight which seemed acceptable to parents since we were assuredly out of trouble. Another side benefit was listening late at night to older men talking about things we shouldn't know at 10, 11 and 12 years of age.

Fortunately, we were once again smiled upon and introduced to an organized "Real" Hockey League known as "Church League". Now in order to play in this "Big League" you must attend your family Church or Sunday School to qualify for playing. This condition, while easy to satisfy did present our first problem, in that, parents obviously selected their Church connection, which meant many of us who skated together would now play against each other.

Hockey

Church League Times

Cobourg Rink Collapses 1945
No place to play in 1947. What to do. Coon and Darce hitchhike in light snow to Port Hope with skates and stick and show up at Midget practice on open air Lions Centre Rink. Jovial cigar chomping man greets us and asks where we live. When Cobourg is mentioned he asks how we got there and when told how, he says get your skates on you two will have a place on my hockey club. When practice is over he asks if we have any more like us but needs two defencemen. We immediately call Japper, Bernie and Don Goody all of whom are forwards but two white lies assures Bernie and Don Goody of being defencemen for the rest of their hockey lives. This commenced five wonderful years together playing for the greatest influence in our lives - Erve Downey.

Due to the lack of hockey facilities in Cobourg, many of our local boys are turning out for the various hockey clubs in Port Hope. The Juvenile entry from that town opened its schedule in Orono last week, and with four Cobourg players in the lineup, lost to Bowmanville by a score of 10 to 7.

Jack Black, Bob Bevan, Bill Hessin and Lionel Baker were the locals making the trip, and Hessin, who is a real comer, picked up two goals, while Bevan and Black each scored once.

The Port Hope Midgets, making their first start, managed to reverse the decision over the Bowmanville team and smacked a 7-0 shutout on the Rubbertown team. Here, also, we have four Cobourg boys representing Port Hope, and they are Ken Medhurst, Wilcox, Jack Campbell and Bernie Flesch. Medhurst picked up a pair of goals, as did Campbell, while Wilcox scored once for a total of five out of the seven Port Hope goals.

The Port Hope Juniors played their first game of the year on Monday night with seven Cobourg players in the line-up, losing the game by a score of five to four in overtime.

Three Cobourg boys played defence for the losers, Bud McIvor, Fred McMillan and Russel Smith. On the forward line for the Port Hope club from Cobourg were Jack Elliott, Tom Hogan, Tom Bulger and Fred Goody.

Our special correspondent informs us that in addition to scor-

**CHURCH LOOP
COALIE GETS
2ND SHUTOUT**

**TWO SERIES TIED
UP IN THE CHURCH
LEAGUE PLAYOFFS**

**Church League
Hockey Score**

St. Peter's 4-0
Trinity 3-0
One Game

**Trinity Takes Three
Cups In Church Loop**

Cobourg loses Church League title and after a hard-fought game lost to Trinity 3-0 in the final game of the series. Trinity took the title by a 3-0 victory in the final game of the series. Trinity took the title by a 3-0 victory in the final game of the series.



1943
Church League
Right Winger
Coon Medhurst

Each year we would be opposite our friends and buddies at the rink and back playing together on the ponds. This problem was solved after about four years when in 1945 the Church League selected players from all the teams to play in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoffs. Now we could play together again and for the next seven years we could enjoy our friendships on and off the ice.

Hockey

Mr Hockey Erve Downey The Greatest Influence on Our Lives



Erve Downey Port Hoper of the year

Of the ten excellent nominees for the title of Port Hoper of the Year, 1975, Erve Downey has been chosen as the outstanding citizen.

Mr. Downey passed away during 1975, but he had spent many, many years contributing to the town of Port Hope. Of a total of 334 votes cast in the Evening Guide contest, Mr. Downey received 81 votes.

A presentation of a silver tray will be arranged with Mr. Downey's family and the tray will be suitably inscribed as a memorial to Mr. Downey.

Other candidates for the position all made a very good showing and all were worthy of the title. The Evening Guide would like to thank those worthy citizens who allowed their names to stand after being nominated, the persons who nominated candidates and the readers who took the trouble to vote in this selection.

With this contest we hope we have brought the good works and contributions of at least ten of our citizens into the foreground. We hope that the people of Port Hope will continue to serve the community and follow the example of the nine runners-up for Port Hoper of the Year 1975 and Port Hope's outstanding citizen, Erve Downey.

PIONEER OF JUNIOR HOCKEY

The late Mr. Erve Downey came to Port Hope around the year 1937 and little did he know he would be connected with hockey and competing for the Provincial Title. The 1951 season brought the Downey era to an end, but not without a good fight. Erve's edition of the Port Hope Panthers came the closest of any team in 45 years to bringing a Provincial Hockey Championship to Port Hope. The team was formed in the winter of 1946-47 and got its first start on the Lion's outdoor rink. In 1946-47 this group of athletes played in the Midget loop, the next year was the Juvenile ranks and the Eastern Ontario Juvenile Hockey Championship. The team was presented with black leather jackets, numbered and crested proclaiming their victory. Erve not only raised his own three sons, Bud, Chub and Ken but supplied a home for many of the boys who played for him. "The Erve Downey Night" in 1951 was a fitting climax to the eleven years of hard work Erve had put into sports in this town. The only thing lacking was the Provincial title, but Erve's answer to this was "the part I played was very small, and if all you fellows got as much kick out of it as I did then I'm well satisfied."



Hockey

Oshawa Jr.s. Smother Local Team

Cobourg Kin Kids were no match for the bigger, faster Oshawa Juniors here on Friday night in the opening Junior game of the season and the final tally of 15-1 just about reflects the trend of the tussle.

By periods it was all Oshawa. They scored 7 goals in the first and 4 in each of the other two sessions. The losers picked up their tally in the initial stanza when Harnden scored from a scramble in front of the Oshawa cage when the winners were leading 7-0. This was the only time when the locals were in the hunt during the period and they were all too soon slowed down again by the raiding Oshawa kids at the start of the second.

LOCALS LOOKED WEAK INSIDE OSHAWA DEFENCE

The K. Kids looked weak inside the Oshawa defence line on the few times they did get in there and Young Hurst, the winners goalie, had a comparatively easy time of it as against the headaches of Charles, the Cobourg custodian, who saw more pucks flying in his direction than most goalies do in a whole season.

Winning as they pleased, the Motor City team nevertheless took time out to display stars all over their line up. Crust, a big defence man, especially those and why he missed the Junior A team in Oshawa remains a mystery for they haven't many any better in their ranks this season. Altersley, Myles and Degray were also very effective in the rout of the Cobourg clan.

NO STARS ON LOSERS

It is very difficult to pick a star of the losers since they had none. Truth to tell the visitors so badly outclassed the Kin Kids that none of them had a chance to become a better-than-fair performer on the nights work. The Fisher kids, Doug and John, Stew Lingard and Charles, the overworked goalie, were the best of them, although Harnden for his goal also deserves mention since he spoiled what would have unquestionably been a shutout for Hurst.

ONLY FAIR CROWD WATCHES OPENER

A disappointing crowd of four hundred and sixty nine watched the kids lose the opening tussle but this was due to many contributing factors, such as the opening of the New Port Hope rink on the same night which attracted a large number of fans from here.

FORMER COBOURG BOY REFEREE

Bernie Hodgetts, a former Cobourg athlete, refereed the game and turned in a fair effort although the crowd howled with rage several

Belleville

The biggest surprise of the Junior hockey season took place here on Wednesday last week when the Kin Kids of Cobourg astonished the sports world by holding the highly touted Belleville Rockets to a 2-0 win. The Rockets who are a B. club have beaten both Oshawa and Lindsay this year and are heading for a league title in B.

Not only did the losers keep the score down, they looked very good in the closing minutes when they took command of the play and were swarming around the Belleville net with only great goal keeping by Tripp, the winners custodian, keeping them off the tally sheet.

George Charles, Cobourg goalie, was the star of the tussle for both sides as he turned the hungry

with two counters and an assist and Baker with two assists and a goal. Other point getters were Johnny Bulger, a goal, Hogan and Cane two assists and Campbell with one assist.

JENKINS LEADS LINDSAY

Jenkins a big rangy forward, proved to be the thorn in the Pavs side as he whipped in three counters and assisted in a fourth. The other three tallies went to Hanlin.

PORT HOPE JUNIORS SURPRISE ST. MICHAELS

In the first two periods of the hockey game, Port Hope Junior "C's" pulled the surprise of the local season, defeating St. Michaels College Jr. B's in a hard fought contest. The Collegians seemed willing to play it the rough way and the young Ontarios were nothing loath and as a result a bumping, bruising contest ensued. The Irish scored first and looked to be going to win easy but the Ontarios came back to tie it up and then fall behind again as the Double blue score another. This wasn't all for the Ports though and they again tied it up then with the minutes slipping away in the final period for them scored the winner. For the O's Campbell and Medhurst were best up front with Yo Yo Ashton it goal playing a standout game. The losers were sparked by Harok McNamara and McDonald.

McCarthy started the Irish off a four minutes when he slammed home a straight shot from in front Campbell flying fast got the equalizer in the second stanza when he swept in to flip the puck into the net on that close side as goalie Gerry Young was striving to get back on his feet after stopping Medhurst's hard shot. Murphy from Cluns put the City club up again on a nice passing effort but Campbell and Medhurst pulled a picture

Cobourg Kin Juniors Lose First Playoff

Cobourg's little band of Juniors were out-played in the opening playoff game with Port Hope here on Monday night and went down to the tune of 10-4. After putting up a good battle for two periods the locals were overwhelmed in the final canto as the winners whipped in four goals to one for the losers.

FLECH ACE DEFENCEMAN OF THE PORTS INJURED IN WIN

Bun Flech, the ace defenceman of the Port Hope squad, suffered an injury to his chest during the game and is believed to have two fractured ribs as a result. This is bad news for the Ontarios who will meet Lindsay in the next round unless all signs fail. Flech was in collision with J. Hart during the second stanza when his injury occurred.

MEDHURST LEADS WINNERS

Ken Medhurst led the winners with three counters with Freeman and Dotzko next having two each. Campbell, Wilcox and Downey counted once for the Ports in the struggle.

LAWLESS HEADS K. KIDS

Lawless was the high scorer for the losers, rapping in two goals assisting in another. John Flech was second best with a goal and a assist. Chub McIvor, up from the Juniors, gathered the other counter for the Cobourg clan.

The losers used Caffin, B. Har and Bowen, in an attempt to bolster their lineup with fresh material in the defeat. McMullan and Hart worked hard on the blue line patrol and Russell Smith, back from a suspension, turned in a heady effort. The crowd as usual was small.

LINEUPS—

Port Hope: Goal: Ashton; D. fence: Goody, Flech; Cent: Campbell, Wings: Medhurst, Wilcox, Alternates: H. McKeen, A. McKeen, Baker, Evans, Freeman, Dotzko, Downey, Gordon.

Cobourg: Goal: Charles; Defenc: McMullan, J. Hart; Centre: J. Flator; Wings: D. Fisher, McIvor; Alternates: Olsaki, Harnden, Caffin, Lawless, B. Hart, Mark Smith, Bowen.

Officials: Referee: Bus Can Linesman: E. Haynes.

Lindsay Defeats Cobourg

Lindsay Kinsmen Juniors defeated Cobourg Kinsmen Juniors 5-2 here Monday night in a stormy game that saw one match misconduct penalty and one misconduct handed out to Cobourg players.

Fred McMullan drew a misconduct for talking back to Referee Wally Wilson of Oshawa and Russell Smith got the big one for hitting a Lindsay player with his stick after the visiting stalwart had cross checked him from behind.

Last week's Mercantile opener was a success with about two hundred and fifty of the faithful in attendance. There were two games and both produced surprises. The Foundry pulled the biggest upset of the two when they defeated the highly touted Edwards team 4-3. Despite the use of their entire OHA quota consisting of Wilcox, Hogan, Bulger, Portes, Fox McMullan and Harnden, the moulders were still too good and the old Station Tiger stalwarts, B. McIvor, W. McIvor and Jack Elliott along with Hart scored four times getting a goal each to beat the Tanners. That sterling character Thomas Jay Hogan racked up both tallies for the losers. The Clerks were part of the second surprise and they nearly got the worst of the happening for the Army team carried them right down to the final session in a scoreless tie. Four minutes of that canto was gone before the stormmen could score with five of their men being credited with tallies after that Corbett, Tripp, Fisher then Tripp again and Corbett, again, was the order of the goal spurge that shelled the army into the discard. Leonard J. Goody and Tripp were given assists while Fisher earned two credits on helping cage the biscuit. Terry Brynos drew the only assist in the Foundry win.

END OF COLUMN THOUGHTS

Those Port Hope Juniors are in the middens much to the Foundry's dismay. On Wednesday of last week they dropped a tough one in Oshawa to the village squad 8-5. This was marked by a free for all in the first period when the young Ontarios tried to do what the small ice surface and a cross check to Downey started the mill. Four players sat in the box when it was over. Then on Friday night the fates bestowed on the Port Juniors the honour of opening the new arena and they promptly dropped the inaugural to Peterborough 7-3. How could the losers with two goals while Campbell and Flech each had two tallies this time are members of the big six who "moved" to Port Hope to play this Fall Wilcox and Medhurst were the only two ex Cobourgers to catch the wire sheet in the Oshawa game.

Hockey

1947 - 1948
Port Hope Juveniles
Eastern Ontario Champions



Back

Japper Wilcox, Len Moncrief Exec., Karl Lenahan, Greg McMahon, Exec., Rich Evans, Bill Crawford, Coach, Jim Freeman, Don Goody, Fred Cotter, Exec., Erve Downey, Sponsor, Exec.

Front

Bud Downey, Darce Campbell, Coon Medhurst, Kane, Dunc Fisher, Harris McKeen, Bernie Flesch

Hockey

20 years ago...

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1949

Paced by the four goal scoring effort of Darcy Campbell and the stellar performance in goal by "Yo Yo" Ashton, Port Hope Juveniles earned the right to advance into the Eastern Ontario O.M.H.A. Juvenile Finals when they turned back Peterborough 7-2 in the round 9-6. They will now meet the winner of Belleville-Brockville series slated to open here on Monday evening. Belleville lead in the series by one goal.

Battling from the faceoff the winners turned in their best performance of the year and really treated the large crowd in Peterborough's Civic Arena to a grand display of combination fast skating and the will to win.

Jensen, Armstrong and G. Robinson played stardout hockey for the losers. The locals, to a man, turned in a grand game sticking strictly to fast clean hockey. But in every game there are the standouts and this was no exception with "Golden Boy" Campbell leading the three star selection for his four-goal effort; next would be "Yo-Yo" Ashton for his great game, particularly in the last period, and third would be Bill Dotzko who was a tower of strength on defence, leading rush after rush, as well as taking his turn up front. For Port Hope: Goal, Ashton; Defence, Flesh, Evans; Centre, Downey; Wings, Dotzko and Lenahan; Subs, Freeman, McKeen, Pillsworth, Campbell, Medhurst, Wilcox, Goody.

Gee! Were we really this tough!

1948

and Protection Of Police

Chief of Police Ernest Purdy received a letter today from Norman McIntosh, Lindsay, Ontario, who asked that his McIntosh Motors Juvenile hockey team be given police protection when they come to Port Hope Monday night next for a return hockey game against Port Hope Juveniles in the OMHA hockey playdown series.

The request arose because of threats made, he wrote, during the last game in Lindsay, when the Port Hope visitors lost to the Lindsay team 7-2.

"This game, won by us 7-2, developed," Mr. McIntosh said, "into a disgraceful display of slashing, tripping, cross-checking and fighting, being a real black eye to organized hockey and the betterment of better sport among the youth of our Province.

"We believe the trouble started due to the rough play by the Port Hope team shortly after the start of the game and naturally our boys retaliated and the game got out of hand."

"We were informed after the game by different members of the Port Hope team that they would 'slash us to pieces' and 'cut the heads right off us!'"

"We therefore, Sir, request Police protection from you for the officials, players, and Lindsay hockey fans who will accompany us."

1949

Local Politics

Between two towns

Splits up friends for one year!

Fifty years later no change!

Sports Scene

IS A BIG PROBLEM

Why is a big problem here in Cobourg and, incidentally, the reason for this is the whereabouts of five players come game in the winter time which isn't so far away as think. These players are Cobourg boys but their hearts are in Port Hope and apparently that is where they are going to the players, or at least most of them on Thursday they told us the situation as far as they are concerned, nothing against playing in Cobourg. They, however, have long in Port Hope. Biggest part of that desire is a fellow Downey, sponsor of their team for the last five years. He through juvenile for years and in this season he asked with them in Junior. Those boys feel he deserves his all of them told us they will be in Port Hope before the limit of November 1, in order to qualify for the rest the players are according to spokesman Darcy Campbell, by most of them in that Thursday night conference, each, Hestin, Wilcox, Medhurst. We take no responsibility these players. Campbell listed them to us as we are boys and most of them were present. Hestin was as far as we know but Campbell and his other three could them in.

NO SIDE IN ISSUE

One side in this issue between the kids and the hockey boys. Both sides to us have something to their argument. Naturally loyal to a fellow who gave them a chance to their own home town was rinkless and spending time putting another one up. Downey took them at a time they knew they would be hockey players. He worked with according to all rumor spent money on their team with return. Now he wants a chance to see them in junior, of the kids asks, how can they skate by him on an ever bench and look him in the eye. Well, we don't know that one ourselves.

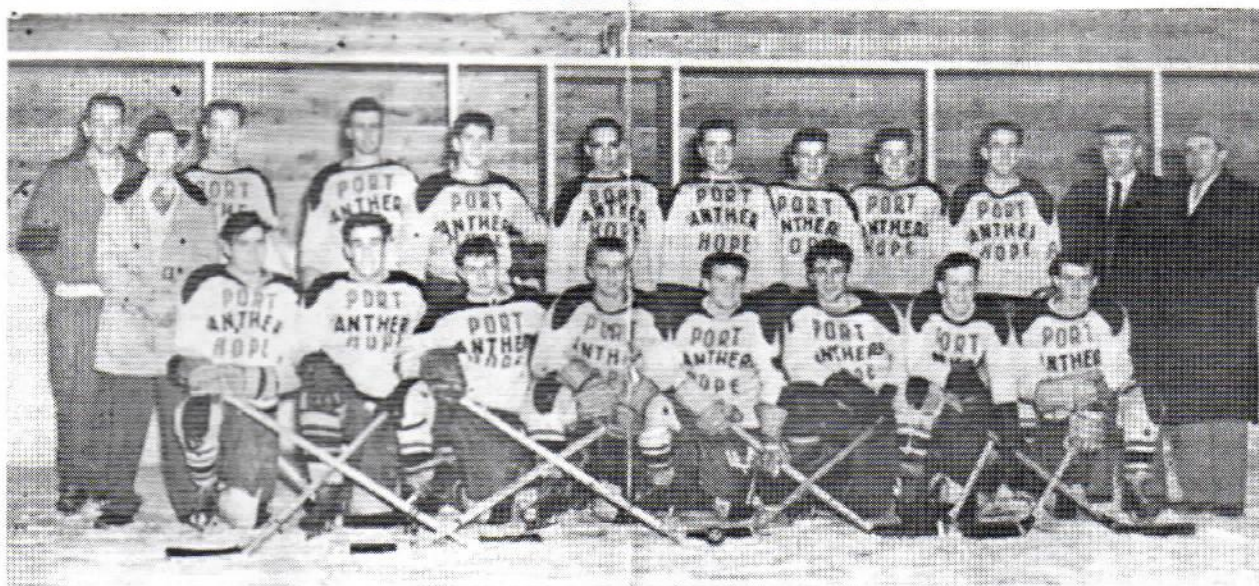
HIDE HAS MERIT, TOO

The other side of the question, is the fact that the kids are willing to put five hundred dollars into new equipment for team of 1950 here in town. Secondly, the rink will be for the season unless all signs are wrong. This rink has of trouble to a lot of Cobourg people. Some of those very hard to see it raised and put their money into as in town has been touched in some manner or other issue and everyone, whether he or she wants to, will be with it in some manner. The town grant of fifty thousand

Hockey

1950 - 1951

PORT HOPE PANTHERS



EASTERN ONTARIO JUNIOR "C" CHAMPIONS

COLLINGWOOD

1. DON HUDSON
 1. M. BLACKBURN
 2. PETE SWITZER
 3. DON POLLARD
 5. C. FRYER—A
 6. BOB IVEY
 9. F. McCUTCHEON
 10. MERV SMITH
 11. B. WALMSLEY—C
 12. KEN McCARTNEY
 14. FRANK DANCE
 15. A. MORRILL—A
 16. TUBBY BARRETT
 17. J. WEMYSS
 18. A. WALMSLEY
 19. BOB MEEK
 20. D. CRUICKSHANK
 21. G. PARRISH
- Coach—Eddie Bush
Trainer—Jim Maghie

PORT HOPE

1. "MAC" McGREGOR
 2. JERRY LAWLESS
 3. "DARCY" CAMPBELL
 4. "BUD" DOWNEY
 5. "COON" MEDHURST
 6. JIM FREEMAN
 7. DON GOODY
 8. DOUG FISHER
 9. "JAPPER" WILCOX
 10. JON FISHER
 11. BERNIE FLESCH
 12. HARRIS McKEEN
 13. "YO YO" ASHTON
 14. CLARKE HARNDEN
 15. RICH EVANS
 16. RON PILLSWORTH
 17. RAY HANSEN
- Coach Birnie Hodgetts
Manager Erve Downey

Hockey

1950 - 1951
Port Hope Panthers



Coon Medhurst - Right Wing

Darce Campbell - Centre

Bud Downey - Left Ring

Hockey

1950 - 1951
Port Hope Panthers



Jerry Lawless - Left Wing

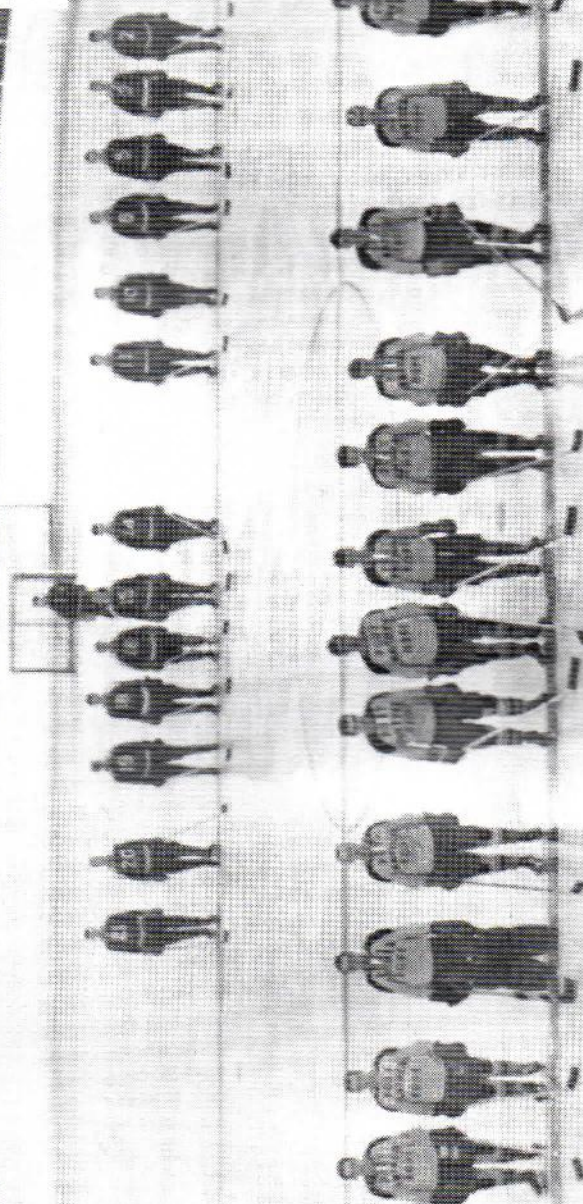
Japper Wilcox - Centre/Captain

"Dunc" Fisher - Right Wing

Our Fifth and Last Year of Minor Hockey Together -1951
Ontario Junior "C" Final
Opening Game
Peter Campbell Memorial Arena



Our beloved sponsor Erve Downey, and our buddy Bernie Flesch out with a broken wrist.



Left to Right

Coon Medhurst, Bud Downey, Yo Ashton, Darce Campbell, Rich Evans, Don Goody, Harris McKeen, Ray Hansen, Dunc Fisher, Jim Freeman, John Fisher, Jerry Lawless, Japper Wilcox, Clarke Harnden

Hockey

Port Hope Panthers Marching Band - 1951

Prior to boarding private train with 400 mad fans on their way to Collingwood and game two of Ontario Junior "C" Finals

Excursion Proves To Be Biggest Hockey Event In Northern Town's History

Port Hope—"The most enthusiastic bunch of hockey fans ever to visit Collingwood." "The most outstanding occurrence in hockey in the history of the town." These were just some of the exclamations of wonderment, awe, envy and respect with which the citizens of Collingwood greeted the contingent of over 300 ardent followers of the Port Hope Panthers as they trooped off the train and into the northern town for the second game of the provincial junior hockey playdowns.



PORT HOPE REDMEN 1951

Back Row — Len Ashby, Jack 'Darce' Campbell, Bud Downey, Jerry Forster, Bill Douglas, Alex McKeen, Basil Robinson, Stan Churchley. Front Row — Red Laverne, Jimmy Hoy, Rene 'Pierre' Racine, Harvie 'Flash' Gordon, Doug Free, Ken Braithwaite (Coach), Ken 'Coon' Medhurst, Harris McKeen, Bernie 'Bun' Flesch, Don 'Yo Yo' Ashton.

Hockey

1951 - Port Hope Redmen Intermediate

HARVIE "FLASH" GORDON

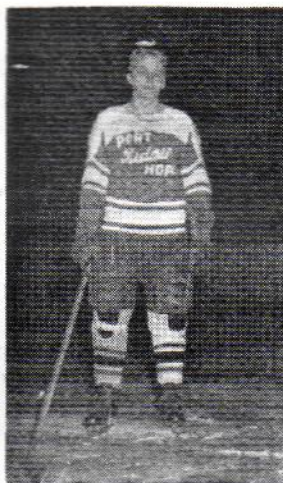
'Right Wing



Harvie is the tough luck kid of the team. There is no one on the team who likes to play more than he does and during a practise session several weeks ago he had the misfortune to strain his ankle which may keep him out of action for the remainder of the winter. This is Harvie's second season with the Redmen and at the time of his injury he was playing some of the best hockey he's produced. Prior to playing intermediate he was with the Port Hope juniors, coming by way of Cobourg.

JACK "DARCE" CAMPBELL

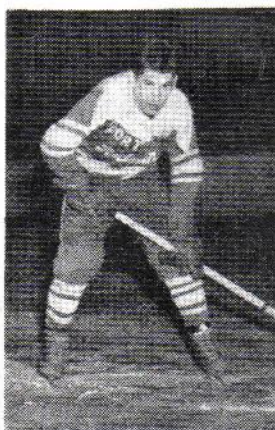
Centre



Born in Smith Falls and raised in Cobourg, "Darce" has played practically all his hockey in Port Hope, even while living in Cobourg. He first joined the midget team here in 1946 and stayed with it right through until it dissolved after a successful junior season last year. He is a shifty centre player and one of the most potent goal scorers on the club. Last year he finished second in the Junior "B" scoring race. He is a very clean player and has incurred very few penalties this past season.

BERNIE "BUN" FLESCH

Defence



Out of action for a number of games near the end of the season, Bernie is just now getting back into his old time form and is expected to be one of the team's more stalwart rearguards during playoffs. Last year he was "Mr. Defence" himself with the junior Panthers and acquired such a reputation that opposing forwards tried their best to steer clear of his bruising bodychecks. He has played all his hockey in Port Hope, although a native of Cobourg. Speaking of playoffs, Bernie will be trying doubly hard this year for last spring when the junior club hit the playoff trail he suffered a broken arm and had to sit out the finals.

KEN "COON" MEDHURST

Right Wing



Recently dubbed the "Corner Catching Cookie from Cobourg", Ken, or "Coon" as he is more affectionately known, is just that. His heady style of play has been responsible for getting a large share of the Redmen's goals. In one game he tallied six. He is playing his sixth season of hockey for Port Hope, although originally a Cobourg boy. He was with the Panthers last season and this is his first try at intermediate company—a most successful one, we might say. A Chicago scout took more than a second look at him last season.



Back Row - "Yo" Ashton, Erve Downey, Bill Crawford.

Front Row - Mac McGregor, "Coon" Medhurst,
Bud Downey

BILL DOUGLAS

Defence



"Bashing Bill", as he has come to be regarded over the past few years, has had one of his best seasons with the Port Hope intermediate club. The iron man of the team, Bill has held the defense together when the club was shorthanded through injuries. He is assistant captain of the team. All Bill's hockey has been played in Port Hope. Prior to the war he was in juvenile ranks and then, following a stretch in the navy, he came back to play intermediate. He is a colorful performer and a hard body-checker, often incurring the ire of opposition fans.

SECTION THREE

Hockey

1952

Bracebridge Bears - Intermediate "B"

Ontario Champions 1952 - Ontario Champions 1956



1952 - 1953

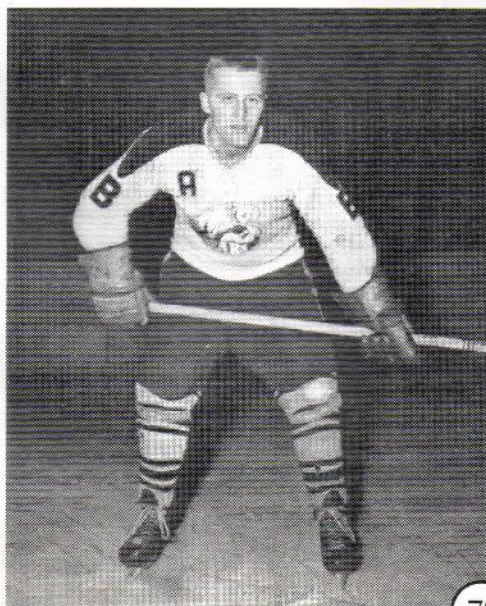
Ontario Intermediate "B"
Champions
Bracebridge Bears

Sent to my Buddy Japper
following our win over
Durham in finals.



Taking to the ice for the first time since his accident nearly a year ago, Jack Wilcox, paralyzed from the waist down, is shown preparing to face off the puck to open the season for his former teammates when they played Trenton last Friday night. Mayor Burnet is standing behind the wheel chair while Jon Fisher is facing off with the unidentified Trenton player. In the background, Jack's brother Ken is shown at his wing position.

Photo by Keith Porter.



Ontario Intermediate "B" Champions
1952 and 1956 - Bracebridge

"Darce"

Last Hockey Game

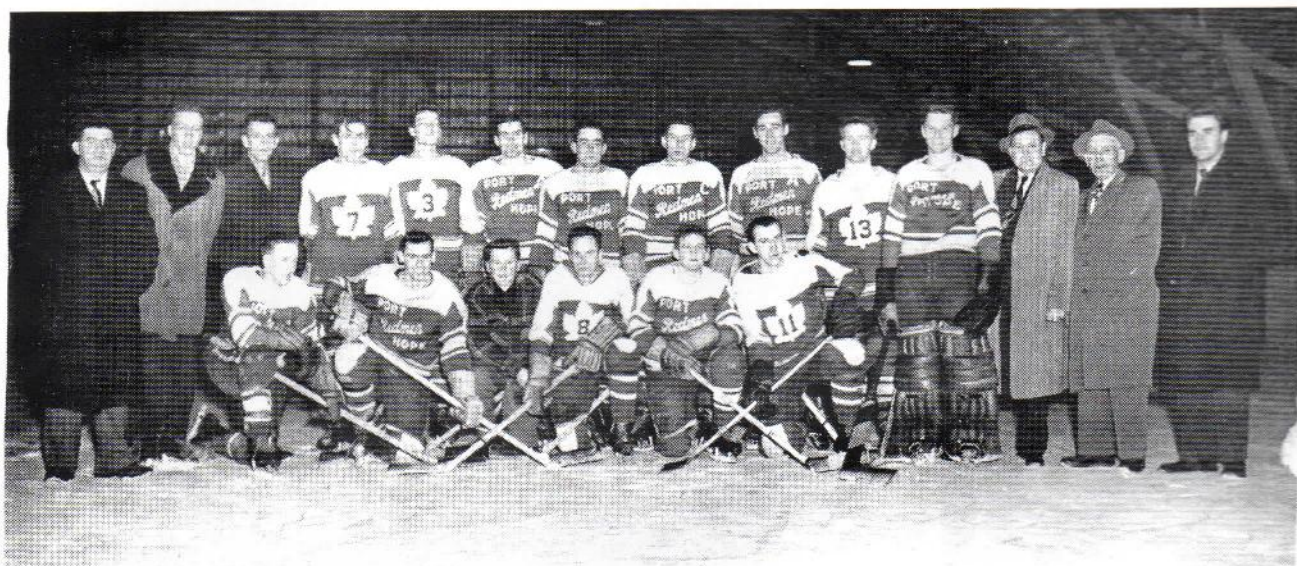
Somewhat Hollow Victories
Without Your Buddies

SECTION THREE

Hockey

Going Our Seperate Ways

Our last hockey teams 1952 - 1953



PORT HOPE REDMEN

Back row l/r - Johnny New, Slugger Moran, Pat Briand, Rich Evans, Ron Turner, Jim Freeman, "Coon" Medhurst, Jim Hoy, Bill "Donk" Douglas, Jim Hogan, Red Wasson, Ken Braithwaite, Bill Lightte, not identified
Front row l/r - Harris McKeen, Harvey Gordan, Red Clark, Bill Rowden, Bud Downey, Benny Mason



COBOURG COMETS

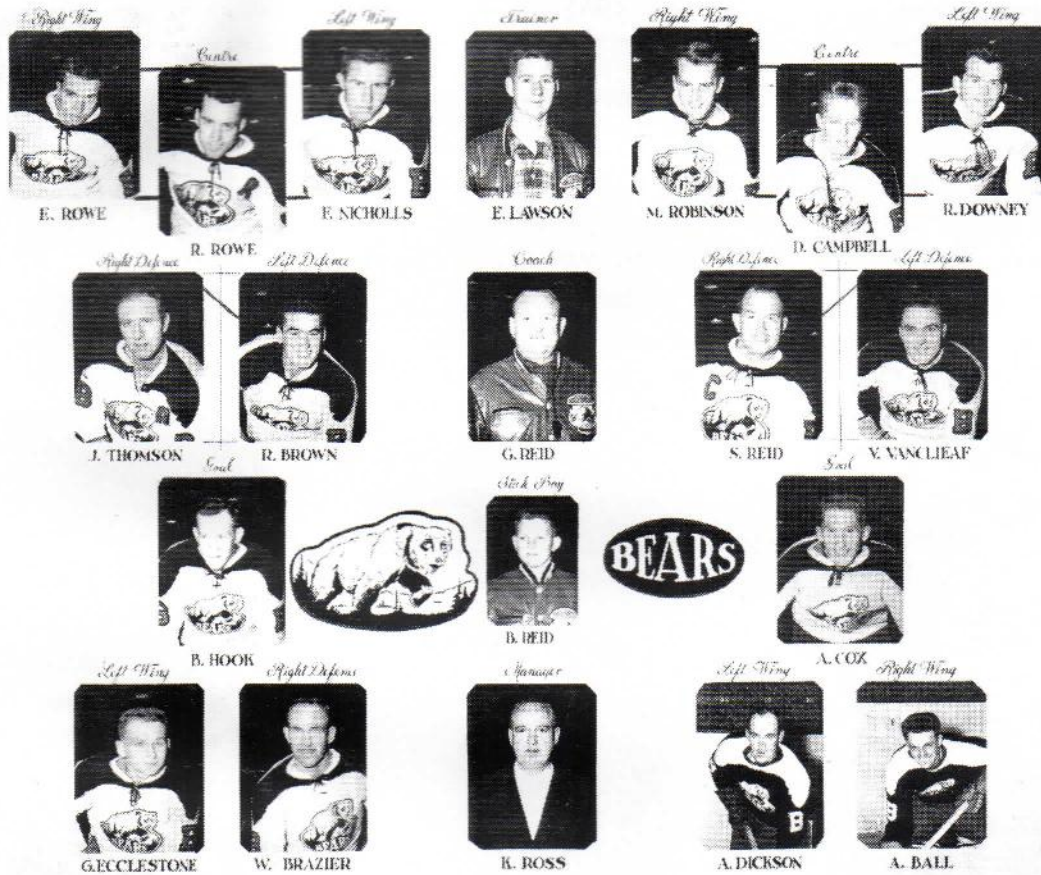
Front row left to right - Sponsor - Stan Williams, Jack Irvine, Clarke Harnden, Jon Fisher, Clarke Sommerville, Paul Stevenson, Buck Legrow, Coach - Cliff Maundrell

Middle row l/r - Alex McKeen, Ken Wilcox, Jack Reeves, Red Alexander, Dave Casey, Trainer - Scotty Black

Back row l/r - Bernie Flesch, Doug Fisher, George Campbell, Manager - Jack Chapman

Hockey

BRACEBRIDGE BEARS



The Bracebridge Bears O.H.A. Int. 'B' Champions of 1952-3.

~ 1953 ~

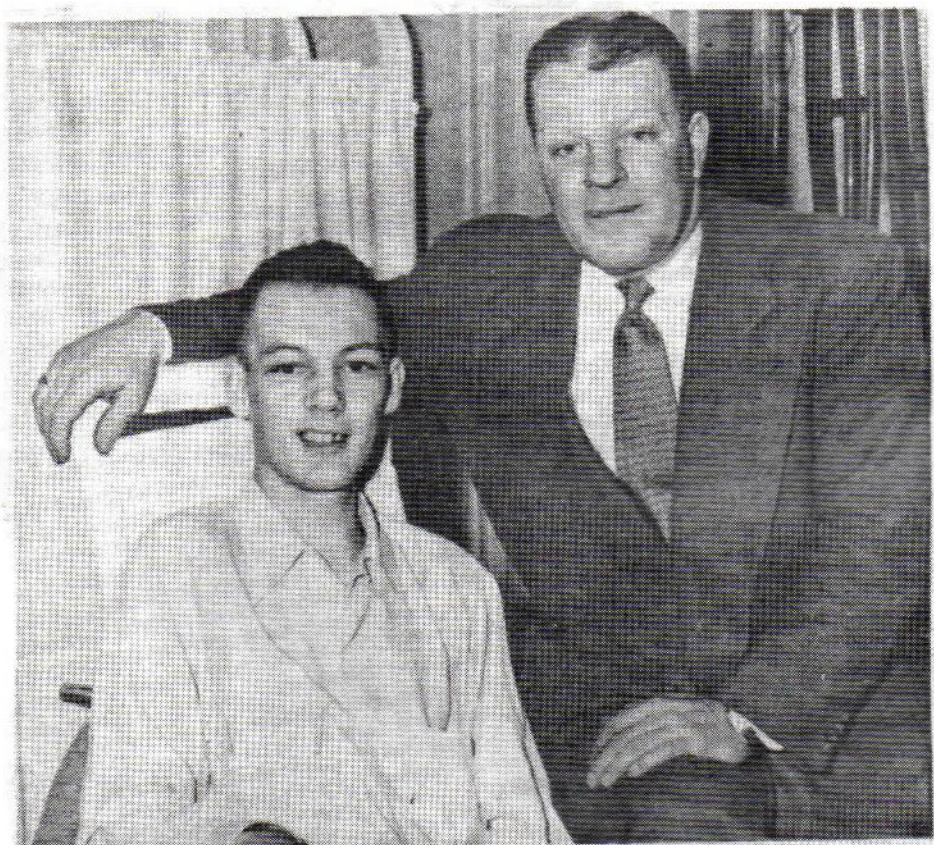
Let the Games of Life Begin

*We enter the Arena of Careers, Marriage, Children,
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren ...*

Tributes

Jack "Japper" Wilcox
Born February 1931 Deceased 1961

Our John Street buddy who shared in all our boyhood games and dreams was struck down in a car accident at 21 years of age which resulted in his confinement to a wheelchair. All of Cobourg rallied around him and he never missed any games, dances or outings. We carried him and the chair wherever we went. He was the most optimistic and cheerful friend you could have as he erased his handicapped circumstances by just continuing as one of the gang. His untimely death in 1961 left a sad void for all of us. Forty years have passed since that time and we still remember our buddy.



A pair of champions! Jackie "Japper" Wilcox and Walter "Turk" Broda. Injured as the result of an auto accident during the winter and now a patient at Lyndhurst Lodge in Toronto youthful Japper received a visit from the "fabulous fat man of the Maple Leafs" one day last week. The Japper was hoping to leave hospital for the first time and visit his family in Cobourg this weekend but his doctors say he is not quite well enough yet. Meanwhile the Wilcox fund to assist the youthful hockey star remains open and a dance is planned for April 25th at the local pavilion. Tickets for this event are now on sale. The above photo showing Japper and his famous visitor was arranged for by The Times through the courtesy of the Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey Club and was taken by Turofsky Studio, Toronto.



1952

"Jappers" first visit to Pav after rehabilitation
Stan Williams "owner" welcomes him home.



1952

Just home from rehab
"Japper" Wilcox, Joe Freeman
At the "Pav"

Tributes

Bernie "Bun" Flesch

Born November 1930 Deceased November 1997

I was asked to write about one of the original members of our gang, Bernie "Bun" Flesch who was a big part of everything we did and a close personal friend from the age of six. This is a salute to a life well lived and I consider this a great privilege to share a few things that he accomplished in his lifetime. He was an awesome person, a good family man and a true friend but he was also a top athlete in every sport he participated in. His athletic accomplishments would require pages for all the memorable individual games he performed in but as a small sampling he played on Ontario Hockey Midget and Juvenile teams that reached the Semi-Finals and on an Ontario Junior "C" finalist team in 1951. He also helped coach his own son Jim who starred for the Cobourg Junior "C" Ontario Championship Hockey Team. He played on two Ontario Championship Football teams with the old Cobourg Galloping Ghosts in 1951 and 1952. In the late 1940's he was a valued member of the Cobourg Boxing Club that participated in amateur fights all over Southern Ontario. He was considered one of the classiest fighters to come out of Cobourg and could well have sought out a professional career. Bernie was also an excellent skier and spent a great deal of time at the Northumberland Forest Ski Club and continued to ski after it closed. These are just a small sampling of some of the competitions he participated in but his greatest sporting passion was the great outdoors for fishing and hunting. It was often joked that Bernie could catch fish in a bathtub. He and Darce claimed to have fished every trout stream within 25 miles of Cobourg plus a number of ponds and lakes. It was this great calling for the outdoors that he conveyed to his children, who in turn love to fish and hunt as he taught them. My life has been blessed for knowing him as my friend, my party buddy and someone I could confide in whatever the situation but more important than all of this, Bernie "Bun" Flesch was a friend you could count on being there when you needed him. This very classy friend left each of us something and somehow he will always be with us whenever we get together. Thanks "Bun" for the wonderful memories.

"Gung"



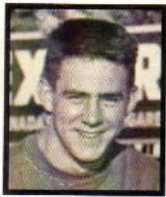
Biographies



Jack "Japper" Wilcox
Feb. 1931 - March 1961
Unmarried



Bernie "Bun" Flesch
Nov. 1930 - Nov. 1997
Married - Mary Ann Pearce of Cobourg
Five sons - Jim, Mike, Mark, Tim, Kent
Two daughters - Bernie Lee, Tammy
Eight grandchildren



Ken "Coon" Medhurst
April 1931
Married Nancy Higgins of Cobourg
One son - Lindsay
One daughter - Janice
Five grandchildren



John "Pot" Fox
Dec. 1930
Married - Ruth Tuttle of Cobourg
One son - Grant



Bobby "Chub" Jones
June 1931
Married - Rosemary McGuire
of Cobourg
Two daughters - Elizabeth,
Jennie



Michael "Mike" Markle
May 1932
Married - Audrey Stevenson of Harwood
One son - Chris
Two daughters - Judy, Rhonda
Three grandchildren



George "Gung" Charles
Nov. 1930
Married - Anna-Marie Hall of Orono
Two sons - Michael, Stephen
Two daughters - Heather, Mary Ellen
Nine grandchildren



Jack "Darce" Campbell
Jan. 1931
Married - Carole Banks of Bracebridge
Five sons - John, James, Jeffery,
Jason, Joel
Six grandchildren

George "Gung" Charles

Darce Campbell

~ Legacy ~

A Final Legacy from "The Boys of Summer"

If we can leave no other legacy to future generations, perhaps the greatest contribution derived from the deep bonds of our friendships would be, that we destroyed every social, racial, religious and political barrier without realizing what we had done.

THE BOYS OF SUMMER- 2000



THE GAMES CONTINUE- 2000

