

Neighborhood Pride - a rare situation that some enjoy of VIP's in their home town that they take special appreciation. Ours here in Warren, Ohio are NFL Player Paul Warfield - Earl Derr Biggers author of Charlie Chan - Willie Davenport 68 Olympics hurdles gold Medal, to name a few.

Our QSL card from the W8JYZ.com collection is (9AHX) post marked Champaign, Illinois, 4 Feb 1925 - sent to 3PP in Souderton, PA., shows that great pride of which happens to be the "Galloping Ghost - Red Grange NR 77 - Ham Station 9AHX - J.G. Waggoner lives within 7 blocks of the stadium where Red Grange does his stuff." The world didn't know Red Grange football great as the Galloping Ghost then. The world would know shortly of his gifted talent.

Radio 3PP. Champaign, Ill.  
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Some call O.M. Use 1 lone 5 watt percolator.  
Antenna 2 wire & 25' ft hi. very many thanks  
for the card. Sorry I havent a nice one  
to send you but both had work school  
QRM. hi  
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"Within 7 blocks of the Stadium  
where Red Grange does his stuff."  
73. O.M.  
J.G. Waggoner "H.K."  
OPR who worked in "ZW"  
34 Chalmers.

Born Harold Edward "Red" Grange 1903 in Forksville, Penna. Red became a celebrated college and Pro Football Hall of Famer. In 2008 Red was named the greatest college football player of all time by ESPN. - When Red was age five, his mother died and his father moved the family to Wheaton, Ill., where the remainder of the Grange's settled. Red's father worked hard and became the Chief of Police. Grange Jr. Entered Wheaton High School and earned 16 varsity letters in four sports.

To help the family in those tough times, Red worked part time as an ice toter for 37.50 per week, a job which helped him build his core strength and the source of the sometimes nickname "Ice Man." After graduation in Wheaton, Grange enrolled in University of Illinois, initially planning to play only basketball and track but changed his mind once he arrived. One page won't tell the whole story.

Grange jumped to college athletic prominence Oct 18, 1924 game against Michigan. This was the grand opening game for the new Memorial Stadium, built as a memorial to University of Illinois students and alumni that served in World War 1. The Ice Man returned the opening kickoff for a 95 yard touchdown and scored three more touchdowns on runs of 67 - 56 - and 44 yards in the first 12 minutes. After sitting out the second quarter, Grange returned the second half to run 11 yards for a 5<sup>th</sup> touchdown and passed 20 yards for a sixth score as Illinois won 39-14 to end Michigan's 20 game unbeaten streak. - Grange's pro career was legendary and retired from pro football in 1934. He remained on the circuit as a motivational speaker and sports announcer. He and wife Margaret were together until Red died in 1991. Card by [www.w8jyz.com](http://www.w8jyz.com) W8SU 2008