

• George Hardy—

everyone named on that honor roll, and was glad that some concerned people in town decided to restore it last year.

Early Shipbuilding

George did not have to serve during World War II, but he did his part to help in the war effort. He was put to work at the shipyard in Camden, building salvage tugs that were used to tow battleships. "I heard one of my tugs went down in the Mediterranean. It may have," he admitted. In all, 26 tugs were built in Camden and used by the Navy.

"When I was a boy, I worked at the shipyard. I was the youngest boy there. In 1913, I remember Teddy Roosevelt came into the harbor from Rockport. Everyone thought he was going to come by car, so they had a band already to meet him on the road and he ended up coming in at the harbor. He gave me a buffalo nickel and told me more young boys should be at work. I guess he wasn't opposed to child labor." George laughed and admitted he didn't save the nickel. "I went running to the candy store right after Roosevelt left. I spent the whole thing on candy."

Times Remembered

Times have changed in Lincolnville, as they have everywhere, but George said he doesn't recall any bad times in town. "I guess the Depression was about the toughest time we had," he said. "I remember my father delivering milk to people who couldn't pay for it, but he always left it for them anyway. I'll never forget the day, 40 years later, one of our neighbors came to the door and handed my Uncle Si a check for \$500. He said he wanted to pay for all the milk my father had delivered over the years. I'll never forget that."

Development in the area hasn't alarmed the lifelong Lincolnville resident either. The worst thing about the development, he said, are the regulations and permits needed to build in town. "Used to be if we wanted to clear a lot, we just went ahead and cleared it out. Not any more," he said.

"It's all been good times here," George concluded. "I've always been happy to live here."



LINCOLNVILLE MYSTERY? — The Lincolnville Historical Society has come up with this picture of a lifelong resident taken September 29, 1909, when the subject was three years and six days old. Who is it? One hint: he was born, brought up and now lives in the Youngtown section of the community. If anyone knows who he is, call Jackie Watts at 763-3447. **GEORGE HARDY**