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EXCERPTS ONLY

KINDERGARTEN

LM: I went to kindergarten, it was on the corner of Chatham and No. 1 Road, we used to walk. This plank walkway went right through B.C. Packers and came out on the other side of B.C. Packers. One time, we were supposed to go to kindergarten but I guess we got sidetracked. There's a lead shop on the Phoenix property there, we used to get sea shells, digging out of the sand. We used to get sea shell, some of them were long ones and everything out there. That's where we got stuck, digging sea shells and never got to kindergarten.

GARDEN

LM: We had a garden at the side, growing potatoes, and Japanese tea and stuff like that.

DYKE

LM: The dyke is level with the water, but then the ground itself is lower. It might be about 3 - 4 feet drop. So it's lower than the water level. Any time it rained, it's always water, there's no drainage. You could dig a hole in there about 6 inches, you've got water coming up.

JOBS

LM: When I got to grade 7, I think, He (Cobe) was selling World Book Encyclopedia because he couldn't get a job (because) of the discrimination. That was the only job he could have at that time.

RUM RUNNERS

LM: They used to have a speedboat tied up here called ""Miss Vancouver"", I think, that belongs to Bell-Irving, that used to be a rum runner.

SHIPYARD

LM: (After the 1950's in the shipyard) Anybody that fished for this company used to have preferential treatment because you deliver the fish to the ABC Co. But anybody that deliver to B.C. Packers at that time had to stand in line, wait their turn come.

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