

George Hibacka was born in a boarding house on M Street, July 4, 1910. His grandfather was a Rock Springs native and his grandmother moved here when she was nine years old with her two sisters.

George's first impressions of the town was that it was dirty but also he can remember the creek running through the middle of the town. He said, "all in all the town wasn't much different or any more violent than any other towns except the town had no plan. Wherever there was a mine they built houses around it." There was no indoor plumbing and instead of toilet paper as we use today they used newspaper or as George said jokingly, "Sears and Robuck." For water they bought water barrels and one of George's chores was to go pick up the water barrels for his mother. George lived on M Street until he was ten years old and then moved to 420 Bridger where he is still currently a resident when he is able. At this time he is a resident at Sage View Care Center located in Rock Springs.

As a child Georges favorite games to play were run shippy run, tiddly winks, kick the can, and many more. On his birthday his family would go on picnics and he would recieve toys that were made out of wood. He said that his childhood was a happy one along with some hard times too.

George graduated from High School in 1932 and had Tena Roncalio in his graduating class.

After high school George got a job weaving baskets and rugs and then selling them. After this job he worked for the Rocket for five years selling newspapers for ten cents every Friday. After five years of selling newspapers he started working for his fathers cleaners business and joined the Union, Cleaners and Tailors. George went on strike a couple of times even going against his families beliefs at times.

George stayed in his families cleaning business and was never married. All in all he said that Rock Springs wasn't a bad place to live but he feels that today the country is

not looking good due to the serious drug problem that we are facing today.