

**Clyde Park Avenue, S.W.**

1532            *1½-story frame dwelling.*

1545 Clyde Park S.W. (Wyoming). Kelvinator. This 4-story factory was built as the Leonard Refrigerator Co. in Wyoming Township in 1911. It was one of the first concrete factories built in West Michigan. Kelvinator acquired the firm in 1926, making the 400,000-square-foot plant one of the largest producers of electric refrigerators and ranges in the world. It was the first plant anywhere to mass-produce electric household refrigerators. During World War II, airplane propellers and engine parts were produced here, and after the war the work force swelled to 5,000. Appliance production stopped in 1987, when fewer than 500 were employed. White Consolidated Industries moved its manufacturing lines to Ohio and Tennessee, and Delta Properties purchased the 48-acre site in 1988. A fire on February 21, 1996, caused \$1.8 million damage to a 1-story addition at the south end of the factory. The City of Wyoming contributed \$100,000 toward the expense of demolishing the building in June of 1996. (Beth Loechler, "Owners Set to Raze Kelvinator Building," GRP Tuesday 06/04/1996 A5.)

1546            *Frame lunch car.*

1620

1622            07/24/75    4876            *Capitol*  
*1-story frame store.*

1622-24        01/20/72    4095            *Dohm*  
*Voided. 2-story frame store, n.e. corner of Hogan.*

1714            09/15/2003 9253            Melching  
Permit denied.

1716            09/15/2003 9254            Melching  
Permit denied.

1730            *1½-story frame hall.*

The Clyde Park bridge over Plaster Creek was built in 1994.

2018	07/06/64	1805	Ashley McDonald
2026	01/24/91	8121	Courtade
2308	04/30/87	7620	Pitsch
2312	10/18/2000	9035	Pitsch

4745 Clyde Park S.W. (Wyoming). Picric acid plant. GRP Sunday 07/03/1960 6: "Jagged Ruins of Vast War Plant May Become Palmer Park Feature." Kent County forester George Mueller says the ruins are mostly on park property. Started in 1918, highly secret, photos prohibited. The February 28, 1919, *Press* carried the first photos to be printed. The plant, situated on 1,400 acres, was to employ 11,000 workers. Cf. Ernest B. Fisher, *Grand Rapids and Kent County, Michigan*.

"Ghost of War I Plant Is Buried," GRP *Wonderland* by Gordon G. Beld, Sunday 05/19/1963 4-5. The plant was begun in 1918 and construction stopped when the war ended. Two smokestacks, 225' and 200', still loom above the horizon from the power plant, but all the other buildings have been recently bulldozed.