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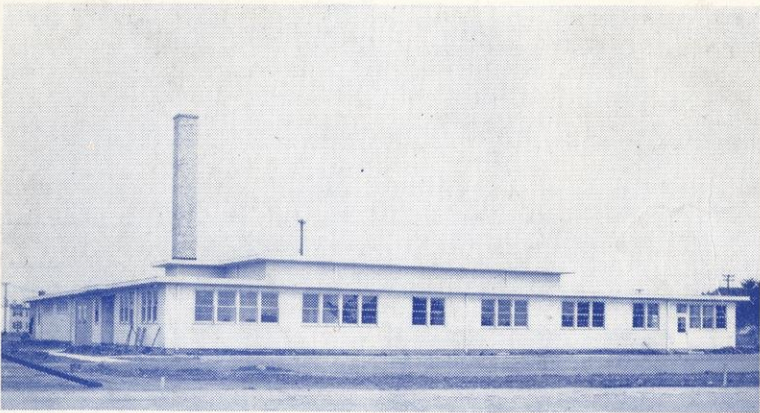
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The CUSTERDALE COMMENT
Manitowoc, Wis.



Dedication
Number

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE



July 25, 1943

City of
MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF MAYOR

July 1, 1943

To the Citizens of Custerdale
c/o Mr. J. O. Wimmer, Chairman
Dedication Committee
Custerdale Citizen's Club
Manitowoc, Wis.

GREETINGS:

Although for more than a year past the citizens of Custerdale have been an important part of Manitowoc's community life, there has been no formal dedication program commemorating the annexation of the Custerdale territory.

I therefore wish to commend you for taking the initiative in preparing a fitting program for this occasion.

It is with pleasure that I extend to you best wishes and greetings, and formally welcome you as citizens of Manitowoc.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Georgenson

Martin Georgenson
MAYOR

Dedication Custerdale Community House



P R O G R A M

Welcome	Jerome O. Wimmer <i>Chairman of Dedication Committee, Custerdale Citizen's Club</i>
Invocation	Rev. E. A. Radey
Greetings from Manitowoc.....	Mayor Martin Georgenson
Greetings from Manitowoc War Industries.....	John E. Thiell <i>Vice President and Secretary Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company</i>
Music.....	M. S. B. Male Quartette
Greetings from the U. S. Navy.....	Comdr. G. C. Weaver <i>Supervisor of Shipbuilding</i>
Taps	Richard Kirscher—Troop 10
Dedication Address	Orvil R. Olmsted
Songs.....	Betty Joy McGill, June Hellwig and Geo. Savage
Response	Custerdale Families <i>Custerdale Citizen's Club</i>
Response—Custerdale Management.....	Ernest H. Suhr
Music.....	M. S. B. Co. Male Quartette
Flag Unveiling.....	Asst. Scoutmaster W. Fakundiny and Boy Scouts



MUSIC AND COMMUNITY SINGING
INTERSPERSED IN THE PROGRAM.

SUPERVISOR OF SHIPBUILDING U. S. NAVY
MANITOWOC. WISCONSIN

July 2, 1943

Chairman of Dedication Committee
Custerdale Citizen's Club
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Your kind invitation to convey the greetings of the U. S. Navy at the Custerdale Dedication Ceremony on Sunday, July 25, 1943, is very much appreciated, and I accept with pleasure.

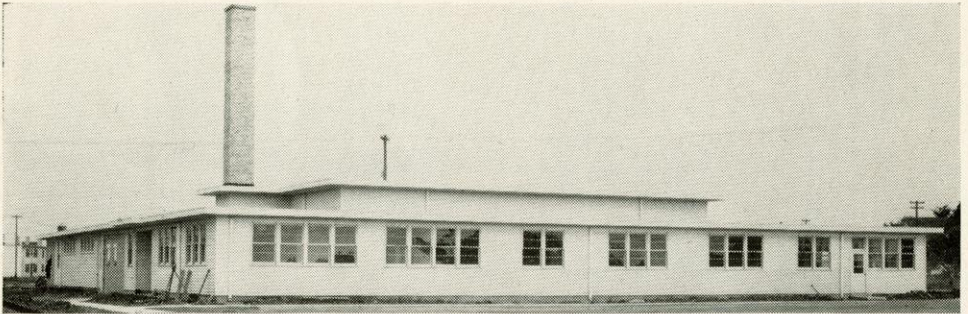
The establishment of Custerdale has undoubtedly been one of the deciding factors in enabling not only the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company to far exceed the expectations of the Navy Department in the construction of submarines, but also enabling all of the industries of the City of Manitowoc to perform vital tasks in connection with the war effort beyond their peace time capacity.

The citizens and management of Custerdale are to be congratulated upon the results of their efforts in establishing an integral neighborly community of people drawn from various sections of the country under the hurry and bustle of war time activity. Very few of these people knew each other prior to arriving in Custerdale, and brought practically no common interests with them from their previous homes, other than the interest of being good Americans. To become a peaceful, hard-working, neighborly community under these conditions in a comparatively short period of time has required cooperation and understanding on the part of both the citizens and the management.

Sincerely yours,

G. C. WEAVER.

"OUR COMMUNITY HOUSE"



With 3000 intelligent people residing around it offering their support and making suggestions—WHO KNOWS? History may be written behind those walls.



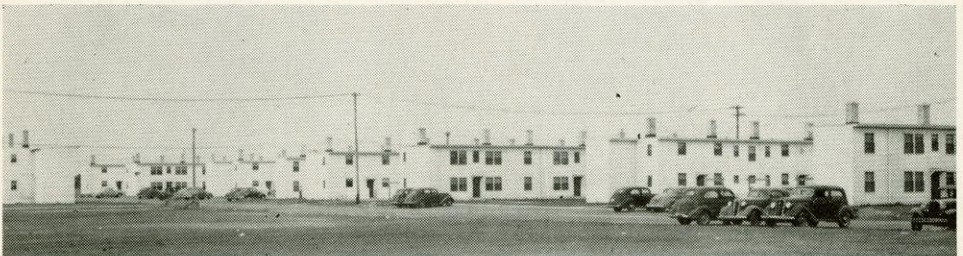
Many residents have invested their own funds by adding small porches and fences to make their house a home.



Mrs. C. Swan enjoys working in her garden while "pop" operates his crane at the ship-yards.

Flo. says:—

*With blistered hands we raised a cheer,
When our first radish did appear.*



A "roads-eye" view of our new home addition.

Typical Custerdale Comments....

I was surprised to find Custerdale as nice as it is.

Well fortified with thoughts of pioneers and hardships suffered by millions of people all over the world. I was prepared to endure almost anything just to help along Victory.

This is of course very far from it. How fortunate we all are to be far away from the battlefields, devastating air bombing, suffering and fear.

Let us be more appreciative and thank God for America.

Mrs. Daniel Teegarden, F 6 L.
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There is an old saying that you cannot please every body which I think is very true even in Custerdale. But when I'm asked what I think of it, quote me "I like it, was never more contented any place I've lived."

Now especially since we have playgrounds for the children and our lovely community building. We have resided here fifteen months and I will say it was a little disheartening at first to see nothing but mud and empty homes but with all the improvements and watching new people move in proved very interesting. And let me say I think we live in the nicest block on the project. Every one of our neighbors are fine people and we find it very simple to live in peace and harmony.

It does my heart good to see the happy bunch of kids making use of the play grounds and when I see them on the Jungle Jims I'm convinced that Darwin was right. I think we Custerdalers have something to boast about, not only do we come under the Navy E for production at the Ship yards, we also rate an E for production at home.

Mrs. J. H. McGill, D 2 R.
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We like Custerdale very very much. We appreciate the modern conveniences in the home. Also the wonderful playground facilities here.

The nice airy rooms, they are sunny and bright.

There is certainly a feeling of security in living in these Custerdale homes that one does not have in the city.

I feel that there would be less criticism of Custerdale by the Manitowoc people if they knew the truth about the pleasant living conditions here.

The city of Manitowoc should make every effort to provide bus service on Sunday in Custerdale for church services.

Mrs. E. Kramer, R 5 L.

Just the fact that the family is together, happy and comfortable is in itself a great privilege.

So we should all be well satisfied with our temporary condition.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tooley, U 7 R.

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The putting of storm windows, storm doors and extra insulation made a very big difference in the living conditions during this last winter, our fuel bill was below \$65.00.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moraveck, G 5 L.

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Find Custerdale very satisfactory. The homes are well planned and easily taken care of. We find it just a fair distance from the heart of the city.

A safe place for the children to play, friendly neighbors, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Hoffman, P 8 L.

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The arrangement of the home is grand for a small family.

The maintenance service is a fine thing. Where else could you find a landlord who is so willing to cooperate with tenants.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman B 1 R.

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"Only place where there are a million kids." Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lutzke, A 3 L.

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We are very satisfied, the homes have all that is necessary for comfortable living. They are compact and efficient, and, we feel the government has done a splendid job of housing in Custerdale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cornwell, T 5 L.

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We have wonderful leaders for our boy scout troop. The children enjoy it very much — everything is good about the T Block.

We have an archery club, lots of fun.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ogaard, T 10 R.

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We appreciate indeed the bus services to and from work. It is \$1.00 a week on a pass or 10c a trip. It saves our car, tires and gas coupons.

I work in the electric shop, our living condition is agreeable with my work.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Tindall, L 3 L.

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Our apartment is comfortable and it gives us a chance of staying with our family a little longer while in the state.

Glen Stamp.

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Mrs. Wm. Selig and Bill spend their leisure hours enjoying their well furnished home.

Mrs. Geo. Theilig preparing George's meals serves them in this cheery kitchen.



"Even the kiddies have their niche."

It's in the taste and layout that makes Mrs. Barnards house a home.



Editors Note:-

To whom it may concern—These are not Fifth Avenue models. — They are the wives of Custerdales war workers.—(see fellows?)

Recreation Program Planned for Custerdale for the 1943 Season

Big Season Ahead

During the summer there will be one director and one directress on the playgrounds to supervise and conduct activities for the adults and children. Playgrounds will be open from 9 to 12, from 1:30 to 5 and from 6 to 8, Monday through Friday.

Daily activities will consist of softball, croquet, horseshoe, basketball, badminton, paddle tennis, turf bowling, volleyball, sand box work, handicraft, story telling, quiet, low and high organized games.

Weekly events will be hikes, weiner roasts, picnics, nature study, softball games, swimming and bicycle trips.

Special events, contests in rope jumping, mumblety-peg, baseball, stunts, peanut scramble, O'leary, paddle tennis, jacks volleyball, horseshoe, hop-scotch, croquet, badge tests and races.

During the fall the program will continue as listed above with fall activities such as touch football and soccer being added.

Supervision of activities during the fall will be during the after from 4 to 5:30 and from 6 to 8 p.m.

Activities planned for the community house will consist of: *Musical groups*, band, chorus and general community singing; *Arts and Crafts*, sewing, weaving, carpentry, cabinet work, etc.; *Dramatics* one act plays and amateur shows; *Social activities* will consist of ballroom and old time dance instruction for adults and young folks and tap dancing for children. There will be social dancing evenings planned week-ends for both teen age youngsters and adults. There will also be club and party activities organized for all age groups.

All activities will be correlated with the City Recreation Program under the supervision of Mr. Laurence Krueger, City Recreational Director.

Health Center—Pre-school clinics will be held in the new community building every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. A doctor and nurse will be in charge. This service is

sponsored by the Junior Service League of Manitowoc.

Library Service—The Manitowoc Public Library will offer a library service twice a week in the room constructed for a library and equipped with book shelves. There will be a librarian in charge and books may be drawn here from selection of approximately one thousand books.

Watch the bulletin board in the lobby for time schedule for all of the above events and services.

From Our Playground Supervisors

The young people here at Custerdale are very fine to work with, enthusiastic and friendly. They enjoy games and competition and play hard to win. At the same time they enjoy quieter games like chess or checkers. They make the most of the opportunities given them to lead fully normal lives even under abnormal war housing conditions.

Director of playgrounds

James G. Magill.

Custerdale is such a friendly place to work, and all of the children put so much of themselves into their activities. They are a grand bunch of youngsters and it is a pleasure working with them.

Anita Biesemeyer.

Custerdale Girls Baseball League

"The competition is pretty great but we plan to bring home the trophy."

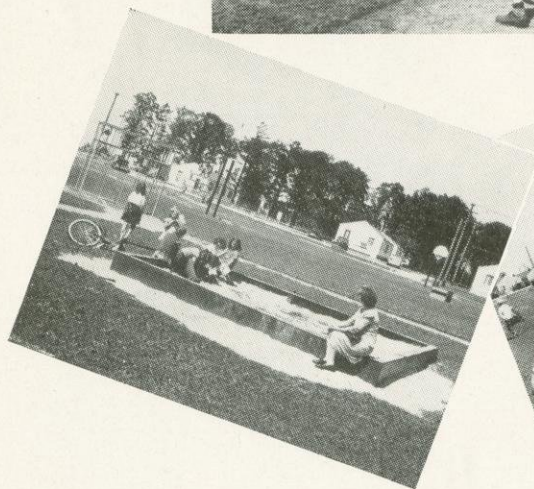
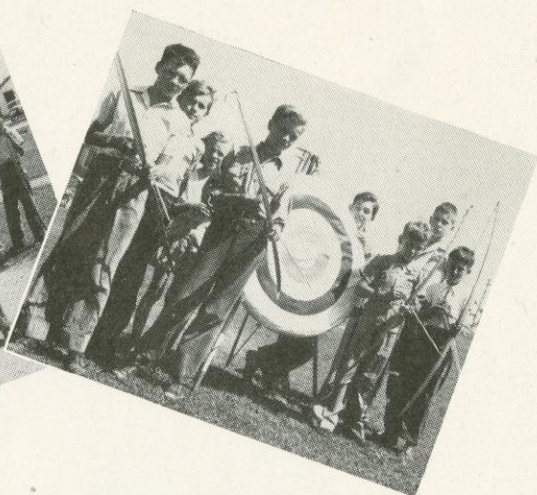
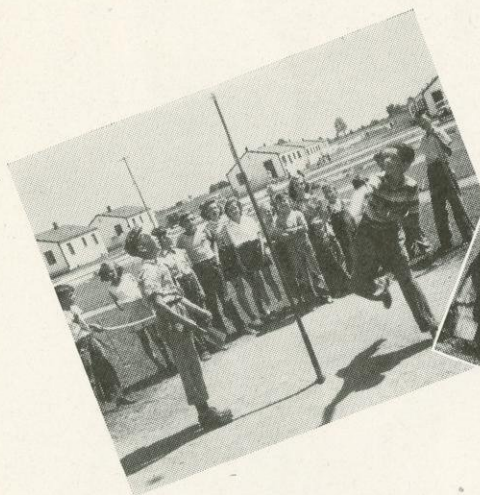
Gloria Poppy	Florence Teegarden
Loraine Schroeder	Winona Skinadore
Joan Devroy	Betty Klein
Alberta Green	Betty Deglow
Margy Culver	Kathleen Larson
Lois Culver	Corleta Green
	Rose Lambries

Money is worthless in occupied countries. Don't let your indifference and neglect make your money valueless. Buy more War Bonds.

Flo. says:—

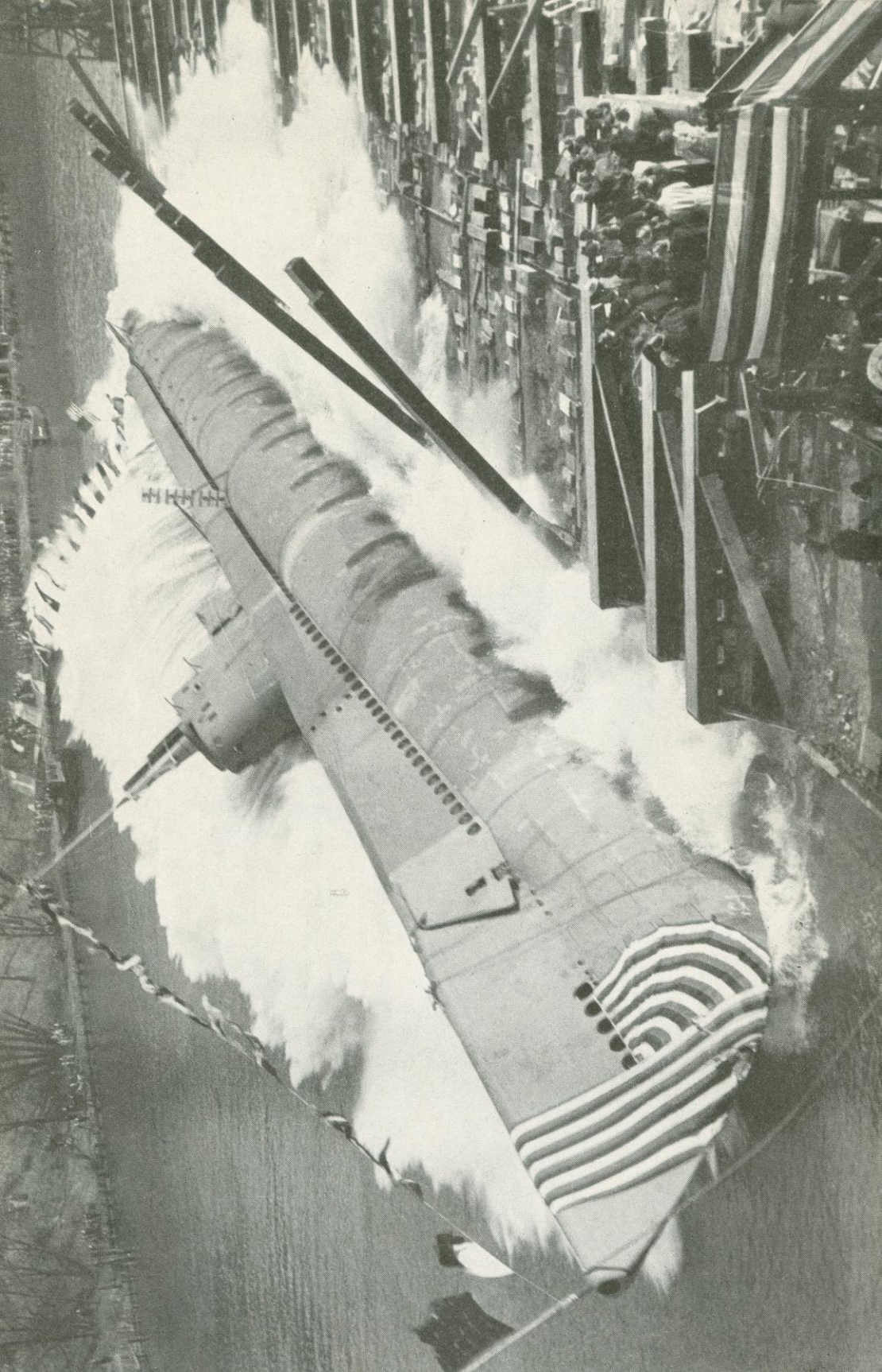
"Bouncing along with a clank and a leap,
Comes the Custerdale bus, alias Custerdale Jeep."

Kids Really Relax at Custerdale



Flo. says:—

*Don't let 'em kid you that life is stale,
The way we live it in Custerdale.*



The Training Program of the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company

The Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company, in converting from peacetime to war time production, was confronted by a tremendous expansion of facilities, working, executive, and office staff upon contracting with the United States Navy in September, 1940, for the construction of 10 submarines.

Since July of that year, the Manitowoc School of Vocational and Adult Education had actively engaged in training workers for essential defense industries, and was naturally interested in aiding, to the best of its ability, the training and recruiting of labor for the yards as the largest war contractor in the vicinity.

Close cooperation of the training activities at the Vocational School and placement activities of the Wisconsin State Employment Service had been worked out between Fred. W. Towne, Coordinator, and Paul Callahan, Manager of the W. S. E. S. Both agencies cooperated with the shipyards in placing persons trained at the School, and in finding out the fields of activity in which training should be concentrated.

Company officials cooperated with the school Coordinator to enlarge the apprenticeship program to the proper proportions. Officers of the Metal Trades Unions agreed to remove certain restrictions which had limited this activity, and the program developed here to a point where it was written up by the Federal Apprenticeship Committee.

Some very fine potential tradesmen had been developed from the High School graduates who had taken special training at the school during the lean years just preceding. The Machine Shop was one of the first to make an extended use of this material. The success of these young men in the early stages of the program prepared the minds of the Yard officials to still further utilize vocationally trained personnel.

In June, 1941, Mr. C. C. West, President of the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company, arranged with Mr. A. L. Nimtz, Director of the Vocational School, to allow Mr. Towne to work as "Apprentice-Learner Coordinator", who, in turn, cooperated with the Employment department in expanding the working force to see that properly trained workers were available, and that proper consideration and follow-up was received after they reached the job. In September, 1941, the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company asked the Vocational School to make the necessary arrangements to allow the coordinator to continue with the yards on in-plant training. The increasing demands for skilled labor thus enlisted the full cooperation with the United States Employment Service with other schools in the area also furnishing many of our employees. Cooperation with the plant foremen helped to develop programs of work designed to develop new workers into specialists.

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Custerdale On
"The Air Lanes"
Over WOMT



More of Custerdale's Comments

Friendliness An Asset

One of Custerdale's most valuable asset is the friendliness and homelike neighborliness among its residents.

To most of us Custerdale is certainly a temporary home at best and this neighborliness is surely appreciated and is a bright spot in our war-disrupted lives.

Custerdale's Boy Scout organization with its expert leadership, has provided our son with much valuable education, recreation and guidance.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gassere.

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We like it here because there is not any dirt or smoke from the factories.

And we have all the sunshine and fresh air we want for our little girl.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Barnard, Q 2 R.

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We have lived in Manitowoc all of our lives, and, we have not been able to find a decent place to live in with four children.

When we came out here they did not make any issue of having a family, they took us, and, I would like to have any body show me where I can get a 4-room home with all modern equipment in it for \$30.00 a month in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dubey Q 12 R.

We like it here because we always lived in furnished apartments. We like the yard, it is the first real home that we have had.

The neighbors are very friendly.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Core, Q 10 R.

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After I quit feeling sorry for myself for having to move away from my relatives, friends and church I found that Custerdale was a very friendly place to live in.

In view of all the sacrifices our boys are making "over there" who are we to complain about anything?

Mrs. Edgar White, K 4 L.

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We appreciate bus transportation to and from school. It is safe and very satisfactory.

The interest the people show in Victory gardens is gratifying.

We are looking forward to the opening of the recreation hall, it will be fine for every one.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Frye, P 6 R.

Custerdale War Bond purchases are said to be among the best per capita. Let's increase them still more.

**From Organized Labor
of Manitowoc**

GREETINGS:

It is proper and fitting at this time, when the world is at war to preserve democracy and to insure perpetual peace for all times when victory is won; that communities like Custerdale should be given credit and consideration and especially in Manitowoc where all defense workers, who are residing in Custerdale; are members of some Labor Organization; faithfully and sincerely making every effort, to do their share to help win the war and to uphold good working conditions for themselves and their families.

The officers and delegates representing affiliated Unions of the Central Labor Council in Manitowoc, congratulate the Union Members and their families of Custerdale for their loyalty to their Country and to the Organized Labor Movement.

Manitowoc Central Labor Council,
Arthur Schmeichel, Pres.
Julius Doubek, Sec'y.

To guarantee your present safety and safeguard your heritage, buy more War Bonds.

Are you buying War Bonds, or, are you a sab cat?

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our appreciation of the supervised activities planned for the children of Custerdale. Also, we give three hearty cheers for the proposed kindergarten plan in the new Community Building. Just "looking and listening" we almost believe a kindergarten in each block wouldn't be any too many.

We, the women, would like something done about our next big problem, the "bored husbands"—the variety who doesn't go in for sports and has several leisure hours to get 'fed up' in. He can't pull a chair out on the porch—watching him teetering in a rocker on our dinky porch would be as bad as watching him balance on the top of a Jungle Jim. How about a community garage where the men could take turns in tinkering with their once beautiful family buses, to the tune of theories on the proper method of weaning a car from gasoline? We believe some worthwhile ideas might be forthcoming from such a communal project concerning the transportation problem, and what is to be done when our four 'good' tires gently give their last gasp and the poor thing lands on solid earth at last.

It could be called, Custerdale Community's Cussing-Car Garage, or could it?

Signed—Mrs. M. F. Beyer, C 12 R.

G R E E T I N G S
Manitowoc Chamber of Commerce

Manitowoc business welcomes this opportunity to thank the residents of Custerdale for their past patronage and sincerely hope that our pleasant relationships may continue for a long time. We hope that you like Manitowoc and after the war will find it possible to continue as a resident of our fair city.

Manitowoc is a growing and thriving industrial community and know it will continue its forward progress when the war ceases. Manitowoc stores, financial institutions, and professional men will continue their efforts to give you better merchandise and better service at reasonable prices. While the war has curtailed our activities, we will continue to serve you to the best of our ability. Whether you have been with us for a few weeks, few months, or a year or more, we know that you have found that Manitowoc is a fine community in which to live, work, and play.



Boy Scouts

At an early meeting of the Citizen's Club it was felt that there was a need for a boy scout troop. A committee was appointed, and through their efforts a troop was organized. Mr. A. E. Core was appointed scoutmaster, with Mr. George E. Theilig and Mr. Walter Fakundiny to assist him. These three then participated in a series of training courses to better enable them to carry out the scout activities.

On January 31, 1943 Troop 16 was granted its charter. The activities that the troop has participated in are several waste paper collections, tin can collections, the planting of trees, messenger boys for the Office of War Information, and fourteen boys have volunteered for Cherry Camp. They have also gone on several hikes including an overnight hike to Camp Sinawa. A First Aid team participated in a Regional Meet with high honors. Fifteen boys have also spent a week at Camp Sinawa.

Our greatest problem has been the lack of an adequate meeting place, but when we resume our regular meetings we hope to have overcome this difficulty.

The leaders appreciate the cooperation the Citizen's Club has given them and appreciate the fine cooperation received from the boys. It is with this feeling that the success of Troop 16 is assured.

Girl Scouts

Many Custerdale girls have entered the girl scout organization and hoping to establish their own troop here. They now meet down town at other troop meetings, any girl interested please notify the management office.

Cub Scouts

The Cub Scouts will no doubt get a new start now that the Community Building will be open to them for some of their meetings. Let's get all the young boys in this group to prepare themselves for the Boy Scouts.

Leisure Time and Guidance

Recreation is essential for our well-being.

The problem for adequate recreational facilities for young and old, is always intimately connected with a housing project, with the family, with social virtues, and with good citizenship.

To maintain physical, mental and moral fitness, our life must certainly not be a mere round of work, eating and sleep. It is essential that we have leisure time to spend as we think fit. Children who have more leisure time than adults, must have adequate and efficiently supervised recreational facilities. This will allow the adults more time to engage in essential occupation.

The manner in which the children spend their leisure time will greatly influence their own spiritual welfare, the welfare of the community and the general welfare of the nation.

Unless we provide for this wholesome means of occupation of youth, "the devil will find work for idle hands to do."

Recreational society comes next in importance to educational society.

Rev. Edward A. Radey.

"A Word to the Wise"

"And that, my son, was how the first World War was won."

"But, Pop, why did they need all the other soldiers?"

Speaking of radio—there are a lot of funsters on the ether who should be under it.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank Mesdames Dubey, Monson, Beyer, Fischer, Litersky, Reynolds and McGill for their excellent assistance in the gathering of news for this program.

The Government's War Housing Program

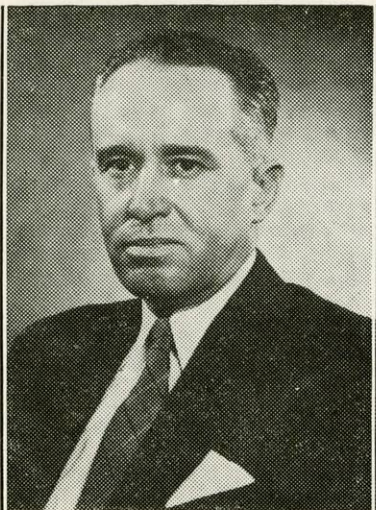
Custerdale is a portion of the large Public War Housing program of the Federal Government. It contains 650 family units which, when fully occupied, will house approximately 2,200 people.

Herbert Emmerich, Commissioner, Federal Public Housing Authority, recently commented as follows:

"The public war housing program of the Federal Government contains about 676,000 units, of which 493,000 are family dwellings, 150,000 are dormitories and 33,000 are trailers. 317,000 units, or nearly half the program, have been completed and are occupied. The remainder are rapidly approaching completion. This program will eventually house nearly two million people.

Current production of public war housing is at a rate of between thirty and thirty-five thousand units per month. Almost all of them are temporary so that we are producing twice as many a month as a year ago with the same amount of critical materials and money.

Where not otherwise available, shopping centers, clinics, cafeterias, recreation facilities, and other equipment necessary to community life are provided in the projects. In other words, we are producing every month units and facilities which in total are the equivalent of a city of nearly 100,000 population."



Orvil R. Olmsted, Regional Director, Federal Public Housing Authority, Region VI, Chicago, Illinois.

AIR RAID WARDENS

Some time back, your editor asked what became of our Air Raid Wardens. It didn't take long before I was told. It is with pleasure that we inform you all that our Air Raid Wardens are now 69 in number. The organization is comprised of 1 Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant, 3 Co-Sergeants, 21 Corporals, 40 Block Men, 2 Aux. Firemen and 1 Fire Watcher. The picture below is a group of some of the Corporals, Sergeants and Lieutenants.



Lt. John McGill assures us that just as soon as our building is open we will hear a good deal from them. The activities will be numerous and interesting. Their first aid courses are nearing completion and other training courses will follow. There has also been some mention of social activities sponsored by them.

We urge all "Custerdaleians" to support this group of residents who are volunteering their time and effort for your protection.

A siren is being installed at the Calumet Railroad Yards which will serve the Seventh Ward. This has been installed because the other city sirens are not audible here.

Equipment for fire fighting and gas masks have been received, but have not yet been issued. However, the O. C. D. assures us that they will be issued soon.

From the Office

"We have found a spirit of friendliness and cooperation in our association with the residents of Custerdale, which has made our work very pleasant."

CUSTERDALE STAFF,

Miss Irene Erickson	Ernest H. Suhr
Mrs. Ethel Anderson	Rupert W. Metzner
Miss Elaine Schmitt	Thomas M. Stilp
Miss Caroline Kreimann	Thomas Thompson
Miss Gertrude Berkholtz	John Tesnow
Orville Mitchell	ree

"Like a Village in the City"

We have no small children but we enjoy the conveniences of the home and the fine services here.

We have half-hour bus service, 5 cents fare to and from town.

Custerdale is more like a little village in itself and with our new community building it will be complete.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kubasta, B 13 L.
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We lived in with our inlaws before we moved here and it is the first home we have had. We are just in love with it.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritzgerald Q 2 L.
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We are especially pleased to see how much the appearance of Custerdale has improved since we moved here, November 1, 1941, the very first day of the opening of the project.

As a whole we find our neighbors are congenial and we are well satisfied.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Huggett, K 11 R.
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We like the playground facilities for the children.

We like the smiling women in Custerdale.

The T block is very accommodating in borrowing seeing there is no store in Custerdale. Mr. and Mrs. K. Guehlstorf, T 6 L.
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The neighbors of the T block have a card club started.

We are very neighborly. Luncheon and refreshments are served and we enjoy a nice evening together.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Shroeder, T 6 R.
* * * * *

We started a sewing club in the T block. We now have 12 members, in this way we become well acquainted with our neighbors.

I especially like the game room for the older children.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Allbright, T 13 R.
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Here in Custerdale, the children are so free, the playgrounds are close to each home and they have ample play space. It keeps the children from roads and driveways.

No worry either of children crossing busy streets to and from school. The school bus service is very satisfactory and free.

Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Reiter, H 3 R.
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We like our heating system, the house is easily heated and reasonably.

We enjoy our garden.

We find that it has been nice for our

little boy to learn to mix with other children. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Weidner, U 3 R.
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We are planning to be here for the duration.

We like Custerdale, have enjoyed our corner very much. We have a beautiful yard and garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Green, U 14 R.
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The yards are kept nicely and look very nice. I like to give credit for this fine maintenance work to the young high school boys working on the project.

We are formerly from Washington D. C. Mr. and Mrs. J. Pedal, S 16 R.
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We have been here 1 year and one-half, have enjoyed living in Custerdale.

We have pleasant surroundings and nice neighbors.

We have a lovely yard and enjoy working in it.

It has been very enjoyable to meet people and make friends from all over the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. William Selig, U 10 L.
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The Custerdale units are by far more modern and comfortable than those available for rent in the city proper.

Also children and dogs are allowed to live in Custerdale.

We are formerly from Washington D. C. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Klos, S 9 L.

To the Custerdale Citizen's Club and the Management:-

Greetings and good wishes to our friends and fellow citizens at Custerdale from pastors and congregations affiliated with the Manitowoc County Ministerial Association!

We have enjoyed knowing the good people of Custerdale and wish to assure them of a cordial welcome always in any of our churches.

Some of you we know well. Others we would like to know better.

Please feel free to call upon us at any time when we could be of service to you.

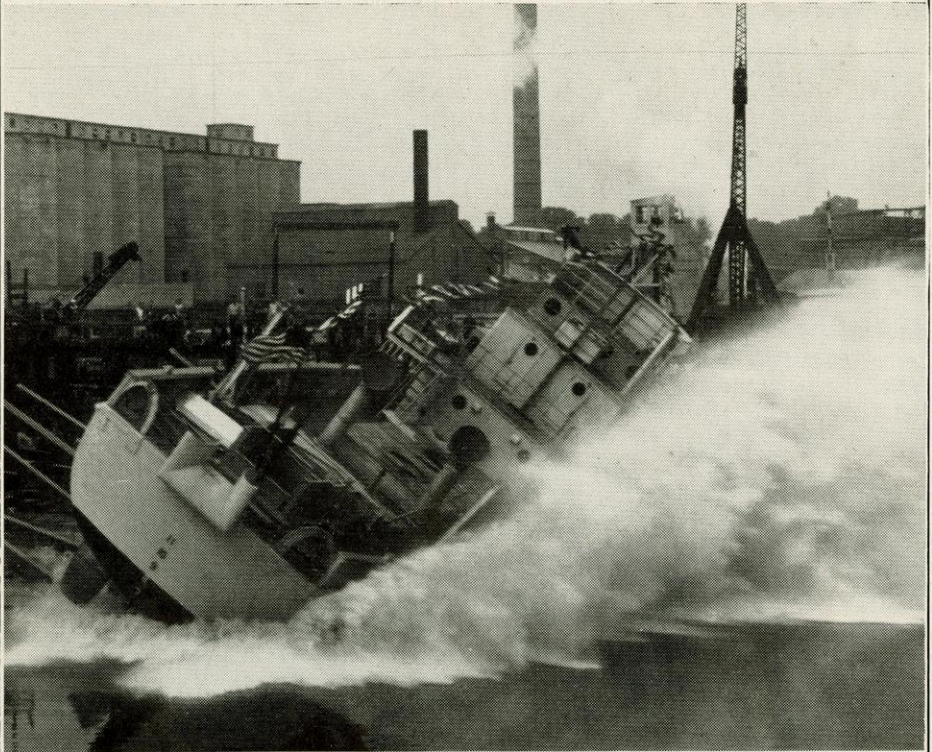
When you come to our churches, keep in mind these words:-

*"If aften kirk ye bide a wee,
There's some wad like to speak to ye.
If aften kirk ye rise and hlee,
We'll all seem cold and stiff to ye."*

We extend congratulations at this time of dedication of the administration building and community house.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Carl E. Hagen,
President, Manitowoc County
Ministerial Ass'n.



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ALL OUT FOR VICTORY

The Burger Boat Company was established in 1892 and have been in business continuously for the past fifty years and at the present employ 450 Administrative and Productive hands.

Normally, business finds the Burger Ship Yard building and repairing commercial and pleasure craft from 30' up to 200' over all length and for the past 17 years have been building both wood and steel vessels.

Now, as in World War I, it is an all out defense yard whose present activities are confined to the construction of Naval vessels consisting of 110' and 136' Subchasers, 136' Minesweepers, and 165' ocean-going Tugs.

BURGER BOAT COMPANY
MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN

Training Program— More Courses

Additional training programs were started; some within the yards, and some at the Vocational School, such as blue print reading, marine machinist instruction, welding training, sheet metal classes, pattern-making, and drafting. This training, in cooperation with lead-men in the various departments assisted new workers in becoming familiar with their jobs through materially speeding up the first constructional achievements. Other training programs were made possible under the "Engineering, Science, Management Defense Training Program," in cooperation with the Vocational School and the University of Wisconsin's Extension Division. Later, the "Training Within Industry" division of the Office of Production Management lent its assistance. In this light, a group of men did splendid work in popularizing the "Job Instructor Training", and more than 400 yard employees participated voluntarily in this program, which aided greatly in breaking-in new employees on-the-job.

With increased submarine commitments, plus the Landing Barge program, additional welders had to be secured. Qualifications were reduced from the strict Navy vertical test standard, and many welders were introduced to the field of ship welding who later had to be up-graded by supplementary training offered at the Vocational School. Foremen and inspectors were drafted to serve as welding instructors, and many of our present first-class welders reached that level much more quickly due to the additional training.

After considerable reorganization in plant set-up, it became known that the local labor supply had been pretty completely absorbed. Bus service was arranged for by the management, and increasing numbers of employees were recruited from Two Rivers, Sheboygan, Green Bay, Kaukauna, Appleton, Neenah-Menasha and Kewaunee. The Custerdale Housing Project was soon filled with new families and additional housing units were arranged for by the cooperation of the management and the government.

Continued drains on our personnel by the armed services made participation in the Manning Table Plan necessary. The problem of training replacements thus became prominent. The Manning Table was

approved May 7th, 1943 requiring continuous checking and inventorying of our personnel.

Gasoline rationing which became effective in December, 1943 (automatically developed a change in the training program. The management recognized that this meant a change in policy, and that greater dependence had to be placed on in-plant training.

The result of the change developed in two new offerings; one, a series of Foremen and Leader Conferences conducted by Mr. Towne, the other, a Job Planning series conducted for the Outside Machinists by Victor Brookins, Jr., to work out standard procedures. This work still continues.

The "Job Methods Training" is just being introduced, and will be a paid training program, but will be conducted on off-shift time, preferably at the Vocational School. Improvements of methods may be expected to result, and the persons taking this training will learn an old technique in thinking through a job, so streamlined that everyone can make use of it.

Pipe-fitters are now taking up acetylene welding in new classes just formed. Office workers have started training under M. W. Brose which will aid them in grasping more fully difficult portions of their work. We are about to resume the training of welders within our plant. A new group of employees are receiving training from Les "Scotty" Rapiere at the Vocational School, during the second shift. These workers are transferred to the Main shop to replace those leaving for various causes.

APPRECIATION

I wish to heartily thank the sponsors of this issue of the Comment, whose understanding and public spiritedness has made it possible.

Manitowoc Shipbuilding Co.
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—Your Editor.

REMEMBER CUSTERDALE

Custerdale came into sight
 As fast as mushroom grow in the night.
 Five room houses in a row
 Where many folks come and go.
 Some come, a year to stay,
 Others, in a few months, move away.
 We are not here to build a city with lights
 that gleam,
 Or join the highest gayety and make a
 scene.
 We are at Custerdale to give a hand,
 In building ships and subs to defend
 our land.
 Some folks drive miles to look us over,

To go home and say We are living in
 clover.
 In many a window you will see,
 A service flag for one, and maybe three.
 They are the boys who will fight till the
 last,
 So its up to Custerdale to hold fast.
 When day is done, and peace is won,
 Custerdale shall vanish as quickly as it
 had come.
 And may God have answered all our
 prayers,
 Prayers we begged for on Custerdale's
 Golden stairs. Beth Kyle, B 9 L.



HONOR ROLL

"The loved ones of Custerdale's families in the armed forces. May the Lord guide them to an early and righteous victory so that they may again return to their homes."

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Figure It Out For Yourself...



When the city of Tokyo was shaken by the bombs of Jimmy Doolittle's flyers' America had started to avenge the Americans who gave their lives at Pearl Harbor and Bataan. Remember how we all wondered from which airbase Jimmy Doolittle and his men took off? Japan was mystified, too. Right after the bombing, our President said that the planes got their start from SHANGRI-LA. And Tokyo will be bombed again from another SHANGRI-LA. It all depends on you . . . and every American. You see, we are getting ready to build a mystery ship called the SHANGRI-LA. This mystery Aircraft Carrier will be built with the extra War Stamps every American buys this month. Get your extra War Stamps today and help build the SHANGRI-LA. Remind every member of your family to buy extra War Stamps. Get them from your retail store, your motion picture theater or your newspaper boy. Join every American — buy those extra War Stamps today.

Gangway for the SHANGRI-LA. Tokyo here we come again!