63 Defense Homes to Be Built Here

Development Will Be Launched on Kirsch Tract in Mattydale

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Houses to Cost $4,500 in $500,000 Project; Work Starts Soon

The largest single home development program approved by the Federal Housing Administration in its Albany district since the designation of certain communities as "defense housing areas" will be launched on the outskirts of Syracuse as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

Sixty-three defense homes are to be built in the Kirsch tract, in the Mattydale section, under Title 6 of the National Housing Act, Donald T. Pomeroy, president of the Pomeroy Organization, Inc., announced yesterday, following a conference here with State FHA officials. The homes are to cost $4,500, making the entire project, with the land involved, one involving approximately $500,000.

Thomas G. Grace, State director of the FHA, and Roy S. Smith, director of the Albany office, personally delivered 63 FHA commitments to Mr. Pomeroy yesterday and simultaneously inspected the site of the new houses with the builders, Schopfer Brothers, Inc., and the architect, John Cole.

The new project will consist of the 63 individual houses, each containing a full basement, with a large living room, kitchen, two bedrooms and bath on the first floor. Space will be available in the attic in which two additional bedrooms may be finished off later if desired. Attached to each house will be a one-car garage. The size of the main structure will be 24 feet by 30 feet.

Fred and Clarence Schopfer, who own and operate Schopfer Brothers, which has contracted to build the development, have built houses in Syracuse for 20 years. Up to 1930, they conducted extensive building operations in the Court Street area, building many blocks of homes at that time in the area around Maplehurst and Harding Streets.

More recently, their operations have largely centered in the building of an entire street of houses along Wally Road, just off the Watertown Road before entering North Syracuse. In spite of the fact that these will be "low cost" defense homes, they will be well constructed and will meet FHA requirements in every respect, according to Fred Schopfer. They will contain all the usual features of the average home.

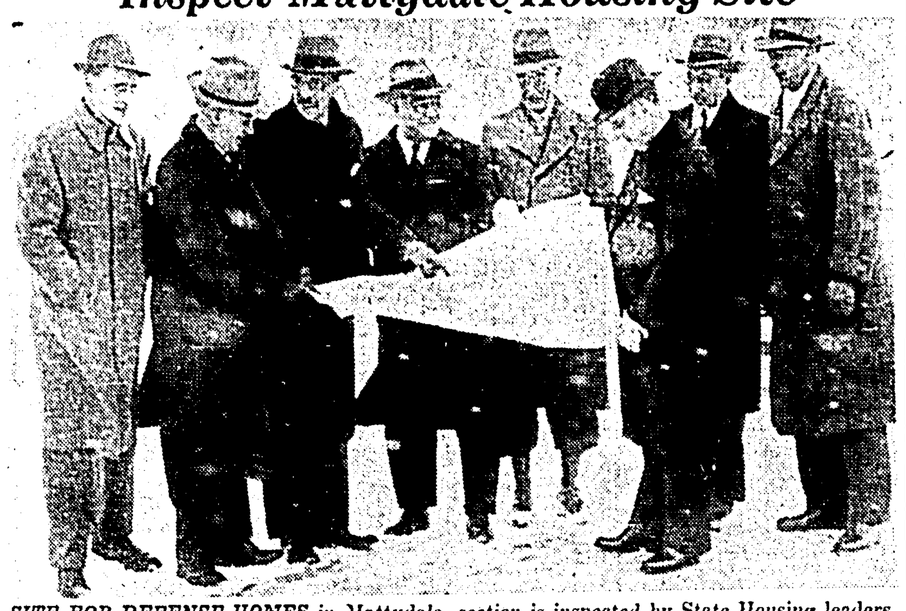
Financing of the project was arranged by Samuel N. McCain, of the Pomeroy Organization, through its mortgage department. All mortgages are insured by FHA under Defense Housing Title 6, and will be held by a savings bank and serviced by the Pomeroy concern. Title 6 authorizes insurance of mortgages up to 90 per cent of FHA valuation of new property in cases where the builder is the mortgagor. The builder may thereafter either rent or sell, subject to the insured mortgage. Title 6 property is restricted to areas "in which the President shall find that an acute shortage of housing exists or impends which would impede national defense activities." Syracure has been so designated.

This entire project will be owned by Kirschwood, Inc., a company formed for the purpose and supported by local capital, according to Mr. Pomeroy. The land was purchased from John Kirsch, who also owns the adjoining property, and is a part of the original Kirsch farm. Located in the Mattydale section, it has the community advantage of the enlarged Mattydale school and fire protection, as well as stores and a movie theater. It is within reasonable distance of defense activities.

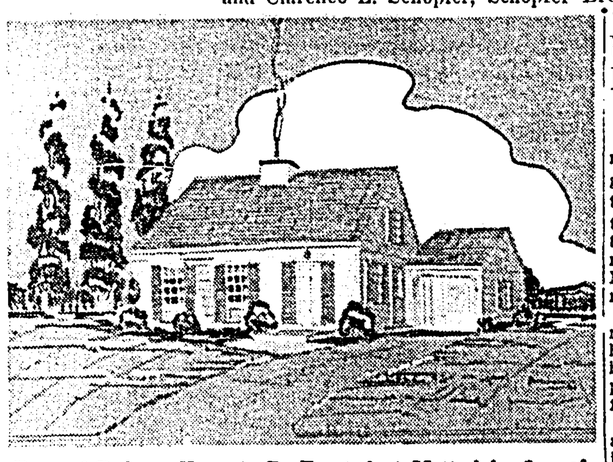
The houses will be located along Kirsch Drive, Leonard Street and Molloy Road, two blocks from Brewerton Road leading to North Syracuse.

Officials of the town of Salina, Mr. Pomeroy states, and all other local interests have been more than cooperative in helping to work out this defense housing project. It is anticipated that the entire project will be made available for rental purposes at a price of about $40 a month.

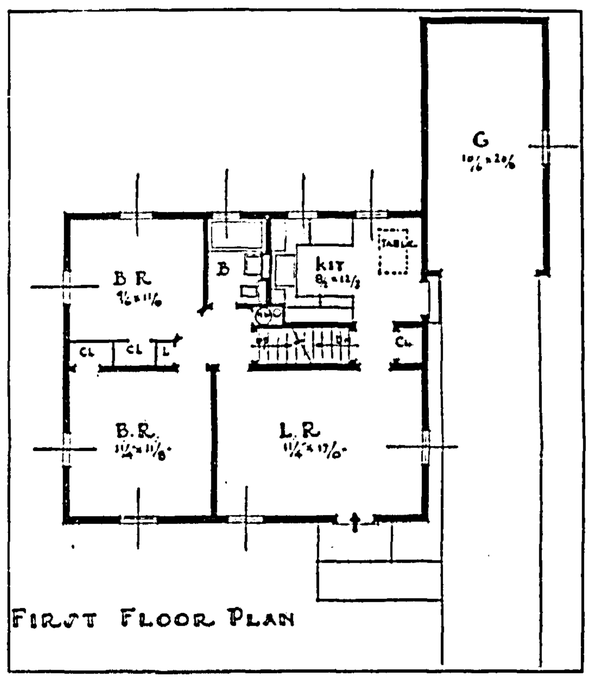
Inspect Mattydale Housing Site



SITE FOR DEFENSE HOMES in Mattydale section is inspected by State Housing leaders and interested Syracusans. Left to right are: John Cole, architect; Samuel N. McCain, treasurer and Donald T. Pomeroy, president, Pomeroy Organization, Inc.; Roy S. Smith, director, FHA Albany office; Fred L. Schopfer, of Schopfer Brothers, Inc., builders; Thomas G. Grace of New York City, State FHA director; Robert J. Conan, Pomeroy vice president, and Clarence L. Schopfer, Schopfer Brothers.



Type of Defense Home to Be Erected at Mattydale, One of 63 Homes in Kirsch Tract Development Program



Floor Plan of $4,500 Home Designed for Defense Development by Architect John Cole

Second Corps Area Heads Nation for Army Recruiting

For the third time since war was declared, the Second Corps Area heads the entire country for volunteer recruiting in the United States Army for the week ending Feb. 15, Col. Arthur Boettcher, commanding the Northwestern New York Recruiting District, announced last night.

Detailed figures were not made public, it being the policy of the War Department not to release figures on the number of volunteers accepted.

It was stated, however, that the Northwestern district reported the greatest number of volunteer enlistments for January in its history.

The Second Corps Area embraces New York City and the states of New York, New Jersey and Delaware.

Dr. Cole Planning Special Services

A series of Sunday services has been planned for presentation in University Methodist Church during the Lenten season by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Wilson G. Cole.

The series begins today with observance of "Victory Begun Sunday," at which time the victory cross, now in its fourth year, will be presented. Each year an increasing number of members have contributed to the victory cross fund campaign.

Other services are planned as follows: March 1, "Victory Achieved Sunday;" March 8, Family Sunday; March 15, Pastor's Sunday, in observance of the sixth anniversary of Dr. Cole's pastorate; March 22, Women's Sunday; March 29, Palm Sunday, and April 5, Easter Sunday.

U. S. Defense Work In Washington Short Of Stenographers

Junior stenographers are still needed in great numbers in the governmental bureaus at Washington, D. C., and emergency examinations each week are being held in the Postoffice Building to fill this need, according to G. Graham Newstead, U. S. Civil Service secretary.

More than 75 per cent of the men and women examined here have now found positions in Washington, he announced, without experiencing any great difficulty in finding adequate housing.

Opportunities for advancement are many after one reaches Washington, the first advancement taking place in salary following their probational period. Supervisory officers recognize efficiency quickly with promotion to a senior grade of $1,660.

The starting salary is $1,440 yearly. The dictation is now 80 words a minute, lowest in the history of Federal examinations and typing speed is proportionately lowered.

"We are ready to advise and give all possible information on this phase of national defense," Mr. Newstead said.

County Receives $563,559 School Aid

Onondaga County district schools will share $563,559 in State aid to schools for the first half of the current school year. A check covering State aid has been received by County Treasurer Nicholas M. Pirro and will be distributed to the towns and school districts. Included is $1,878 for the County Vocational Education and Extension Board.

Town Hall Holds Forum On Tuesday

"Come Prepared to Ask Questions" Public Told; Experts to Be Present

"Come prepared to ask questions?" is the message that the Town Hall of Syracuse, Inc., sends to the public regarding its "old fashioned town meeting" to be held in the Mizpah Auditorium at 8 P.M. Tuesday to discuss the subject "After Victory—What About Our Democracy?"

The plan is to have a number of authorities speak for various sections of the people and then let the audience "go to it" with questions that the experts will endeavor to answer. The meeting is intended to bring from the minds of the people themselves their thoughts about the tremendous job which will be on our hands even after the enormous task of winning the war is brought to a conclusion. Questions will be oral, not written, as in former open forums.

C. Grove Haines, professor of history at Syracuse University, will discuss the question briefly from the viewpoint of history. Other speakers will be:

Anthony A. Henninger, president of the New Process Gear Company, on industry; Miss Flora M. Thurston, professor of home economics, Cornell University, on the home; Fred H. Hyatt, Marcellus nurseryman, on agriculture; Dr. Meredith B. Givens, of New York City, director of research and statistics, State Department of Labor, on labor.

Mr. Henninger was designated for the program by the National Association of Manufacturers. Mr. Givens will represent the State Department of Labor. E. R. Vadeboncoeur, of WSYR, will act as moderator.

Onondaga County industries, farm groups, Syracuse University and other institutions are cooperating to make Tuesday a "big night" in Town Hall history. It is expected to be the most exciting meeting the organization has held yet.

Camp Fire Girls To Stage Winter Play Day Monday

The second annual Camp Fire Girls' Winter Play Day will take place Monday at Highland Park, in line with the health building program.

Mrs. Myron C. Todd is chairman of the affairs and Mr. Todd, head of the physical education department at Vocational High School, will supervise skating races, skiing events, outdoor cook-outs, tobogganing, coasting, and snow sculpturing. Miss Mildred Faust of Syracuse University will direct nature tramps throug the woods.

Health craft honor beads for participating in the activities will be awarded. Buses will leave Clinton Square at 9:30 A. M.

Speaker

DR. M. B. GIVENS

Labor Zionist Youth to Be Hosts Today

Second Annual Regional Conference Held by Habonim Order

Syracuse Habonim, Labor Zionist Youth, will be host to the second annual regional conference of the organization today at the Jewish Folk School, 121 Monroe Street.

Miss Jeanette Bronstein of Buffalo will preside at the morning session. Josh Goldberg and Daniel Owerbach of Rochester will discuss organizational problems, while Hans Blum of Syracuse will speak on camp activity.

Yechiel Schwartz of Albany will be chairman of the afternoon session and David Schreiber of Rochester will speak on defense activity. Irwin Franklin of Syracuse will discuss work of the Zionist Youth councils.

Educational work in Habonim will be the subject of Shalom Wurm of Palestine.

The meeting will close with a trip to Drumlins for winter sports. At a dinner in the evening Benjamin Edward Bedow, executive director of Habonim activity, will speak on "Jewish Participation in the Revolutionary War." He is a lineal descendant of Haym Solomon, friend of George Washington and financier for the American Revolution.

Members of the committee in charge of arrangements for the meeting are Marvin Barish, Howard Agronin, Miss Renee Engel, Miss Channa Etta Yallow, Miss Florence Kalmanofsky, Jonah Shapiro, Miss Esther Coplon, William Feldman, Miss Dorothy Franklin, Jerome Miller, Miss Evelyn Cohn and Miss Laura Lapidus.

War Is Not Hampering City Convention Trade

The war and transportation problems incidental to it are not hampering Syracuse's convention business in any way, Harold M. Day, manager of the convention bureau, Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday.

Syracuse is to be the site of the 1942 New York State American Legion convention, and while that meeting is not to be held until August, Mr. Day already has received 200 reservations from various places in the State.

Entries for competitions to be held in connection with the convention are coming in daily, and the indications are that the parade will be long and colorful in the best American Legion tradition.

Many other conventions are being scheduled for Syracuse for the remainder of the year. Among them will be a State meeting of Y. M. C. A. secretaries and their staffs at Hotel Syracuse on May 1 and 2. Mr. Day received notification of that convention yesterday.

Because of tire and automobile rationing, Mr. Day said he expected many delegates coming to Syracuse this year will take trains instead of driving.

German-American Societies to Hold Washington Dinner

Members of the United German-American Societies of Syracuse will hold a George Washington dinner at 6 P. M. today at Turn Hall.

Otto Werner will be general chairman, and Robert Anderson will be toastmaster. Guest speaker will be Daniel Kelly, assistant district attorney. The Rev. Dr. E. L. Keller, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, will give the invocation.

Members of the Arion Ladies' Singing Society will offer several selections. A large portrait of Washington will be decorated with American flags donated by A. C. Schumacher. Mr. Schumacher will present an American flag and staff to members of the Singing Society.

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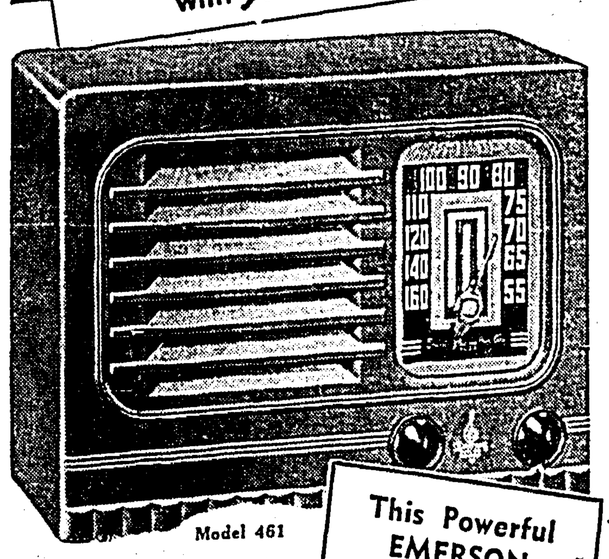

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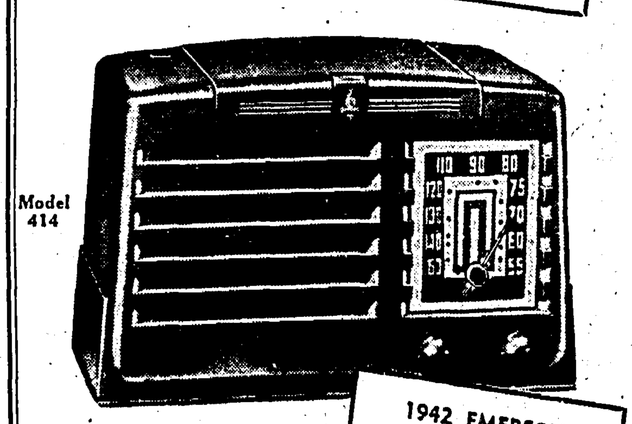

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