

# SYRACUSE

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## CONVENTION CITY



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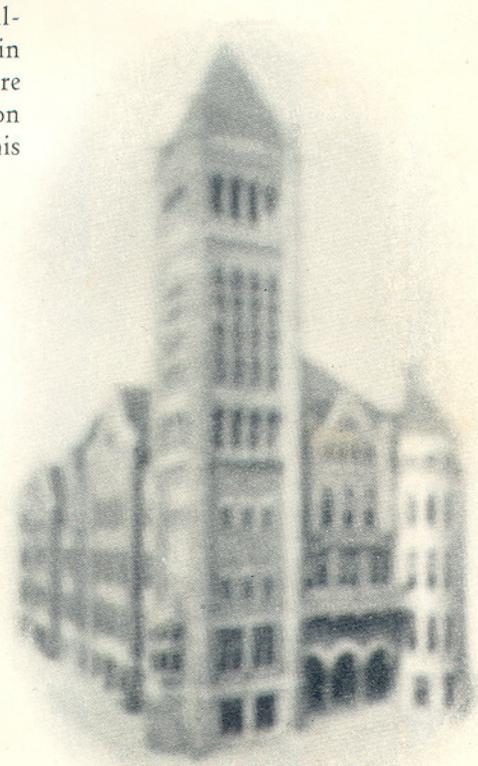
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**H**OSPITALITY finds its true meaning in Syracuse. For many years Syracuse has been world famous for the manner in which it has entertained its guests. In Syracuse a guest immediately feels that its people are taking him into their hearts to make sure that his stay is both pleasant and profitable.

Syracuse has had much experience in handling large crowds. For many years it has been the home of the great New York State Fair, one of the greatest expositions of its kind in America. Such conventions as the World's Dairy Congress, the American Foundrymen's Association, State Democratic, the Elks, Knights of Columbus, etc., have proven Syracuse's ability to care for meetings of major importance.

For smaller meetings, the fact that many organizations return to Syracuse year after year, without solicitation, is the best evidence of the wonderful treatment which has been accorded them by Syracuse business men and hotels.

Syracuse has a regularly organized Convention Bureau as a division of the Chamber of Commerce, which is available at all times to assist convention organizations in making arrangements and to see that their needs are promptly supplied. Any data on Syracuse's convention facilities can be readily obtained by writing to this organization.



# Convention Hotels

**T**HE hotels of Syracuse are particularly well equipped and qualified to handle conventions. They have been hosts to conventions for many years and experience has shown them the way to care properly for any type of convention meeting.

There are two modern, first-class hotels, The Onondaga and the Hotel Syracuse, which have every appurtenance for the successful handling of conventions. In addition to these two, there are four others, which have excellent convention facilities. There is, also, under construction a new hotel which will soon be ready for occupancy. One exceptional feature of Syracuse's convention hotels is the fact that they are all located within a radius of four blocks in the center of the downtown business area. A brief description of each of these hotels follows.

## THE YATES HOTEL

The Yates Hotel has 250 rooms with a series of small meetings rooms seating from 25 to 100 persons, and one large assembly room accommodating approximately 250 people at a banquet. All its rooms are spacious and a large number of rooms have connecting baths.

## THE MIZPAH INN

The Mizpah Inn is unique in that it is housed in the building of the First Baptist Church. It has 125 rooms and has given excellent service to conventions.



THE MIZPAH INN AND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



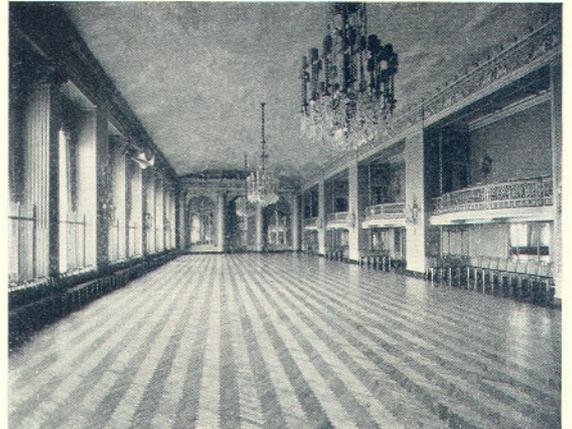
YATES HOTEL

# Convention Hotels

## HOTEL SYRACUSE

The Hotel Syracuse, a palatial new hotel, located in the heart of the business and theatrical district has 600 rooms, all outside, with private bath, servidor, circulating ice water and many other features. It is considered one of the finest examples of hotel designing and construction in the country. Playing host to many conventions the management and the staff of this hotel have become specialists in the art of entertaining these gatherings. The special requirements of such events are all met with courteous attention and no effort is too great to render satisfaction to every attending guest.

One of the principal advantages of the hotel from a convention standpoint is the tenth floor which is devoted exclusively to public functions. It is quickly reached from the spacious lobby by four express elevators. Here are located the various convention chambers, the foremost being the magnificent Grand Ball Room, 48 feet x 124 feet, the largest in any hotel between New York and Buffalo. Eight hundred can be comfortably seated here for a banquet and a proportionately greater number can be accommodated at a meeting or dance. Exhibits of any sort are especially well shown in this ball room. It is ideal for large gatherings and the adjoining Assembly Foyer may be used to care for any overflow.



GRAND BALLROOM, HOTEL SYRACUSE



LOBBY, HOTEL SYRACUSE



HOTEL SYRACUSE

# Convention Hotels

## HOTEL SYRACUSE—Continued

There is a Small Ball Room with a banquet capacity of 250. On the same floor are six private Dining Rooms so arranged that they may be combined in all or in part to meet desired sizes. They may serve as committee, conference or convention office rooms, and for private dinners. A convention held on this floor is away from the other guests of the Hotel and not only assures privacy but better opportunity for concentration on the business of the Convention.

## THE ST. CLOUD HOTEL

The St. Cloud Hotel has 142 rooms and is but one short block from the principal thoroughfare.

## THE HOTEL TRUAX

The Hotel Truax has 54 rooms and is located opposite the Hotel Syracuse. It is strictly modern in every respect.

## THE JEFFERSON HOTEL

The Jefferson Hotel is at present under construction and will, when it is opened in January, 1928, have 140 modern, fireproof rooms, 120 of them with bath.



TRUAX HOTEL



JEFFERSON HOTEL (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)



ST. CLOUD HOTEL

# Convention Hotels

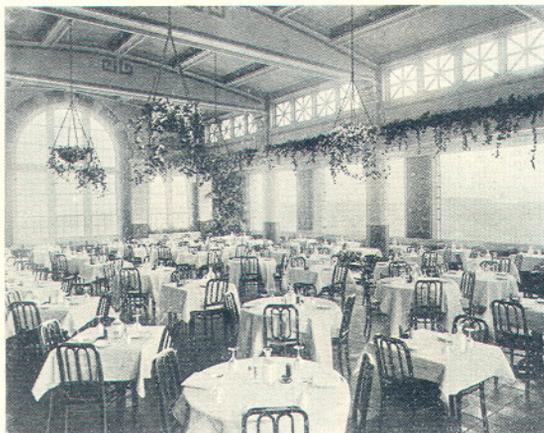
## THE ONONDAGA

The Onondaga Hotel located in the business, theatrical and social center of downtown Syracuse, convenient to both the New York Central and D., L. & W. railroad stations, is one of the famous chain of hotels, the United Hotels Corporation of America. Its 500 rooms are modern and fire-proof and have every convenience for the most exacting guest.

Utility of space nowhere in the hotel comes before beauty of arrangement or fitting. Spaciousness and convenience are first considerations, not only in the guests rooms and suites but also in accessory departments of the hotel. Lobby, banquet halls, restaurants, library, lounges, ball room and social floor are commodious.

The principal convention facilities are the Ball Room, 42 feet x 99 feet, which has a banquet seating capacity of 450 and a meeting capacity of 650, also suitable for light exhibits. Connecting with this, by folding doors, is the Louis XV Room which adds considerably to the seating capacity of the Ball Room. On the same floor is the Hiawatha Room with a seating capacity of 200 and several smaller private dining rooms and parlors. The Roof Garden of the hotel, seating 225, is also an excellent meeting room.

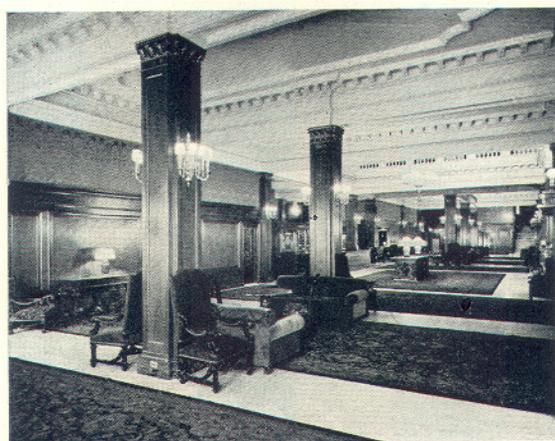
The Onondaga has for many years acted as host to conventions in a most satisfactory manner and the management is always ready and anxious to co-operate with convention organizations.



ROOF GARDEN, ONONDAGA HOTEL



HOTEL ONONDAGA



LOBBY, ONONDAGA HOTEL

# Transportation Facilities



SALINA STREET DURING KNIGHT TEMPLARS PARADE

**S**YRACUSE is admirably supplied with railroad transportation, being served by the New York Central, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, and the West Shore Railroads. Branches of the Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley, and Ontario and Western connect within fifty miles with lines running into Syracuse. Both the New York Central and the Lackawanna furnish excellent through Pullman service, the former to Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis and all principal points west; Boston, New York and intermediate points east; Montreal and intermediate points north, the latter to New York, Philadelphia and points south.

One hundred and eighty-one passenger trains arrive and depart daily, among them being some of the finest passenger trains on the American Continent, namely: the Twentieth Century Limited, the Empire State Express, the Southwestern Limited, the Wolverine, and the Lakeshore Limited over the New York Central, and the White Light Limited and the Philadelphian over the D., L. & W. During conventions, passenger traffic officers of the various railroads make it a point to give every service to visitors.

There are six interurban electric lines radiating from Syracuse giving excellent service to points all over central New York State. Syracuse is the center of a net work of the finest hard-surfaced highways in the United States.



DOWNTOWN SYRACUSE FROM THE AIR

# Convention Auditoriums

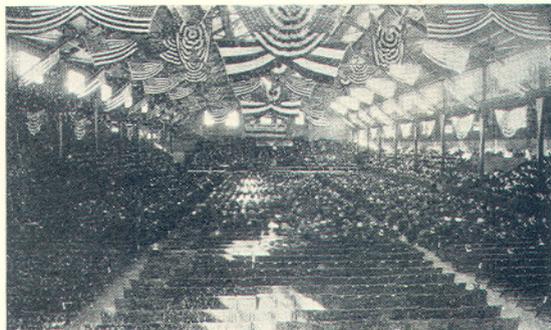
**S**YRACUSE is fortunate in having a number of auditoriums suitable for convention use, ranging in capacity from 50 to 7,500. Listed below are some of them with short descriptions of each.

The Coliseum at the New York State Fair Grounds, fifteen minutes from the center of the city, will seat 7,500. When the building was originally designed great care was taken to see that the acoustics were good, and since its erection it has been used for such events as the Music Festival where Metropolitan Stars have sung under ideal conditions. To make doubly sure, the building is equipped with a public address system. The building is well heated and lighted and suitable for use all the year round.

The Armory, one short block from the business center, has one hall which will seat 3,000 people. It is the accepted type of Armory Building and makes an excellent convention auditorium. There is, also, in this building another hall with an exhibit space of 15,000 square feet. Its location within a few minutes of all the principal down-town hotels makes it particularly advantageous for convention use.

The Arena, five blocks from the business center, has a maximum seating capacity of 5,000. It has housed several political conventions and other large gatherings in a very satisfactory manner.

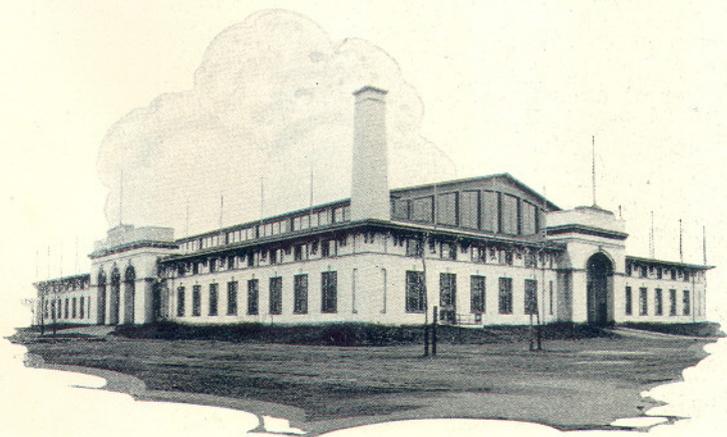
The Mizpah Auditorium, one block from the business center, seats 1,700. This is the finest down-town auditorium.



THE ARENA



THE COLISEUM (INTERIOR)



COLISEUM, NEW YORK STATE FAIR GROUNDS

# The Scenic Beauty

**S**YRACUSE is most fortunate in being the center of one of the most beautiful scenic areas in the United States, an area which is devoted to year-around recreation.

## THE FINGER LAKES REGION

But a few miles to the west of Syracuse is the wonderful Finger Lakes Region which has more fine lakes and gorges than any section of equal area east of the Rockies, with a waterfall, Taughannock Falls, fifty feet higher than Niagara. Variety is the keynote of this region. It is a land of hill-locked lakes flashing blue and emerald in the sunlight; a land of grand and gloomy gorges, threaded by crystal-clear streams, flowing into crashing cataracts, dancing in cascades, leaping in stately waterfalls; a land of wild ravines, sequestered glens, and sylvan dells. To the lover of Nature it is indeed an enchanted country, a terrestrial paradise.

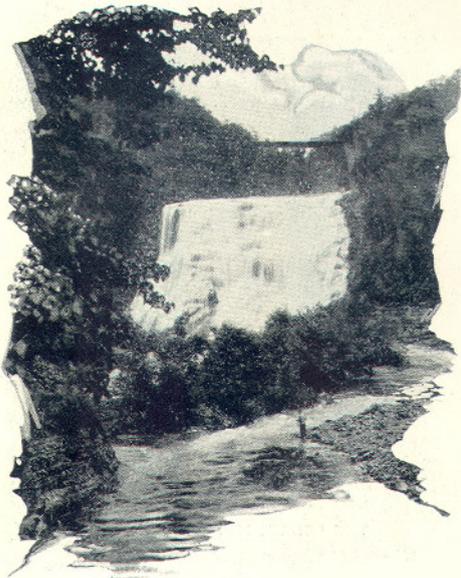
There are numerous State reservations such as the famous Watkins Glen, which contains one of Nature's most beautiful cataracts; Enfield Park with its Lucifer Falls; Ithaca with Cascadilla and Ithaca Falls, and others too numerous to mention. The beautiful shore lines and pastoral scenery of the Finger Lakes, Skaneateles, Owasco, Cayuga, Seneca and Canandaigua, are a treat to any visitor. Golfing, boating, fishing, tennis and practically all sports may be participated in by the visitors.

## THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS

To the north and east are the Adirondack Mountains with their 1,400 square miles of forest, dotted with more lakes and ponds to the square mile than almost any other portion of the globe. Many are its famous trout waters, and nowhere in the eastern part of America is there better deer



BOLDT CASTLE, THOUSAND ISLANDS



ITHACA FALLS



ECHO LAKE, ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS



EDWARD

# of Central New York

hunting. Golf links, baseball, canoeing and boating, fishing, horseback riding, mountain climbing, tramping, bathing, picnicking, and other sports in the summer, and skating, skiing and tobogganing in the winter may be enjoyed at will in this northern vacation land.

## THE THOUSAND ISLANDS

To the north and west lie the Thousand Islands and the Great Lakes Region, one of the foremost playgrounds in America. Picture a mighty river studded with beautiful islands on which are magnificent residences and picturesque cottages, and add to it golf links, motor boats, tennis courts and every other recreational facility and the picture does not begin to describe the charm of this region.

To the east and south is the "Leather Stocking" country, made famous by James Fenimore Cooper; with beautiful Otsego Lake; Richfield Springs, with its famous sulphur baths; and many other very interesting and delightful spots.

Just a short distance south of Syracuse on the highway to Binghamton is one of the most magnificent views to be seen in the east. The road runs along the summit of a hill overlooking broad, fertile Tully valley 1,500 feet below.

Close into the city are a number of small lakes, almost completely encircled with high cliffs, the most beautiful of which is Green Lake at Jamesville. This has been preserved for all time by having been made a State Park. There are also two very beautiful waterfalls quite near the city; Edwards Falls near Manlius and Chittenango Falls near Chittenango. Any one of these scenic attractions can be reached by the visitor in less than a half hour and are well worth while.



CHITTENANGO FALLS



CAVERN CASCADE, WATKINS GLEN



EDWARDS FALLS



DEVIL'S OVEN, THOUSAND ISLANDS

# Location

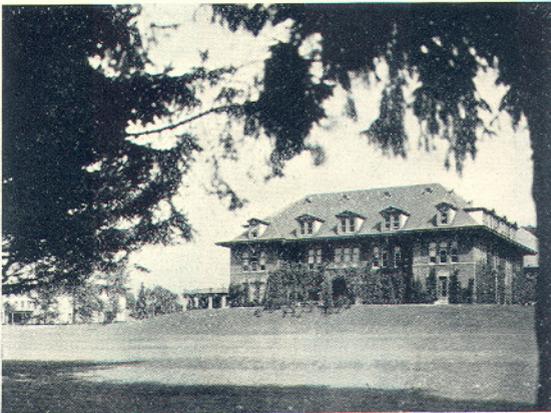
**S**YRACUSE, the most centrally located city of the great Empire State, is surrounded by an extensive and rich farming and industrial area with a large tributary population.

The location alone has brought and will bring hundreds of conventions to Syracuse. For meetings of national and sectional scope, especially those based on nearness to centers of population, Syracuse's position is almost the ideal. It is overnight from Eastern Canadian Points, New England, New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Detroit, Cincinnati, and but slightly further from the South and Middle West. Syracuse is within 300 miles of one-third the population of the United States and an 18-hour ride will bring three-quarters of the entire population of the United States to Syracuse, making it most accessible to fully 80% of the membership of large national organizations.

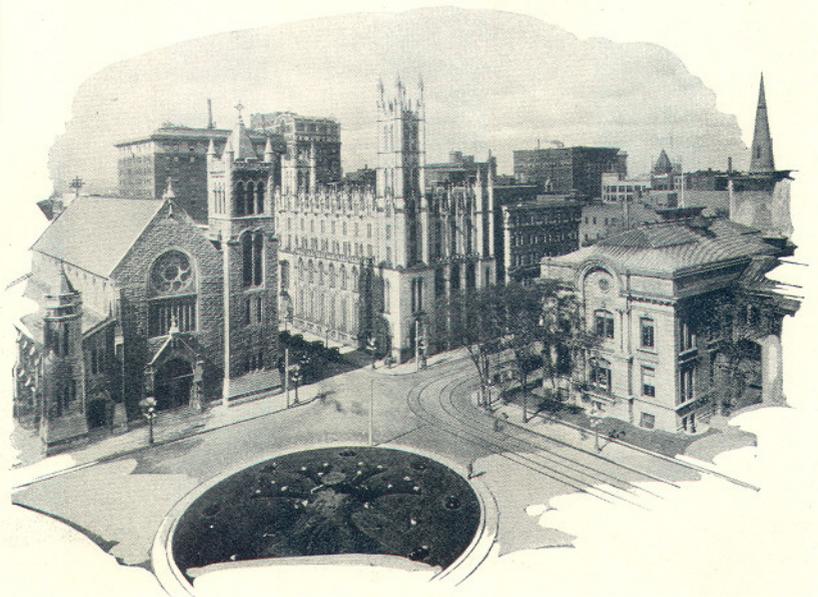
The fact that Syracuse is almost the exact geographical center of New York State makes it possible for delegates to come here from all the cities in the state at a less average cost than to any other metropolis, which insures a greater attendance at Syracuse conventions than those held in the other cities of the State. Syracuse's transportation facilities are such that less time elapses in traveling to Syracuse than to any other New York State city.



DIRECTION SIGNS



THE MANLIUS SCHOOL



COURT HOUSE CIRCLE

# Exhibit Space

**F**OR exhibition purposes the State Armory, which is within five minutes' walk of all the principal hotels, contains in two connecting halls, each 100 feet x 150 feet, 30,000 square feet of floor space, besides a basement and a balcony. One of the halls has a wooden floor and the other a tanbark floor.

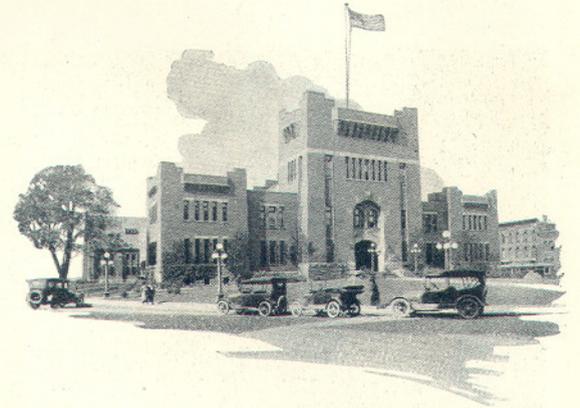
For larger requirements Syracuse has the New York State Fair Buildings with practically unlimited space. There are, at the Fair Grounds, a number of the finest permanent, brick buildings for exhibition purposes ever erected. Three of these have been extensively used for large convention exhibits.

The Manufacturers and Liberal Arts Building is 122 feet x 500 feet, with two projecting wings, with a total of 68,776 square feet without a single obstruction. The concrete floor is laid directly on the ground and the heaviest exhibits can be erected without possibility of damage. A few steps away are the Dairy and State Institution Buildings, connected by a colonnade, each of which contains over 20,000 square feet of space and with similar floor construction.

Convention organizations with lesser space requirements can be very nicely handled by the hotels, the larger of which have from 3,000 to 8,000 square feet available for light exhibits.



COLONNADE BUILDING  
NEW YORK STATE FAIR GROUNDS



THE ARMORY



M & L BUILDING  
NEW YORK STATE FAIR GROUNDS

# Recreation

## GOLF

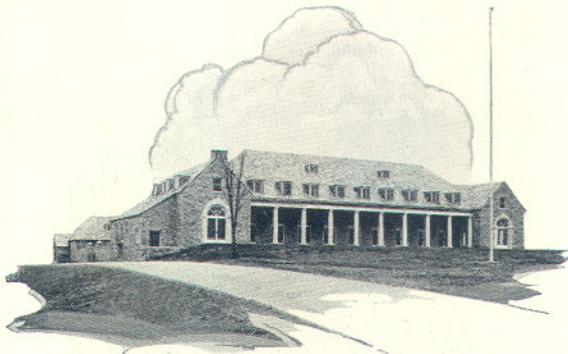
**S**YRACUSE is well supplied with golf courses and it is possible to arrange golfing accommodations for all convention delegates and visitors who desire to play.

The principal courses are the Onondaga Golf and Country Club, six miles east of the city, with one of the finest eighteen-hole courses in the State and also a nine-hole course; the Bellevue Country Club, at the western edge of the city, with eighteen holes comprising one of the best maintained courses in the country; the Tuscarora Golf Club, nine miles west of the city, with eighteen holes, and the La Fayette Country Club, south of the city, with nine holes.

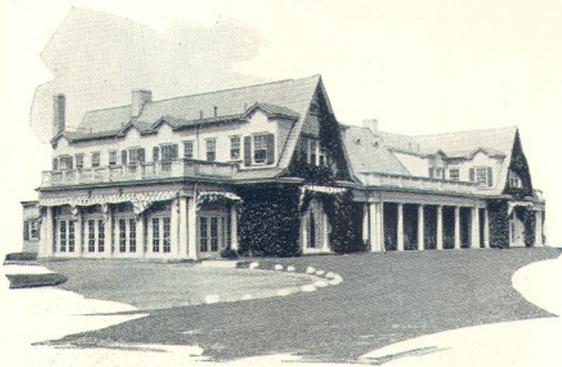
## THEATRES

Syracuse is provided with all the varied types of amusement features to be found in any large city. The Wieting is the legitimate play-house and here will be found the same high-grade performances as those of any of the other larger cities; B. F. Keiths Theatre is one of the finest vaudeville theatres in the Keith chain; and the Temple Theatre plays vaudeville and burlesque.

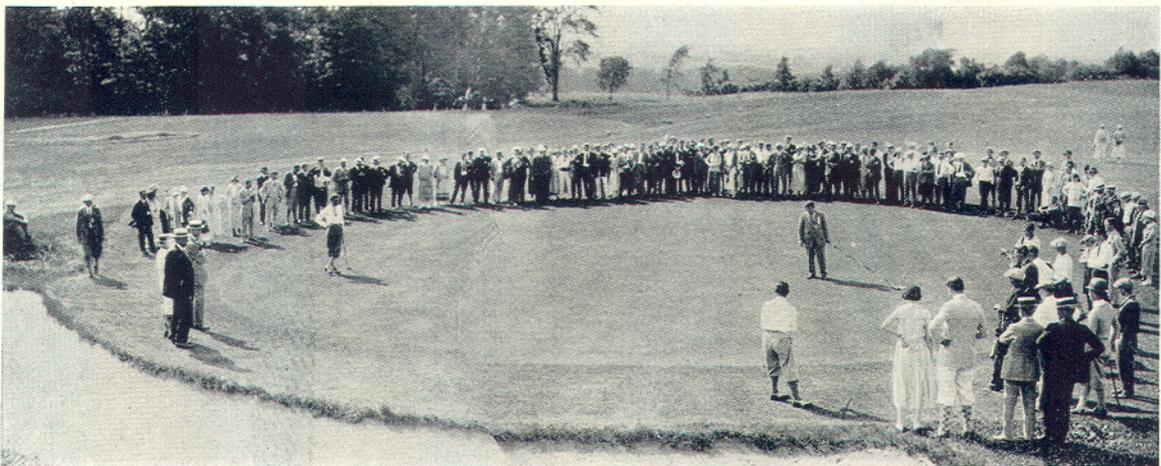
The principal downtown motion picture theatres are the Strand, Empire and Robbins-Eckel, which present first-run photo plays of the finest quality.



ONONDAGA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



BELLEVUE GOLF CLUB



EXHIBITION GOLF MATCH, ONONDAGA COURSE

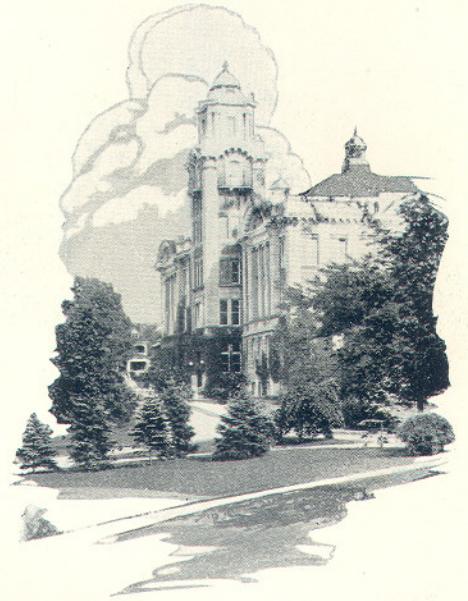
# Syracuse University

**C**ROWNING one of Syracuse's many hills, is Syracuse University, one of the finest educational institutions in the United States, with approximately 7,000 students and a faculty of 500. It is one of the greatest assets which Syracuse possesses, both from an educational standpoint and as an attraction to our visitors.

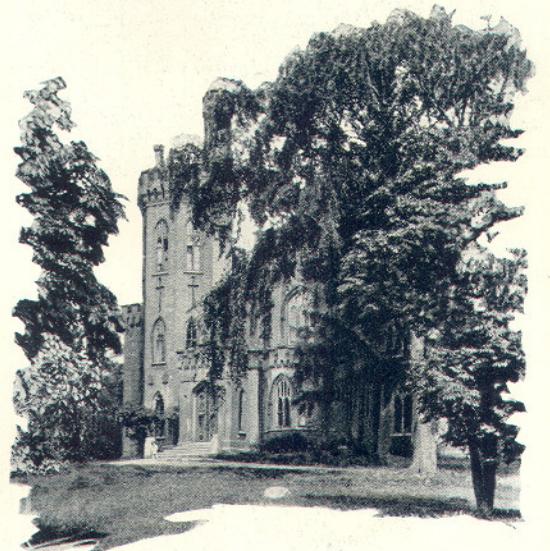
There are many interesting things to be seen at the University, not the least of which is the stadium, which is one of the largest natural amphitheatres in the country. To see this immense stadium filled to overflowing at one of the big football games, is a sight well worth remembering.

Here Syracuse and its visitors have the opportunity every year of seeing some of the finest football games played in the east. In addition to this, throughout the year there are, during their respective seasons, basketball, track and baseball events.

John Crouse College of Fine Arts, which commands a magnificent view of the city, contains many beautiful works of art; Lyman Hall, devoted to Natural History, contains many interesting specimens of geology, botany and prehistoric animals; Carnegie Library; Bowne Hall of Chemistry; the New York State College of Forestry; the Agricultural School; the Teachers College, which is housed in Yates Castle, are all very much worth while visiting.



LYMAN HALL  
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY



TEACHERS COLLEGE, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY STADIUM WITH A CAPACITY CROWD

# A City of Trees

**M**AGNIFICENT and numberless trees are a feature of the beauty of Syracuse upon which practically every visitor to Syracuse remarks. From many of the hills which overlook the city the impression upon the mind of the beholder would be that he was looking over a forest rather than a metropolis were it not for the taller buildings of the business section.

The trees line the streets in every direction. Practically every residential and a number of the business streets are shaded by the most beautiful elms to be found on this continent. The vista down some of the residential streets, such as James, West Onondaga, East and West Genesee Streets and University Avenue, is framed by an almost perfect Gothic Arch formed by the interlaced branches of ancient elms.

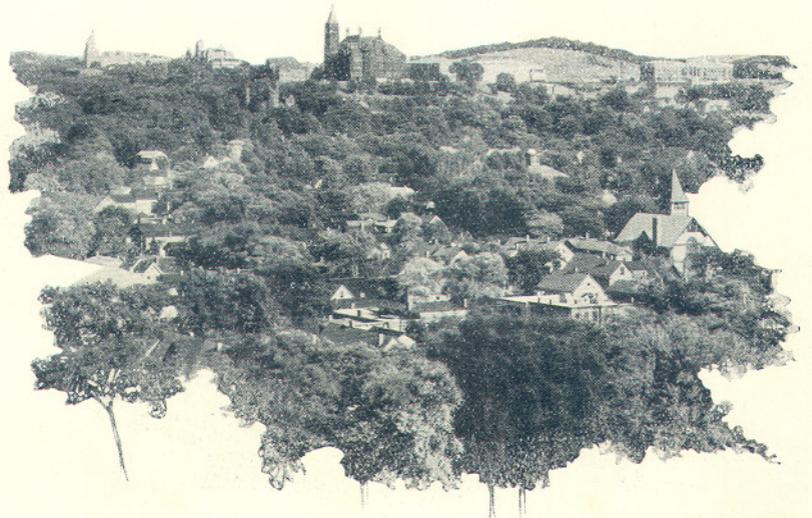
To the lover of trees, and nearly everyone has an abiding affection for them, a drive through Syracuse's residential portions is a treat. Seldom will he have the chance to see so many of Nature's greatest handiwork in such profusion.



JAMES STREET



FAYETTE PARK



THE UNIVERSITY FROM ROOF OF HOTEL SYRACUSE

# Beautiful Parks

**T**HE founders of Syracuse, those far-sighted engineers and city builders, included in the plans of Syracuse, the City Beautiful, hundreds of acres of the city's most valuable property to be used for recreation purposes. Since then men with vision who have fathered our city, have not overlooked the opportunity of increasing the park acreage, realizing that modern city builders must include the tranquil beauties of Nature.

Today, in Syracuse, every broad vista is interrupted at intervals by squares and circles with their canopies of trees and luxuriant foliage, flower beds and fountains. Over four hundred acres, advantageously distributed throughout the city, have been placed at the disposal of those who wish to enjoy the great out-of-doors.

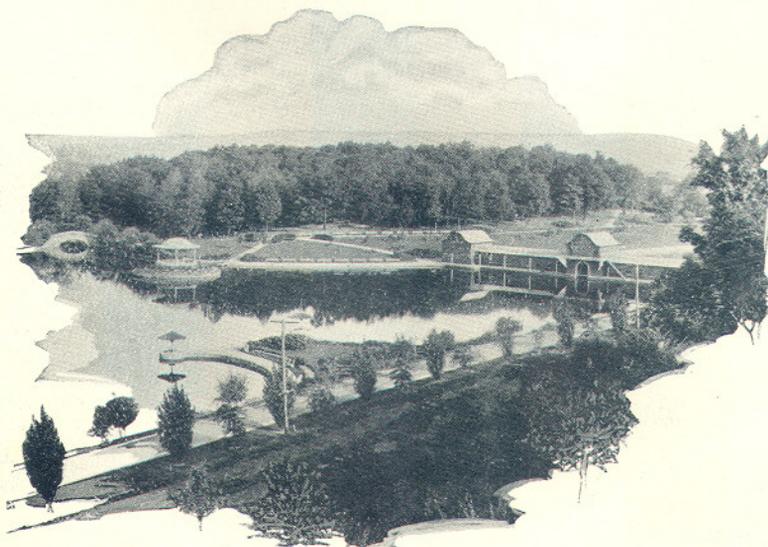
Beautiful parks are one of the greatest assets which a city may possess and Syracuse need not fear comparison with any other city in America. In addition to their natural beauty, these parks contain every feature for the recreation of the people, both winter and summer. Swimming pools, skating rinks, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, zoo and every other recreational facility are to be found amidst surroundings of great beauty. A trip through the park system of Syracuse will well repay the visitor.



STONE BRIDGE, ONONDAGA PARK



FOUNTAIN, KIRK PARK



HIAWATHA LAKE IN ONONDAGA PARK

# Industrial Syracuse

**S**YRACUSE is a leading city of the United States in the manufacture of tool steel, automobile gears, differentials and transmissions, soda ash and its by-products, fine wax candles, agricultural implements, high-class china ware, mince meat and powdered milk, high-class shoes, typewriters, the automobile and its allied industries, electrical hardware, electrical washing machines, steam clothes pressing machines, cash-carrying and conveying equipment, foundry and machine shop products, boilers and radiators.

Syracuse is the home of over 750 diversified manufacturing establishments with a total of over 42,500 employees.

## Statistics

Population—1926 .....202,171

### Climate

Average mean temperature.....46.7

Average annual rainfall.....34.67

### Tax Rate

True value of real estate.....\$420,195,000

Assessed valuation of city property.....\$277,328,768

City Tax Rate per 1000.....\$26.79

### Banks

National Banks 3; Trust Companies 4; Savings Banks 2.

Bank Clearings (1926).....\$319,368,064

Bank Deposits.....\$189,018,455

### Miscellaneous

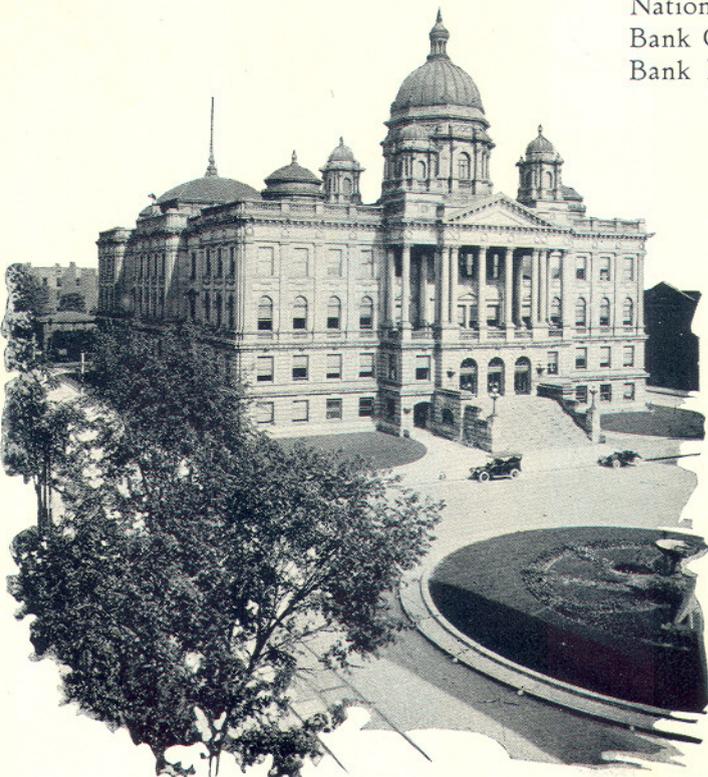
Syracuse has three daily newspapers.

Area of Syracuse.....25.31 square miles

Number of public schools.....40

Number of churches.....106

Number of theatres.....38



ONONDAGA COUNTY COURT HOUSE