

LOCAL HISTORY



MacArthur Stadium. The site is now the parking lot for the replacement stadium that opened adjacent to this location in 1997. *Post-Standard* file photo

75 Years Ago: In March of 1942, Syracuse's Municipal Stadium was renamed Douglas MacArthur Stadium after the famous World War II general. The stadium was built in 1934 and had an original capacity of approximately 8,500 people. It was known for having one of the deepest center field fences in minor league baseball, with a distance of 434 feet. MacArthur Stadium was the home of the Syracuse Chiefs baseball team almost continually from 1934 to 1997, when the stadium was torn down and the spot turned into a parking lot for the new P&C Stadium (now NBT Bank Stadium).

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