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The Minister of Housing and Local Government (Mr. Harold MacMillan, M.P.) will perform the opening ceremony of the first pair of "People's Houses" to be completed in the country on the Holmfield Estate, Desford, Leicestershire, on 23rd January, 1952, at 10.30 a.m.

These houses, which have been built by the MARKET BOSWORTH Rural District Council, have cost less than £1,000. and have been completed in 12 weeks. One of them is already occupied and the other will be occupied soon after the opening ceremony. Each house has 3 bedrooms, bathroom and separate lavatory with a living room downstairs, a dining annexe and a kitchen. There are no outbuildings, everything being under one roof.

The Council has placed a contract for 38 more of these houses to be erected in the neighbouring parish of THORNTON.

Councillor Edgar Beckett, Chairman of the Housing Committee of the Council for the past 25 years, has been a prime mover in the provision of these houses.

A small brochure will be handed to Press representatives at the opening ceremony.

The Clerk to the Council is Mr. C.J. Holmes - Market Bosworth 234.

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N.B: The telephone number of the Press Officer in Nottingham is 46221, and his name is Mr. F.T.S. Jacks. *on*

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