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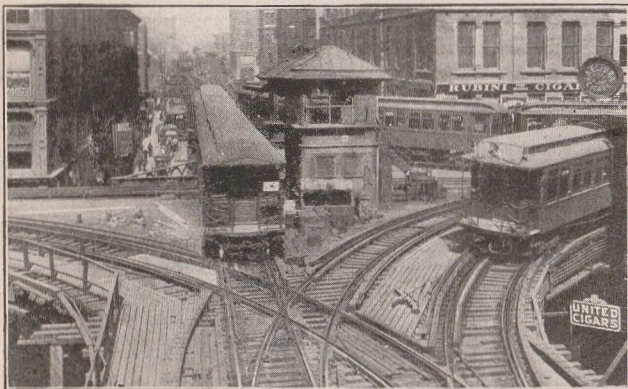
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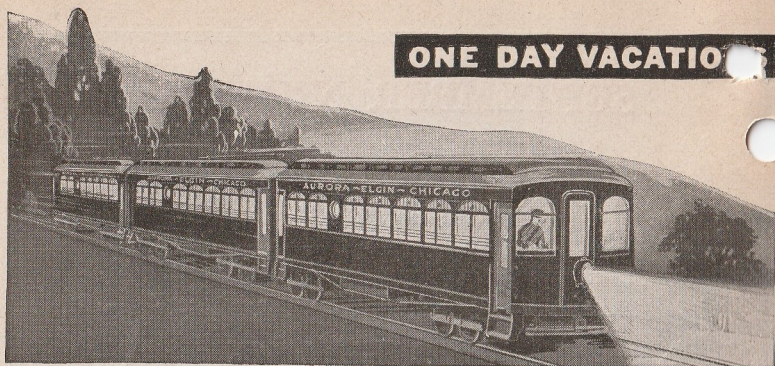


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## THIS MAY INTEREST YOU

About this season of the year, the migratory instinct becomes strong in the city flat-dweller. He no doubt felt it along about the first of May and if he managed to overcome that attack, he feels by this time that he surely must succumb about the first of October. By that time he, or more probably she, will just be dying to move into a flat that some one else is just dying to leave. Whether we inherit these nomadic habits from our early ancestors is immaterial. We have them, and it is a good thing for the renting agencies that we have.

We are not particularly interested in renting agencies. We are interested in the Elevated Railroads, and being so we are interested in the "moving habit" of the people. That is why we are going to give you some advice on the subject and won't charge you anything for it, either.

When you move, of course, you will want to see that you are close to the quickest, safest and best means of transportation between your home and your work. That is one of the most essential things in the daily life of our city. You do not want to spend more of your life riding on cars than is necessary and you want to get as far away from the thickly congested sections of the city as you conveniently can. So you have to determine how far away from your work you can afford to make your new home, by the time it will take you to travel that distance morning and evening. In other words, you measure distance by minutes, rather than by miles.

The question of the cost of such transportation is important also, for you know there is no one who likes to pay a nickel more to a public utility company than they have to. Just why this should be so, we need not discuss, but the habit is as



firmly fixed as is the "moving habit." You know there are men who will spend a quarter celebrating an occasion when they escaped the payment of a nickel for carfare, which is no sound financial policy.

By this time you have no doubt guessed that the advice we wish to give you is to settle in your new home within easy reach of an elevated line. If you do that, the matter of a few miles in distance from the heart of the city is not very important to you. It is more important to us, because we would rather haul you five miles than haul you ten miles for a nickel. But you don't care about that. You feel that is our problem to worry over, if there is any worrying to be done. The point is this: you can live in an outlying part of the city, where there are plenty of open spaces, trees, sunshine and fresh air, if you are near an elevated line, and get to and from your work as quickly as you can from a thickly congested district, where you have to depend on a slower means of transportation.

To illustrate: If you live on the West Side and work downtown, you can choose your home near the lines of the Metropolitan or Oak Park Elevated, and it will take you no longer to reach your work from Oak Park, River Forest, or Forest Park, than it would to reach it from California avenue, if you do not live near an elevated line. On the North Side you might select a home north of Wilson avenue and be nearer in the matter of time to the downtown district than you would be at North avenue, if you lived too far from an elevated line. The same is true of all sections of the city which are reached by elevated lines.

When we say that you can reach Wilson avenue from the loop in 18 minutes by express on the Northwestern Elevated, that is true. Of course, that is the fastest time made under the most favorable conditions. Perhaps you travel during the rush hours when conditions are most unfavorable and it takes a little longer, but in any event you get rapid transit and good service.

You can get from the loop to Jackson Park, that is, Sixty-third street and Stoney Island avenue, in 27 minutes. That will compare favorably with the fastest time made in the New York subways, of which we hear a lot. In making the trip, too, you are riding in the air and sunshine and not boring underground like a mole. If fresh air and sunshine are essential to health, that applies to riding in cars, as much as to work places and homes. For that reason the elevated lines furnish not only the safest and most rapid form of transportation, but also the most healthful.

Think it over when you go flat-hunting this month. If you think our advice to get close to an elevated line is good, you will follow it. We are not thinking solely of your wel-



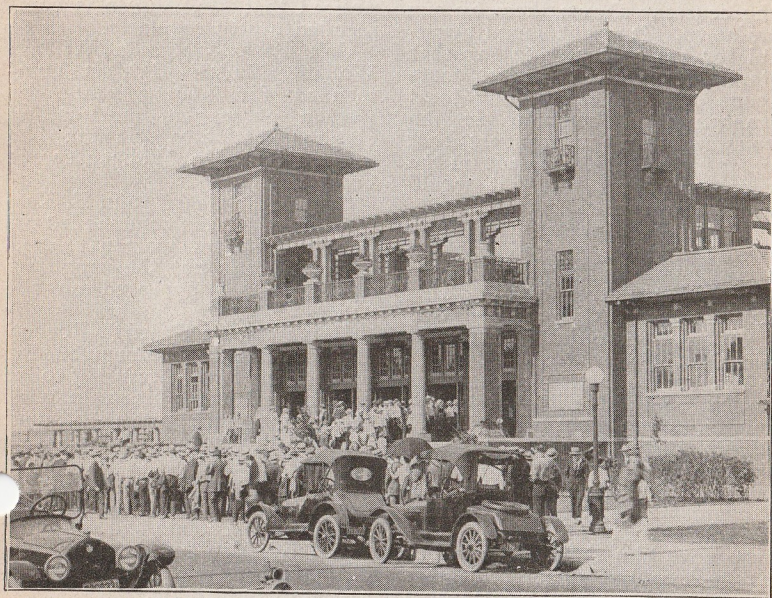
are. We want you to join the constantly growing Elevated Family, but that will be as much to your advantage as to ours and we want to be mutually helpful.

### SWIM WHILE YOU MAY

Only a few weeks left in which to enjoy swimming in the cooling waters of Lake Michigan. You may have noticed from the pose in a famous painting, that on a late "September Morn" you get a sort of shivery feeling that you do not experience in July or August. It is up to you, therefore, to make the most of the time

the good common sense you have displayed in using the elevated lines in going to the bathing beaches, we just like to keep reminding you that we give the best transportation service in the city. That is what we get out the Elevated News for.

Anyway, Clarendon Beach, the entrance to which we reproduce here, is the finest public building of the kind in the country. It



Entrance to Clarendon Beach

that is left you, for as Robert Ingersoll, or some one else, said, "the night cometh when no man can swim," at least in Lake Michigan.

It is hardly necessary to remind you that the best way to reach the bathing beaches is over the Elevated lines. You have already learned that. We know that from the increased business, especially on Sundays. While we appreciate

might be improved by placing a few wood slats in front of the lockers, so that one might change their clothes without getting them covered with sand and mud, but then it is new. They are going to have something of that kind done by next season.

To reach Clarendon and the other beaches in that vicinity, take a Northwestern Elevated express to Wilson avenue.



## THE ROLL OF HONOR

The increasing number of flattering letters received by the management with reference to the conduct of employes in train service, is not only very gratifying, but they show that the patrons are co-operating with the company and its employes in an effort to make the service the best that can be given.

It is this spirit of co-operation that makes for efficiency and it is remarkable that many of the letters come from strangers in the city, who greatly appreciate the courtesy shown them by our trainmen. It might sound boastful for the company to say that its employes are the most courteous and efficient of any local transportation company in the country, but when strangers from other cities daily comment on the courtesy shown them, it would seem to warrant that claim.

To please its patrons is the aim of the elevated railroad management and the employes enter heartily into this spirit. This spirit of mutual good-will and helpfulness is reflected throughout the entire service.

Among the letters of commendation received within the last month, is one from a resident of Montana who was unacquainted with the city and desired to go from Logan Square to Gary, Ind. He spoke to Metropolitan Trainman J. W. Bowman, Badge 540, who gave him the directions, but as he was unable to remember them, the trainman wrote them down and the stranger had no difficulty in reaching his destination. He was very grateful for the courtesy and wishes to thank Mr. Bowman, whose name, of course, he did not know.

A grateful woman passenger, taken ill on a Douglas Park train at Crawford avenue on August 7, thanks the company and Frank Mack and R. S. Little, trainmen, for their courtesy and attention. When the condition of the woman was learned, Dispatcher Burke

provided a special car and took her to Sixtieth avenue, from which point she was conveyed in an ambulance to her home. The trainmen did not leave her until she was safely placed in the ambulance.

Metropolitan Conductor Edward O'Hern, Badge 896, is commended for attention to ladies and children, calling the names of stations clearly and for always being clean and tidy.

Northwestern Conductor Charles R. Ankele, Badge 1228, is commended for finding seats for women passengers. It may be noticed that Mr. Ankele is commended pretty regularly.

Oak Park Trainman William Wallace, Badge 6149, is commended for finding seats for women passengers and calling stations distinctly. It may be noticed that Mr. Wallace scores every month.

South Side Guard John E. Kester, Badge 2608, is commended for finding seats for women passengers. This is not the first time his name has appeared on the roll.

Northwestern Guard J. Bochat, Badge 1113, is commended for politely, but firmly, refusing to let passengers board his train until those who were getting off had stepped on to the platform.

South Side Guard Carl T. Lundgreen, Badge 2390, for giving specific directions as to how to reach certain points and where to transfer. Also for opening windows and trying to make passengers comfortable.

Northwestern Trainman G. C. Martin, Badge 1129, is commended for making passengers sit closer and make room for women who were standing.

Metropolitan Conductor H. Gillett, Badge 211, is commended for gentlemanly conduct, calling stations clearly, finding seats for women and children, being courteous and polite to strangers and displaying unusual efficiency.

The management of the Elevated Railroads, and particularly



the Superintendent of Lost Property, are commended by a grateful patron for the prompt manner in which a set of building plans, left on a train, were restored to him.

Northwestern Trainman A. H. Meyer, Badge 1227, is commended for his pleasing manners, calling stations, particularly at transfer points clearly and for general efficiency.

Northwestern Trainman John Bochat, Badge 1113, is commended for assisting an intoxicated passenger from his car and seeing him safely to the street before leaving him.

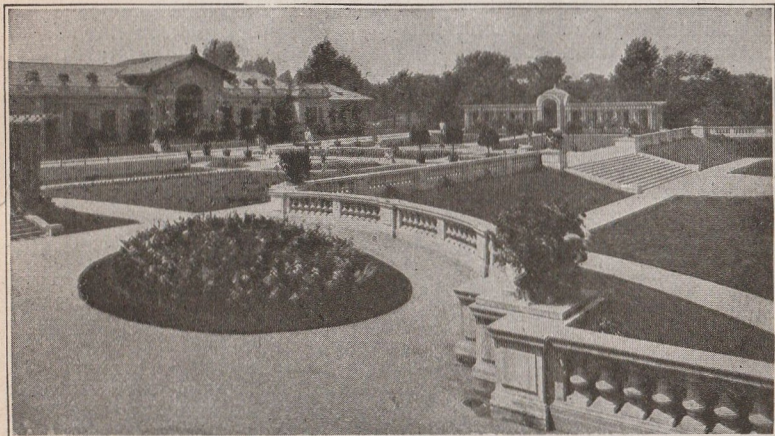
## EVENING RUSH HOURS

**South Side**—Trains run out of Congress Street Terminal from 5:00 to 6:30 daily except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

**Metropolitan**—Trains run out of Fifth Avenue Terminal from 5:00 to 6:30 daily except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

**Northwestern**—Trains run out of North Water Street Terminal from 5:15 to 6:20 daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

**Oak Park**—Trains leave Market and Madison Terminal every five minutes from 5:15 to 6:15 daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.



Italian Sunken Gardens, Washington Park

## ITALIAN SUNKEN GARDENS

Have you visited the Italian Sunken Gardens in Washington Park recently? If you haven't you ought to, because they are worth while. You might as well enjoy life day by day and take in some of the beauties of the public parks. You know that you don't get around in the open air as much as you should. To reach Washington Park and the Italian Sunken Gardens, take a South Side Elevated to either Fifty-first or Fifty-fifth street stations. Don't wait until the snow flies, but go now and enjoy the grass and flowers.

## ELEVATED RAILROAD TICKETS

Tickets good at any Elevated Station may be purchased in quantities at the office of the Treasurer, 1228 Edison Building. Employers who furnish carfare to employes will find it convenient to purchase tickets. Regular rate 5 cents each.

## SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE

Information regarding rates for Special Train Service may be obtained at the office of the General Superintendent, 1247 Edison Bldg. Phone Central 8280.



## FACTS AND NEAR FACTS

The mean distance of the moon from the earth is 238,840 miles. That is only a few thousand miles farther than you can ride on the Chicago Elevated Railroads for a nickel.

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The linear velocity of the rotation of the earth on its axis at the equator is 24,840 miles a day, or 1,440 feet a second. Only a little faster than an Evanston express.

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Astronomers tell us that the number of stars which can be seen by a person with average eyesight is about 7,000. A sharp rap on the head with a baseball bat increases the number.

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Dry goods merchants say that the long heated spell caused a shortage in bathing costumes. We had noticed the shortage. Glad to get the explanation.

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Statistics show there were 4,358,000 hogs in Illinois in 1915. Only a few rode on the Elevated Railroads.

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Now here's a hunch that's worth your while,

Don't pass it at a glance:

When you take an Elevated line,  
Your nickel takes no chance.

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In other words, you get your money's worth.

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The lady in the elevated railway was shocked. "Bobby," she said severely, "why don't you get up and give your seat to your father? Doesn't it pain you to see him reaching for a strap?"

"Not in a train," said Bobby.

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A mother spends twenty-one years in trying to make a man of her son only to have another woman make a fool of him in five minutes.

## TOUGH ON THE SCOTS

An English sportsman had gone up to Scotland to enjoy a few days shooting on the moors. Accompanied by a Scotch "gillie," he was wandering near Loch Katrine, where the scenery is the grandest and most picturesque in Scotland.

"What a beautiful country," exclaimed the Englishman in a burst of enthusiasm. "What a delightful place in which to live."

"Ou aye, its nae a bad country," said Sandy, "but what wae ye think o' haein' tae gae fiftie miles tae get a drink o' whusky?"

"Well, Sandy," said the Englishman, laughing, "I suppose you must keep a stock on hand."

"Oh mon," said Sandy in disgust, "whusky winna keep."

A Scotch minister was playing golf one day and, being off his game, he was making many poor shots. When he made a particularly bad one, his caddie would comfort him with the remark, "It micht hae been waur, it micht hae been waur." This finally got on the minister's nerves and he said testily: "I don't want to hear that remark again."

"It micht hae been waur," remarked the caddie when the next bad shot was made, and the minister turned sternly on the boy. "Didn't I tell you not to say that again?" he said.

"What's the maitter wi' ye this mornin'?" asked the caddie. "Ye dinna seem to be yersel."

"I am not feeling well," explained the minister. "I had a dreadful dream last night and did not sleep well. I dreamed I had been summoned to the Judgment Seat and condemned with sinners to the bottomless pit."

"It micht hae been waur," exclaimed the caddie cheerfully.

"How could it be worse?" asked the minister. "Could anything be worse than being condemned hell as a sinner?"

"It micht hae been true," said the optimist.



## MUSIC HATH CHARMS

Why are the employes of the Chicago Elevated Railroads always so bright and cheerful? Why is their conduct toward patrons so courteous and polite that it is constantly commented upon by daily patrons and by strangers in the city? We would like to think that it is because they read the Elevated News, but that is only a contributory cause, as the lawyers would say. The real reason is that they have music in their souls.

that, because we live there. Some of the boys in the band are so enthusiastic that they are discussing calling the names of stations through a trombone. Maybe it would be better to whistle them through a flute if any change is to be made. Anyway, we hear so many favorable comments about their vocal performances in calling stations that we have no doubt they could set the names of stations to music and play them on any instrument.

The elevated band made its first



**Elevated Railroad Employees' Band**

Some people might think that the sound of an elevated train is not exactly conducive to the development of a musical temperament. Let them think what they like; the fact is that the elevated employes are musical and they can prove it. They have organized a band, every member of which is in actual service daily on the elevated roads. It is a band of which they are justly proud, too.

Recently the Chicago Elevated Railroads Employees' Band gave a public concert in Holden Park in Austin, which was pronounced by the thousands who listened to the music as the best concert given in that park this season. And the folks out in Austin know music when they hear it. We know

public appearance in the preparedness parade and it attracted so much attention that the bandmaster, Mr. Hall, is still wearing a 7½ hat. His complete recovery, however, is assured.

Far be it from intimating that this applies to Mr. Hall, but you may have heard the story of the Irishman who accompanied a friend to Orchestra Hall recently to listen to a concert given by Mischa Elman:

"What do you think of his execution?" asked the friend.

"I am strong for it," replied the Irishman.

He (with a sigh)—"I have only one friend on earth—my dog."

She—"Well, if that isn't enough, why don't you get another dog?"



## GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING STATION

One of the most interesting places within easy reach of the city is the Great Lakes Naval Training Station at Lake Bluff, on the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad. If you are wondering what to do with your boy, you should visit this government academy and see what is being done to develop boys, physically and mentally.

The scenery in the vicinity of the academy is the best to be seen along the north shore and is particularly attractive in the late summer and early fall. The training station is situated just north of Lake Bluff. To reach it take a Northwestern Elevated express to Central street, Evanston, and transfer to the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad. The cars on this line are clean and comfortable; no smoke or dust and the service is frequent. Don't fail to visit this wonderful government training school before it is too late in the season to enjoy the outdoor view.

Watch for the next issue of the ELEVATED NEWS, which will contain a descriptive article on the subject.

Jane Addams, from her long experience at Hull House, says that the children of foreign immigrants are quick to pick up American business methods. She once asked a little Greek boy, she said, who Esau was.

"Esau," said he, "was the guy that wrote a book of fables and sold the copyright for a bottle of potash."

Young Hopeful—"Father, what is a traitor in politics?"

Veteran Politician—"A traitor is a man who leaves our party and goes over to the other one."

Young Hopeful—"Well, then, what is a man who leaves his party and comes over to yours?"

Veteran Politician—"A convert, my son."

Mary Antin, the fiery little Jewish woman who electrifies American audiences by her speeches on the real meaning of America, "The Promised Land," to the immigrant, was once talking with a man who had recently returned from a visit to Turkey.

"Two of the customs of that country impressed me favorably," he said with intentional rudeness. "All Jews and dogs are killed whenever they can be caught."

"How fortunate it is," said Miss Antin, her eyes flashing, "that neither you nor I live there!"

A street car company in Oakland has installed a second conductor on some of its cars, whose duties are to answer questions, help women on and off cars and amuse crying babies. The boys of the Chicago Elevated Railroads take on all those duties as a part of their day's work. For instance, there's old Mr. Adams on the Metropolitan. He can keep a whole car load of passengers in good humor and think nothing of it.

During a recent Shakespeare celebration a number of amateurs appeared in the great dramatist's most famous tragedy. Next day the principal actor inquired of a critical friend what he thought of the performance.

"It was great! Simply great!" was the reply. "As you played Hamlet it was easy to see why Ophelia should go and drown herself."

A young woman entered a jewelry store and asked to see a clock. "Here is one," said the jeweler, "which will run eight days without winding." "Gracious!" said the woman; "how long will it run if you wind it?"

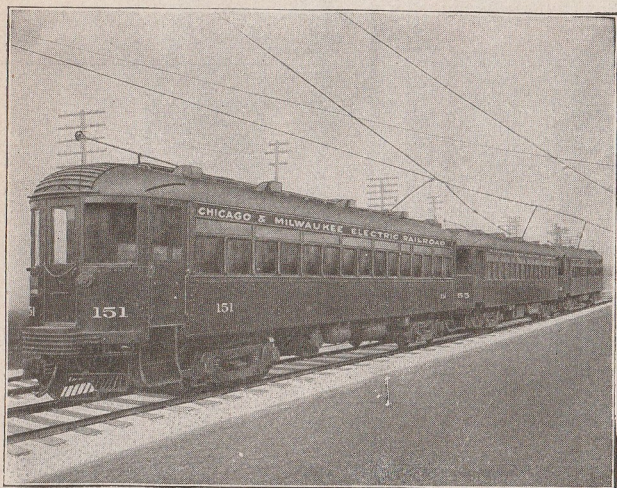
"I know where you can get a big chicken dinner for 10 cents."

"You don't say so; where?"

"Down at the feed store at the corner."



# Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad



## The Electric Way to Milwaukee

Limited Trains Leave Evanston at 7:15 A. M. and  
Every Hour Until 8:15 P. M. and 10:15 P. M.

**Fare \$1.40—Fast, Frequent Service**

***Double Track—Steel Cars  
Clean, Cool, Comfortable***

You should also visit the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Trains every half hour to entrance of this beautiful and interesting reservation.

Ravinia Park, America's music center, deserves the hearty support of every music lover and of all those who appreciate the quiet, restful elegance of this beautiful park. Trains every fifteen minutes between Evanston and Ravinia Park.

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