

Vol. 1

JUNE 1, 1936

#### No. 3

# Park Outings Break Monotony of Routine

It isn't everyone who can drop business cares for a day or so occa- $\sqrt{2}$  ( $\sqrt{2}$  ) sionally during



day or so occasionally during the summer and run off to the woods or to some cool lake resort. But everyone can take advantage of the respite from work-a-day routine offered by the facilities for recreational interludes found

in the Chicago parks.

Nor need one forego a few hours of diversion now and then because the pocketbook can't stand the strain. For the day-in, day-out, all-weather attractions in the six large public parks afford remarkable opportunities for the enjoyment of recreation-seekers at a cost of no more than "L" fare.

Whether your preference runs to the more strenuous sports or to restful diversions, there's something for everyone. Boating on the lagoons, swimming in the lake or in outdoor pools, tennis, golf, baseball, bicycling, horseback riding—these are a few of the popular pastimes you can enjoy at little or no cost. Band concerts and flower shows are among the free attractions, and for the children there are wading pools, playgrounds and other features. Rogers Park Station is 19th "L"-Motor Coach Free Transfer Point

Rogers Park station of the elevated lines has been added to the transfer points where Rapid Transit Lines passengers may transfer free to and from buses operated by the Chicago Motor Coach Company. Transfers may now be made between the "L" and Lunt avenue (No. 54) route coaches of the latter company at this station.

This makes 19 "L" stations where interchange of passengers between the services of these two companies is permitted at no extra cost to the rider. Transfer arrangements between the elevated lines and routes of the Chicago Motor Coach Company or the Chicago Surface Lines are in effect at a total of 73 designated "L" stations within the city proper.

All parks are easy to reach by direct "L" service. For Jackson Park, take a Jackson Park express to the end of the line; for Washington Park, take a Jackson Park or Englewood "L" to 55th street station; for Garfield Park, board a Lake Street "L" and ride to Hamlin station; for Douglas Park, a Douglas Park branch train to the station of the same name; for Humboldt Park, ride to the station of that name on the Humboldt Park branch, and for Lincoln Park, ride any north side local train to Sedgwick station.

Whether for a few hours in the evening or an all-day outing, you'll be able to spend your spare time enjoyably in the Chicago parks.

# Hillside Golf Club Now Easily Reached by "L"

One of the sportiest golf courses in this area—and one easily reached by

the "L"—is the Hillside Golf Club, which is enjoying new popularity this season due to improvements made in the layout of the course,



A natural 18-hole course with rolling fairways, all greens have been resurfaced and traps rebuilt for this year's play. Several other changes have also been made. Par for the 6,400 yards is 72. Moderate fees prevail, with special rates for tournaments. Jack Yorgan, one of the oldest pros in the Chicago region, is in charge. In addition to playing facilities, the club provides a restaurant where meals are served at reasonable prices.

Special transportation arrangements from the Roosevelt Road station of the Westchester branch of the "L" are provided by the Hillside club management. Golfers may call the clubhouse—Hillside 1930—upon arrival at the "L" station and a private automobile or bus will pick them up immediately and transport them to the clubhouse without charge. The same arrangement is in effect returning.

## Dance, Skate at White City

Dancing, four nights each week, and roller skating every evening except Monday, are popular attractions at White City (South Park "L" station, South Side Division). Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday are the evenings devotees of the dance may enjoy themselves.

### Stock Yards Tours Afford Close-up View of World's Biggest Packing Plants

Chicago's justly famous Stock Yards, the world's largest, afford an excellent opportunity to groups interested in making educational tours. The entire routine of the packing industry, from the time of arrival of stock at the Yards, through the various stages of butchering, curing, smoking, canning, etc., to the finished product wrapped and ready for shipment, may be viewed by the visitor.

The Elevated Lines, with stations on the Stock Yards loop located directly at all of the larger packing houses, afford the most convenient service to the Yards.

The services of our Traffic Division in arranging trips of this type are at your disposal. Call Randolph 8200, Local 347, for details.

# Free Band Concerts in Grant Park to be Resumed July 1

Chicagoans will again have the privilege this summer of hearing the splendid open-air concerts which were such a popular feature last summer at the Grant Park band-shell. The series will be resumed for the summer on a regular nightly schedule starting July 1 and will continue through Labor Day.

Combined with the spectacular displays of nearby Buckingham Fountain, the concerts attract thousands to Grant Park every evening during the summer season. All seats are free at the concerts, a feature of Chicago's summertime attractions.

Both the band-shell and Buckingham Fountain are convenient to State-Van Buren and Adams-Wabash "L" stations in the Loop.

2

#### 

## Changing City Scenes as Glimpsed From Windows of "L" Train

An animated map—a living, breathing, urban landscape of ever-changing scenic motifs—that is Chicago as viewed from the windows of an elevated train.

Here's an eye-filling view: Smooth acres of green lawns and terraces intersected by broad boulevards. There the mirror-like waters of a lagoon glisten through the overhanging foliage. Beyond, a sweep of golf courses, baseball fields, bridle paths, tennis courts, where Chicagoans take their diversion in large doses. This, a vista of the favorite outdoor recreation center of thousands—the Chicago public parks.

Next, fleeting glimpses of the city's industrial and commercial life: Tall chimneys climbing sturdily skyward. A veritable maze of factory buildings and warehouses. The steel network of tracks comprising the city's great railroad yards and terminals. Flatdecked freighters moving sedately along the course of the river that man reversed. Products for all men in all corners of the world. Farm machines and chewing gum. Pork and pig iron.

'Round and around downtown: Skyscrapers, the monoliths of modern business. Randolph street, the incandescent-illumined thoroughfare of theaters. State street and its stores. Michigan boulevard—a world-famed place de la promenade. Always bustling, ever blatant—the Loop.

Into the city and suburban residential sections: Apartment buildings that are sizable communities in themselves. Backyards and bungalows. Drab, crowded areas depressing in the squalor—reminiscent of Chicago's earlier days. Cozy homes in tidy surroundings—representing the newer ideas in home construction of today. Cottages. Children playing in schoolyards.

These are a few brief flashes of the animated map that is the city as viewed from the windows of an elevated train.

# Special Accommodations for Groups "L" Service Feature

Special advance arrangements for transportation of groups wishing to travel together in single car or train units is an important feature of elevated service. Many advantages and conveniences are gained by organizations availing themselves of this type of service.

Among recent users were a group of department store employes for whom a sightseeing tour was arranged. That they liked the manner in which the tour was handled for them is expressed in this excerpt from a letter to the company: "A word of appreciation for your kind co-operation and help in making our Chinatown trip such a success. We had an extremely enjoyable evening. We would also like to put in a good word for Conductor Mannish, badge 3863, who took excellent care of our party and who proved such a good sport."

For help in arranging tours, write or call the Rapid Transit Lines Traffic Division, 72 W. Adams street; Randolph 8200—Local 347.

### Chicago Questionnaire

(See Questions on Page 5.)

- (1) Lincoln Park.
- (2) Baha'i Temple in Wilmette.
- (3) Chinatown.
- (4) Merchandise Mart.

: 3

# How to Keep Cool This Summer: Get in the Swim

Though not yet officially open for the season, Chicago's air-conditioned beaches — the  $\mathbb{N}$ -

city's front line defense against summer heat are already attracting tho usands of "earlybird" swimmers and bathers.

From Jackson Park to the northern city

limits, the shore-line is dotted with beach areas easily accessible either by direct "L" service or through convenient free transfer connections with other local transportation lines. In addition to the larger beaches, there are innumerable smaller ones all along the lake front where the swim-minded may enjoy their favorite pastime.

Between Edgewater Beach and Howard street stations on the North Side Division there are several street-end beaches served directly by the "L." A short walk east from any elevated station in that area brings you to a place to swim.

Bath-house facilities are available at many locations, among them being the following reached by free transfer from the "L" to Chicago Motor Coach lines at the stations named: Jackson Park beach—Jackson Park "L" to end of line, route BB motor coach to beach; North avenue, Fullerton avenue children's beach, Diversey beach—North Side "L" to Diversey station, No. 34 motor coach to beaches; Montrose-Wilson beach—North Side "L" to Wilson (Uptown) station, BB motor coach to beach.

### America's Most Distinctive Live Animal Collection on Display at Brookfield Zoo

A collection of birds, beasts and reptiles almost as varied, if not as complete, as the one assembled in Noah's famous Ark is on display at the Chicago Zoological Park in Brookfield.

Such lesser-known specimens as the dollar bird, Tasmanian she-devils, Australian skink-lizards and wallabies share the spotlight with the more familiar lions, tigers, elephants and kangaroos at this huge 133-acre reservation located in the Cook County forest preserve area southwest of the city.

Admission to the park is free on Saturdays, Sundays, Thursdays and all legal holidays. A charge of 25 cents is made on other days. The grounds are open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m.

To reach the Brookfield zoo, take any Douglas Park "L" train to Oak Park avenue station and there transfer to a LaGrange car of the West Towns Railways and ride to the park gate.

# Model Farm Recreational Field Ideal Outing Spot

Providing a 13-acre picnic and outing spot with complete facilities for large group parties, the Model Farm recreational field at Mundelein is now open for the season.

Operated by the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, the facilities at the Model Farm field include a concrete dance floor, baseball diamond, horseshoe courts, tennis courts, picnic tables, shower baths, dressing rooms and gas range and hot plate cooking equipment. The grounds may be reserved for exclusive use upon application. For further information, call the North Shore Line Traffic Department, 79 W. Monroe street, Chicago.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ GO ON THE " L" \_\_\_\_

## Riverview Park Adds New Attractions for '36 Season

New attractions to augment the old, thrill rides galore, side shows and a diversified assortment of concessions ranging from popcorn stands to ringtoss games await fun-seekers at Riverview Park, Chicago's big amusement park, now open for the season.

Merry - go - rounds and shoot - thechutes, roller coasters and ferris wheels, penny arcades and peanut vendors—all have their particular enthusiasts at this huge amusement area, located at Western avenue and Roscoe street on the northwest side. Old and young alike make up the crowds who throng to Riverview Park each summer.

With the joint transfer arrangement in effect between the elevated and surface lines, travel time to Riverview Park has been considerably reduced. "L"-street car connections may be made at two Rapid Transit Lines' stations at Western on the Logan Square branch (northbound Western avenue car to park), and Belmont on the North Side Division (westbound Belmont avenue car to Western avenue).

## Chicago Questionnaire

#### (Answers on Page 3)

(1) In what Chicago park is St. Gaudens' famous statue of Abraham Lincoln located?

(2) What unique religious edifice in a suburb served by the "L" has been called the first new idea in architecture since the 13th century?

(3) What picturesque foreign section in Chicago is really "a city within a city," having its own mayor, city hall and court of justice?

(4) What large Chicago building claims to have more than 6½ miles of plate glass windows lining its corridors?

# Five Special "L" Trains Daily to Hawthorne Track

Five special express trains every race day are being operated by the elevated

lines from the Loop to 52nd avenue station on the Douglas Park branch for the accommodation of turf fans going out to



watch the ponies run at Hawthorne race track.

The trains leave at 12-minute intervals, starting at 12:43 p. m., and continuing until 1:31 p. m., from the LaSalle and Van Buren station in the Loop. They then operate around the Loop, stopping to pick up passengers at all stations to Franklin and Van Buren, thence run express to Marshfield and from there to 52nd avenue without stop. Taxicabs and b us es charging a 10-cent fare for the trip from "L" to track, meet all trains at that point.

The daily racing program at Hawthorne starts at 2:15 p. m., and will continue every day, except Sunday, until June 27. The feature race of the meet, the Chicago Derby, will be held June 20.

## Arena Bills Weekly Fights

Wednesday evening is fight fans' night at the Chicago Arena, 333 E. Erie street (Chicago avenue "L" station transfer to eastbound surface car for Fairbanks court). The boxing shows feature leading contenders in all divisions of the puglistic sport. Kid Howard, well-known in Chicago fistic circles, is matchmaker.

5

## Leading Olympic Aspirants To Appear in National Track and Field Meet at U. of C.

Stagg Field will be the scene of the most important meet of its kind held in Chicago in many years on June 19 and 20, when athletes from all over the country assemble to compete in the National Collegiate A. A. Track and Field Championships and the semifinal Olympic try-outs.

Defending titleholders in many events and leading contenders for top honors in all divisions of track and field activities will be seen in action at this meet. With the additional incentive of a chance to represent the United States in the Olympic games to be held in Germany later this summer as the big prize, record shattering performances are expected.

Most of the major colleges and universities of the nation will enter teams in the national meet. Several hundred athletes, ace performers for the most part, will compete.

Stagg Field is located at 57th and Ellis avenue. Ride the "L" to 55th street station on the South Side Division and transfer free to Chicago Motor Coach Company buses, operating direct to Stagg Field.

# Illinois Dunes State Park Popular With Outdoor Fans

Opening of Illinois Dunes State Park, the 1,500-acre playground on the lake shore just north of Waukegan, provides residents of the Chicago area with an ideal summer outing spot.

Chief among the attractions at this huge natural preserve is the beach three and one-half miles long—which it is estimated could hold 1,000,000 at bathers at once without undue crowding. A pine forest at the south end of the park, habitat of scores of varieties M9

# Cubs, Sox Meet Eastern Clubs in Long Home Stay

A twenty-game home stay for the Cubs, which started May 26 with four battles against the scrappy Cincinnati Reds, followed by a 21-game home stay for the White Sox, during which they meet six of their seven American League opponents, is the schedule of major league activity which will give Chicago baseball fans ample chance to watch their favorite team in action over the next six weeks.

Following the "Cincy" series, the Cubs meet Pittsburgh, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston in that order before making their second swing around the eastern circuit. The White Sox will open their protracted series of engagements at Comiskey Park by taking on the Boston Red Sox for three games beginning June 16. Then, in order, the visitors are: Philadelphia, New York, Washington, Detroit and Cleveland. The Sox will close this home stay on July 5.

The "L" will "take you out to the ball game" and bring you home after it's over in fast express trains. Addison street station on the North Side Division is right at the "home plate" of Wrigley Field. Comiskey Park, home of the White Sox, is within a few minutes' walk of the 35th street station on the South Side Division.

of migrating birds and many kinds of growing vegetation, attracts hikers and naturalists. More than 100,000 persons visited the park last year.

Dunes Park is a little over an hour's ride from downtown Chicago on the North Shore Line, which has direct platform connections with the elevated at 12 Loop and north side stations. Bus connections direct to the park entrance are made at the Edison court or County street stations in Waukegan.

6 :