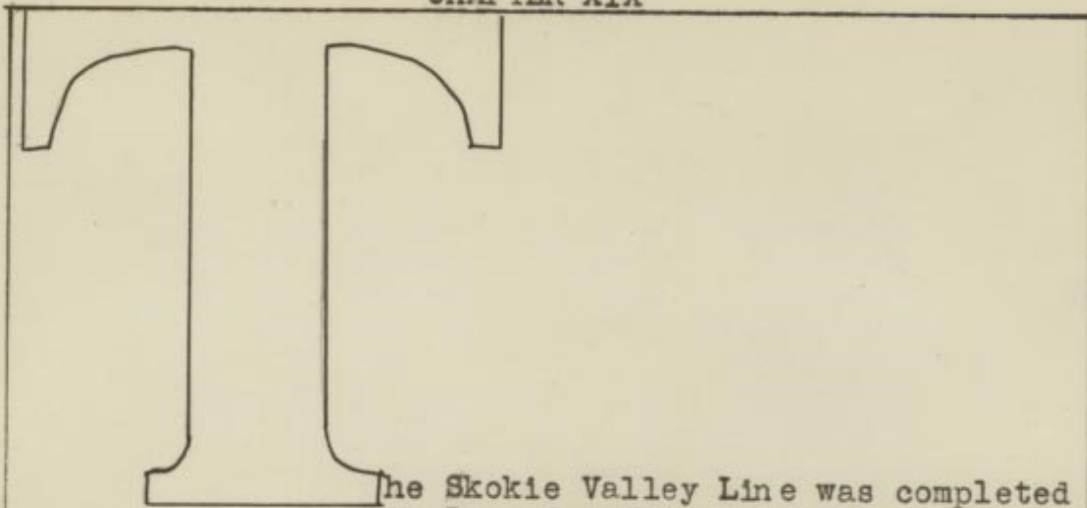


CHAPTER XIX



The Skokie Valley Line was completed to Dempster Street, in Niles Center, a distance of 5 miles of double track railroad. The first train carrying passengers was run over the line February 1st, from Howard Street to Dempster Street and the line was opened for traffic March 28, 1925.

Opening of Skokie Valley Line to Niles Center March 28, 1925



Two of the Special Trains to the Niles Center Opening Ceremonies

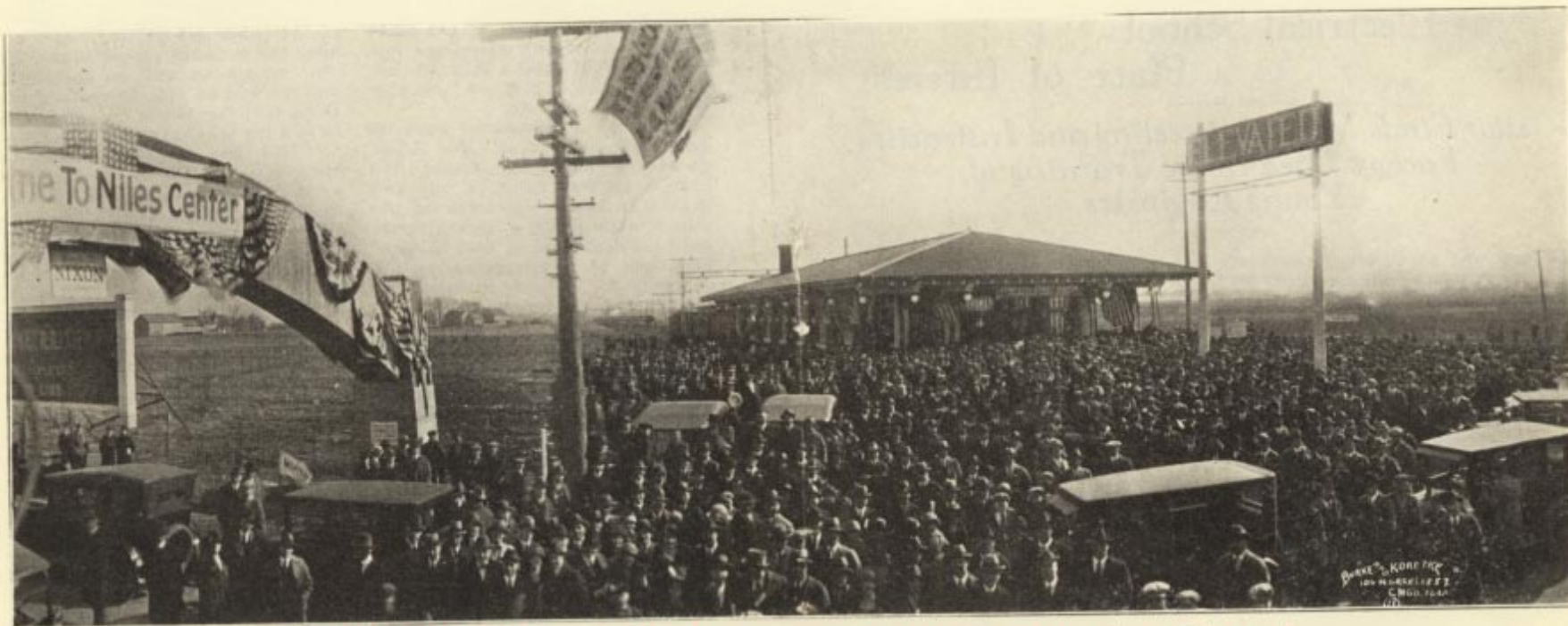
Eight modern brick and stone stations of distinctive type were erected, and a track leasing arrangement made with Chicago Rapid Transit Company to operate a local service on the Branch to Dempster Street.

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The Skokie Valley right of way is owned by the Company, is double tracked and has steel catenary construction its entire distance.



Architect's drawing of the attractive mission style stations on the new Skokie Valley Line.



Crowd at Niles Center Opening of the New Dempster Street
Station March 28, 1925.