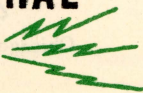


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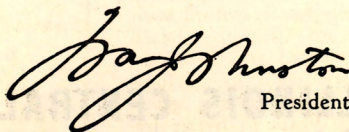
To Our Suburban Service Patrons:

On this, the 20th anniversary of the electrification of Illinois Central suburban service, we want you to know how deeply we appreciate your patronage and friendship.

The Illinois Central, the Greater South Side of Chicago and its environs have grown up together. For 90 years the railroad has stimulated the settlement and growth of many city neighborhoods and suburban communities; these, in turn, by their loyal support, have helped us expand and improve Illinois Central suburban service.

It is our intent to continue to do all in our power to contribute to this mutual progress, to render ever finer service and to serve an ever growing group of patrons and communities.

Cordially yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Ralph H. Houston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

President

Chicago, August 7, 1946

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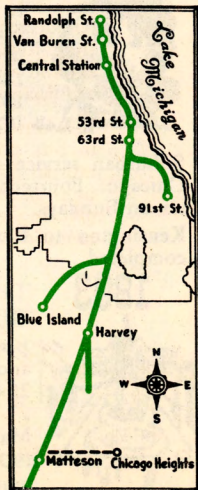
On August 7th, 1926, Illinois Central gave Chicago commuters their first taste of a new kind of service—faster, cleaner, more comfortable and more frequent.

That service, we are proud to say, is now spoken of with respect in all corners of the earth. It is compared favorably with the finest services in other metropolitan areas.



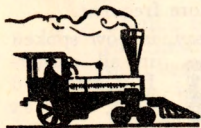
Illinois Central suburban service has attracted hundreds of thousands of families to neighborhoods and communities along its lines. By making distance a matter of minutes, not miles, it has brought these people a fuller measure of good living. It has given dad extra minutes to sleep mornings and sped him home earlier at night, provided more time for recreation, relaxation and family living.

Illinois Central has brought the whole family within swift minutes of Chicago's heart. For these and other reasons, passengers tell us, Illinois Central Electric has given them 20 years of better living, a tribute we shall work hard to continue to deserve in years to come.



LOOKING BACK

1856



"NARY A PASSENGER"

rode Illinois Central's first suburban train on July 21st. It ran on trestles over the lake to 25th Street and then chugged on to Hyde Park. First suburban schedule showed four round trips daily.

Service extended to 63rd Street. } 1862
Six families living in Woodlawn. }

1871



THE YEAR OF THE CHICAGO FIRE

saw service extended to 71st Street. Population of South Side increased from 30,000 in 1856 to 88,000.

1872 — Service to Kensington.

1873 — FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE. Two trains each way.

Suburban service opened to South Chicago. Fourteen trains week days, six on Sundays. } 1883

Kensington to Blue Island branch completed. } 1892

1893



THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION

First express trains . . . 41 locomotives and 300 cars added to service . . . 294 trains week days, 198 Sundays . . . 8,780,000 passengers carried May 1st to October 1st.

1900 — Service extended to Flossmoor.

1912

MATTESON became the southern terminus of Illinois Central suburban service on May 5th.



1917

The population of Chicago's South Side had grown from 450,000 in 1891 to 907,000. Illinois Central service during the same period increased from 114 to 270 trains on week days, and the number of passengers from four to nineteen million annually.

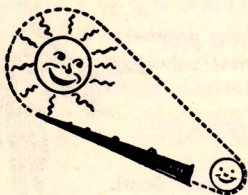
1926

First electric suburban train ran July 21st. Service formally began August 7th . . . Governor Small engineered train from Matteson with many distinguished guests aboard . . . community parades and fetes . . . grand parade with 400 floats on South Michigan Avenue . . . pageant of transportation at Soldier Field . . . grand banquet at Palmer House for 2,200 guests.



1933

WORLD'S FAIR and American Legion crowds combined to provide a peak load of 212,315 passengers on October 30th, a test the Illinois Central handled with ease.



ROUND TRIP TO THE SUN

In 20 years of service Illinois Central Electric has carried 750,804,130 passengers, run 3,232,804 trains, rolled up total of 48,840,717 train miles and 188,207,636 car miles, the latter equal to a round trip to the sun.

471 TRAINS A DAY are now being operated week days by Illinois Central Electric to 54 suburban stations over 131 miles of track with as many as six parallel tracks being used exclusively for suburban service.



KILOWATTS

In 1945, Illinois Central Electric used 88,951,712 kilowatt hours of electricity, an amount ample to supply the home needs of 110,000 families.



FAST PICKUP

The speed and efficiency of Illinois Central Electric service is due in no small measure to "jack rabbit" acceleration—from standing start to 30 miles an hour in 22 seconds.



NEW BALLAST

Sturdy, dust-free ballast under Illinois Central tracks now provides smoother, cleaner rides.



NEW RAIL



To help keep Illinois Central Electric service at its best, new rail is being laid on 14 miles of track this year. This is part of an extensive rail replacement program.

CYLINDRICAL TREAD WHEELS

have now replaced "tapered-tread" wheels on all cars, help provide smooth, sway-free high-speed service.

SMOKE-FREE SMOKING CARS

Fresher air for Illinois Central smoking commuters and their traveling companions is coming as the result of a successful experiment in improved ventilation recently completed on ten two-car units.

