

Chicago...

for a Complete Vacation

Your visit to the Chicago Railroad Fair can be the high spot of a thrill-filled vacation in this great metropolitan city. Miles of beautiful bathing beaches on the shores of Lake Michigan offer all the lure of the most enticing summer resort. You can also enjoy boating on the nearby lagoons, or a lake steamer excursion.

SEE THE SEVEN WONDERS OF CHICAGO. Most of Chicago's world-famous attractions are right along the Lake Front, like the Museum of Science and Industry, whose thousands of actually working exhibits attract millions annually; Adler Planetarium, first institution of its kind in America; Chicago Historical Society with one of the finest collections in the nation; and Shedd Aquarium with over 10,000 specimens.



Round out your visit with a trip to Oriental Institute, at the University of Chicago, where ancient Babylon, Persia, Thebes and other old world settings have been reconstructed in the 20th Century; the Chicago Museum of Natural History, with exhibits of all ages; and the renowned Art Institute.



VISIT THE NATION'S BUSIEST SHOPPING DISTRICT. One of the big moments of a Chicago holiday is a tour of State Street and Michigan Avenue, the world's most highly concentrated shopping district with hundreds of glamour stores serving 500,000 daily.

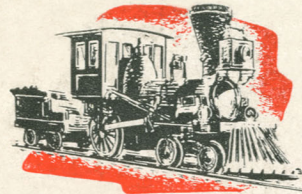
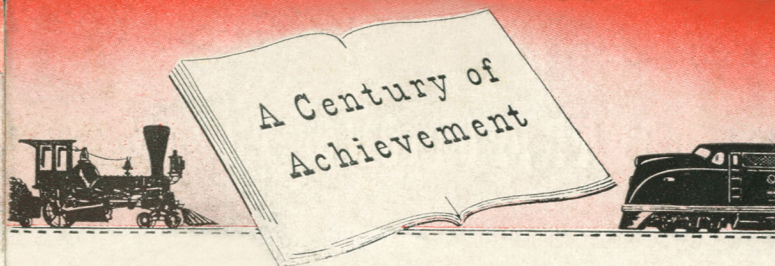
GAY DAYS AND BRIGHT NIGHTS. Every day in Chicago is a headliner for the sports fan. Baseball, racing, water sports, everything in outdoor entertainment—you will find them all. And, at night, there is Chicago's stirring Rialto with its big name bands, unusual restaurants and sparkling amusement centers.



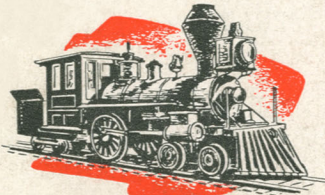
PARKS AND ZOOS. Chicago is world renowned for its beautiful parks. Brookfield Zoo features man-made gullies, mountains and forest enabling visitors to see specimens in their natural habitats. At Lincoln Park you will find Bushman, finest gorilla in captivity.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT. Your trip will not be complete without a trip to the Stock Yards, food center for the universe; and the Chicago Board of Trade, world's largest grain market. Whatever you want in entertainment, you can be certain of one thing, there is never a dull moment in Chicago, America's second largest city.

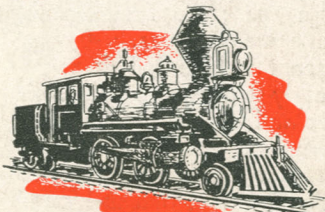
Be Sure to Visit the
CHICAGO RAILROAD FAIR



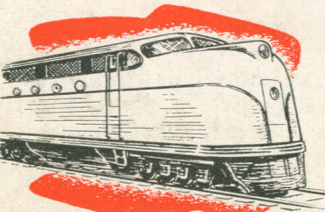
which has made America's passenger and freight service the marvel of the world.



linking of East and West at Promontory Point, Utah, marked the spanning of a continent and the final opening up of a vast new territory.



which has endured; while the nation fought two world wars and assumed world leadership—the railroads were, as now, the great arteries of transportation.



grown great. Truly a fitting culmination of pioneering, struggle, work and glorious achievement.

Your Local Railroad Ticket Agent Will
Be Glad To Help You Plan Your Trip

Chicago Railroad Fair

STIRRING CELEBRATION

1848 OF 100 YEARS 1948

OF RAILROAD PROGRESS



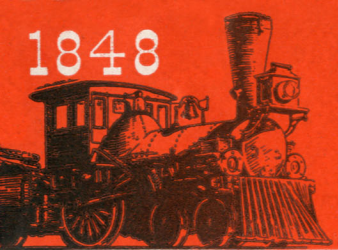
GREATEST EVENT OF THE 1948 VACATION SEASON
In a setting of World's Fair proportions on the shores of Lake Michigan, U. S. railroads portray the growth of a nation—the spectacular miracle of America on rails setting a pace for the world.

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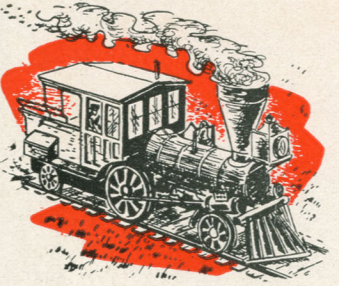


Scenic Route of the East

THE RAILROADS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN PROGRESS



RETRACING THE GROWTH OF A NATION



As American railroading has grown so has the nation. Steel rails have been the veritable backbone of our country in its development from a loosely-knit federation of infant states on the eastern seaboard to a thoroughly united empire.

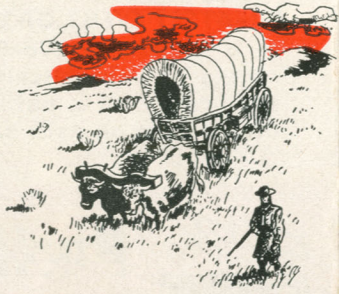
The B & O's initial efforts shortly after the War of 1812 making American railroading a practical reality for the first time . . . the history-making debuts shortly later of such famed early trains as the old DeWitt Clinton in upper New York . . . the Pioneer puffing its way out of Chicago on its maiden trip only a century ago to open up the plains of the West . . . and the great streamlined mammoths of recent years have all played their part in American destiny.

In Chicago this summer, the Chicago Railroad Fair graphically retraces this parallel history of railroading and the nation to give America its first great outdoor exposition since the war.

'WHEELS A-ROLLING'

Biggest thrill of the Chicago Railroad Fair will be the magnificent pageant of transportation. In an outdoor theater on the shore of Lake Michigan you will see the drama of American progress unfolded with all its historical glamor. Before you on a stage 450 feet wide hundreds of actors will combine in this great centennial production to trace the twin development of transport and the nation from the earliest days of our conquest of a continent.

From the crude travois of the Indian and the small bateaux of the early French explorers, through the days of the circuit riders, the stage coach and the freight-wagon, the story of transport will be reenacted graphically and faithfully.



FAMOUS OLD TRAINS IN ACTUAL OPERATION



Illustrious ancestors of today's swift luxury trains will steam across the great stage. You will see the Pioneer, Chicago's 100-year veteran; the Best Friend of Charleston, which made its debut in 1830; the Tom Thumb, of early Maryland history; and many others.

On stage during the pageant will be full dress reenactments of the railroads' early struggles to fight their way through mountain passes and over lake and river. And, of course, such a performance would not be complete without the scene at Promontory Point where two engines met and the spanning of a continent by rail finally was celebrated.

As a fitting climax for the pageant, entrance of latest model luxury trains will point the way brilliantly to railroad progress of the future.

AMERICA ON DISPLAY

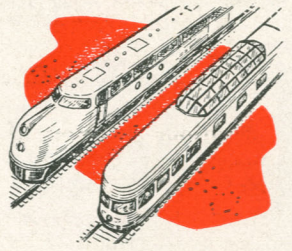
Acres of ingenious and realistic exhibits by the railroads and the nation's outstanding railroad equipment and supply firms will give Fair visitors the scenic rewards of a hundred tours telescoped into the physical dimensions of a mile-long exposition.



Within the Fair grounds you will find Indian tribes carrying on their normal day-to-day routine . . . a full-scale and actually functioning reproduction of Old Faithful, the picturesque geyser in Yellowstone National Park that has intrigued millions of tourists . . . side-lights on western life in the U. S. including a dude ranch with a rodeo show . . . a reconstructed version of early Chicago's first railroad station . . . a scene lifted from Florida's Everglades . . . dioramic presentation of western mountain country . . . graphic illustration of the agriculture and economy of many western states . . . Mexican scenes . . . many views of the best known U. S. tourist attractions and examples of how U. S. railroads keep the nation humming.

MIRACLE ON RAILS

Trains on display will include models of every period from the first steam-powered locomotives to the name trains of 1948. There will be special exhibits of the latest in rail equipment and appliances for convenience, comfort and safety.



ENTERTAINMENT

While attending Chicago's 1948 centennial of railroading you will enjoy the finest in dining facilities . . . have the benefit of indoor and outdoor theater attractions daily . . . witness colorful fireworks displays on a magnificent scale.

For your comfort, nothing has been overlooked in advance planning of the Chicago Railroad Fair. All forms of transportation will be available to speed you to the Fair grounds. Inside the 50-acre area you will find ample parking space. A narrow gauge railroad train with colorful open cars will carry you from one end of the Fair grounds to the other.

