



# **NEW ODORLESS PROPANE BUS SERVICE FOR GRAND AVE.**

***Begins Sunday, April 1, 1951***

New 51-passenger odorless propane buses will replace streetcars on Grand Avenue effective Sunday, April 1, 1951. Terminals of the line will be at Fullerton-Nordica on the west and Navy Pier on the east.

Service on Grand Avenue is presently provided by streetcars on weekdays, and by motor buses on weekends and holidays.

The propane buses will provide all service on Grand Avenue temporarily. They will be replaced by new silent-operating trolley buses as soon as a sufficient number of those vehicles is available.

A total of sixty buses will be assigned to Grand Avenue service, replacing fifty-one streetcars. Intervals between buses in morning and evening rush hours will be from 1½ to 2½ minutes; during the midday and evening hours, 7½ to 8 minutes, and in the Owl period, about 30 minutes.

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Chicago has more new, modern equipment in service now than at any time in the past generation.

Today three out of five rides on the C.T.A. surface system start on routes with modern equipment. By May 1, 1951, 255 additional new motor and trolley buses will be placed in service. The CTA will then have modernized 1,000 of its 1,500 miles of surface routes. The Logan Square-Milwaukee Subway route has been completely equipped with the latest type of all-metal, streamlined cars, and the Ravenswood route is being equipped.

New equipment in daily service now exceeds the total amount purchased by the previous two companies in the 30 years prior to CTA ownership and operation.

Deliveries are still being received from the latest series of new equipment purchases of 550 propane buses, 349 trolley buses and 200 subway-elevated cars.