

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
and the
CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

INVITE YOU
AND YOUR FRIENDS
TO BE PRESENT AT THE

Dedication of

IDA B. WELLS HOMES

in Chicago

Sunday afternoon
OCTOBER 27, 1940
at two-thirty o'clock.

SOUTH END OF MADDEN PARK

Rhodes and Vernon Avenues at Thirty-Eighth Street

PROGRAM

CIVILIZATION, like the rushing water, moves ever on in its eternal course, washing away many physical and idealistic landmarks to which we have tried to cling through the years. The picture of our country, as a whole, is one of material and spiritual growth and national unity. Close study, however, reveals large defective areas with great distress and helplessness among our citizenry. The open frontiers of our land, where formerly most men could determine and make their way, are open for them no more. Many of them now find themselves only a part of the surging whole, no longer self-sufficient to withstand the consequences of economic and social upheaval.

PUBLIC HOUSING stands as a partial answer to the cry of many of our worthy citizens with incomes so low that they cannot pay for decent housing in privately owned properties. To hold fast to that which is good in our fellowmen, decent housing is being provided to make it possible for those who find themselves temporarily in distress to bring themselves out of the slums and squalor.

THE IDA B. WELLS HOMES is the fourth low-rent housing project under the management and operation of the Chicago Housing Authority. These homes are located on a little less than forty-seven acres of ground on Chicago's Southside, between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-ninth Streets and Cottage Grove Avenue and South Parkway. The area was purchased and cleared by the Housing Division of the Public Works Administration and sold by the United States Housing Authority to the Chicago Housing Authority. At a cost of nearly \$9,000,000 the 125 buildings, with 1662 separate dwelling units, will provide well ventilated and well lighted, standard living accommodations for approximately 7,000 persons in low-income families.

THE UNITED STATES HOUSING AUTHORITY has agreed to make annual grants to the Chicago Housing Authority in order that the dwellings in the IDA B. WELLS HOMES may be in reach of the lowest-income, poorest-housed families in our community. With this assistance, the monthly rentals for the apartments in the IDA B. WELLS HOMES have been fixed as follows:

2 Rooms	\$18.00
3½ Rooms	\$20.00
4½ Rooms	\$21.00
5½ Rooms	\$22.00
6½ Rooms	\$23.00

These monthly rentals include heat, hot and cold water, gas, electric light and electric refrigeration.

OUR EARNEST HOPE is that in the IDA B. WELLS HOMES there will be an opportunity for a wholesome kind of living for thousands of children and young people, preserving them as valuable assets to themselves and to our community and nation. Here strong bodies and healthy minds may develop; here parents may live and work together for the realization of the dream and ideal of every mother and father and of that noble, courageous woman in whose memory these homes have been named.

Oscar C. Brown
Housing Manager
IDA B. WELLS HOMES

BAND CONCERT.....2:00 to 2:30

ADVANCE OF THE NATIONAL COLORS.....

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"..... Chorus and Audience

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

Joseph W. McCarthy, Chairman
Chicago Housing Authority

INVOCATION.....Dr. Curtis W. Reese

SELECTION Chorus

INTRODUCTIONS:

Mrs. Ida K. Brown, President
Ida B. Wells Woman's Club

Mrs. Nannie Mae Williams, President
Chicago and Northern District Association of
Colored Women

Oscar W. Rosenthal, Chairman
Illinois State Housing Board

Robert R. Taylor, Vice-Chairman
Chicago Housing Authority

And other distinguished guests

ADDRESSHonorable Edward J. Kelly

Mayor of the City of Chicago

RESPONSESydney P. Brown, Chairman

The Citizens Advisory Committee for The Ida B. Wells Homes

SELECTION Chorus

SELECTIONS Band



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