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In This Issue

DOUGLAS BIGGS, professor of history and associate dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, offers an account of the final years of the “Dinkey,” a street railway in Ames. He explains how the train went, in just a few years (1902–1907), from being the “pride of the community” to the “laughing rolling stock of the state.”

JENNIFER ROBIN TERRY, a doctoral candidate in history at the University of California, Berkeley, focuses on the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth in 1950, and specifically on Iowa’s participation in the planning that led to the national conference. She shows how the 1950 conference, unlike earlier child welfare conferences, which tended to be top-down affairs, was marked by grassroots efforts. The 1950 conference also differed from earlier ones by taking a “whole child” approach rather than simply seeking to address children’s external and physical conditions.

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In this 1904 photo, a group of women hustle across the embankment and tracks of the Motor Line on the Iowa State College campus in Ames. Photo from Farwell T. Brown Photographic Archive, Ames Public Library. For more on the Motor Line’s role in Ames and on the Iowa State College campus, see Douglas Biggs’s article in this issue.

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