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ERIC STEVEN ZIMMER, a doctoral candidate in American history at the University of Iowa, describes the Meskwaki fight for self-governance, in the face of the federal government's efforts to force assimilation on them, from the time they established the Meskwaki Settlement in the 1850s until they adopted a constitution under the Roosevelt administration's Indian New Deal in the 1930s.

GREGORY L. SCHNEIDER, professor of history at Emporia State University in Kansas, relates the efforts made by the State of Iowa to maintain service on former Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad lines in the 1970s as that once mighty railroad company faced the liquidation of its holdings in the wake of bankruptcy proceedings.

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As the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad faced bankruptcy in the 1970s, it abandoned branch lines and depots across the state of Iowa. This 1983 photo of the abandoned depot and platforms in West Liberty represents just one of many such examples. To read about how the State of Iowa stepped in to try to maintain as much rail service as possible as the Rock Island was liquidated, see Gregory Schneider's article in this issue. Photo taken by and courtesy of James Beranek.

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