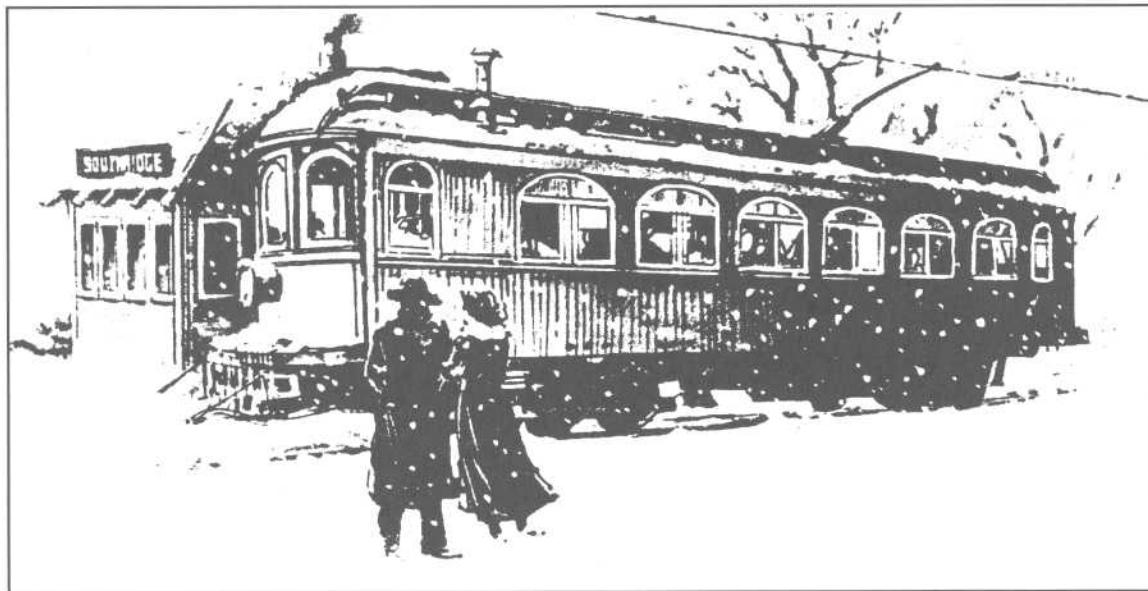


# *Roe'ling Thru the Years in Roeland Park, Kansas*

## A HISTORY



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*This history is dedicated to the Roeland Park Baby Boomers  
who, forty five years ago, made life in our town a lot more  
interesting and a lot noisier than it is now.*

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