

Chautauqua at Devils Lake



From the 1890s to the 1930s, one of North Dakota's popular summertime resorts was the Chautauqua at Devils Lake. There, amidst cool breezes from the big lake, one could ride the special train to the grounds (above), camp and relax (1.), row or swim at the boating area (below), or watch attractions such as the first airplane flight in the city, a crowd-pleasing event of 1912 (r.).

—Courtesy Arthur A. Powell, Devils Lake



Many local coal mines operated in North Dakota during the early 20th Century. This updated picture shows the Herman Hanson mine near Turtle Lake.

—Courtesy Fred Jefferis, Washburn



The Light Brothers mine at Noonan, ca. 1925.

—Courtesy Edmund Strand, Bisbee



In 1931, a very dry year, residents near Buford dug and loaded coal directly from the bed of the Missouri River.

—Courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Thelmer Iverson, Buford



Coal miners and mules at Tasker (Ward County) in 1910.

—Courtesy William Murray, Devils Lake





The schoolhouse at White Earth burns in 1914, a victim of a coal furnace that overheated on a winter night.

—Courtesy George Lee, White Earth



The school, students and teacher at Sarnia School District No. 1 (Nelson County) in 1908-1909.

—Courtesy Louise Skjervem, Whitman

Logan Center School in Grand Forks County was the first consolidated school in North Dakota. Note the school buses in this 1904 photograph.

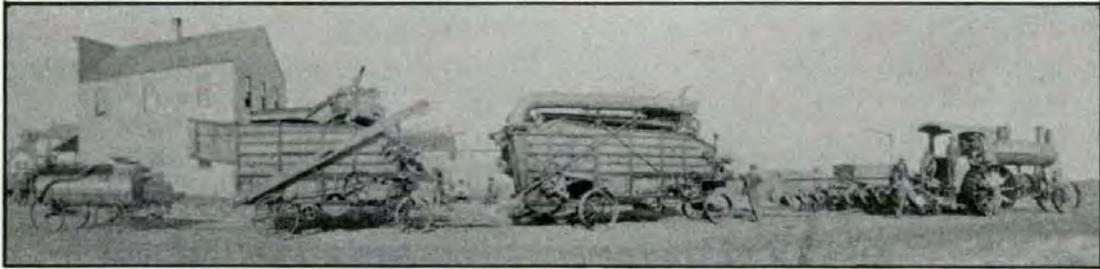
—Courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCoy, Larimore





**Harvest time  
north of Drake in  
1905.**

—*Courtesy Thomas  
Rieder, Anamoose*



**The J.W. Schmid threshing rig at Barlow, ca. 1909.**

—*Courtesy John Schmid, Carrington*



**Andrew and Olaf Ruden's threshing outfit at work near White Earth, ca. 1913.**

—*Courtesy George Lee, White Earth*

**In 1905, this treadpower threshing operation worked on the William Starke farm near New Rockford.**

—*Courtesy Horton Starke, New Rockford*



**PIONEERS**



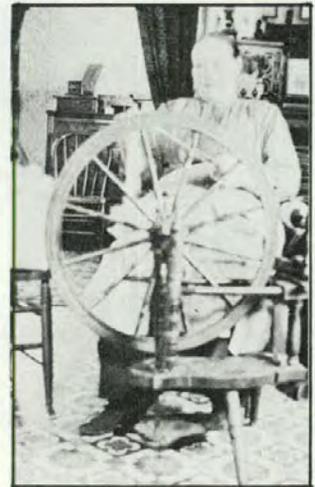
**Wearing winter clothes, (l-r) Bill Matacek, Bill Vasicek, Frank Vasicek and Joe Matacek of Whitman pose in this 1911 photograph.**

*—Courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matacek, Whitman*



**(above) Longtime Oberon doctor Josephine S. Stickelberger on her 82nd birthday in 1922. (r.) Mrs. Sidsel Skjervem and her spinning wheel in 1921.**

*—Courtesy (above) Carl Goranson, Oberon. (right) Louise Skjervem, Whitman*



**Steele County pioneer Ole Lee and family. The photograph was taken in 1904.**

*—Courtesy Wilmar Vinge, Mayville*



**Mr. and Mrs. George Festvog of Hillsboro, a wedding portrait from the 1890s.**

*—Courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Oluf Festvog, Landa*

**The Ben C. Askelson family of Grafton.**

*—Courtesy Mrs. Louise Skjeveland, Edmore*



**Fabled Williams County settler Steve Marmon of Williston.**

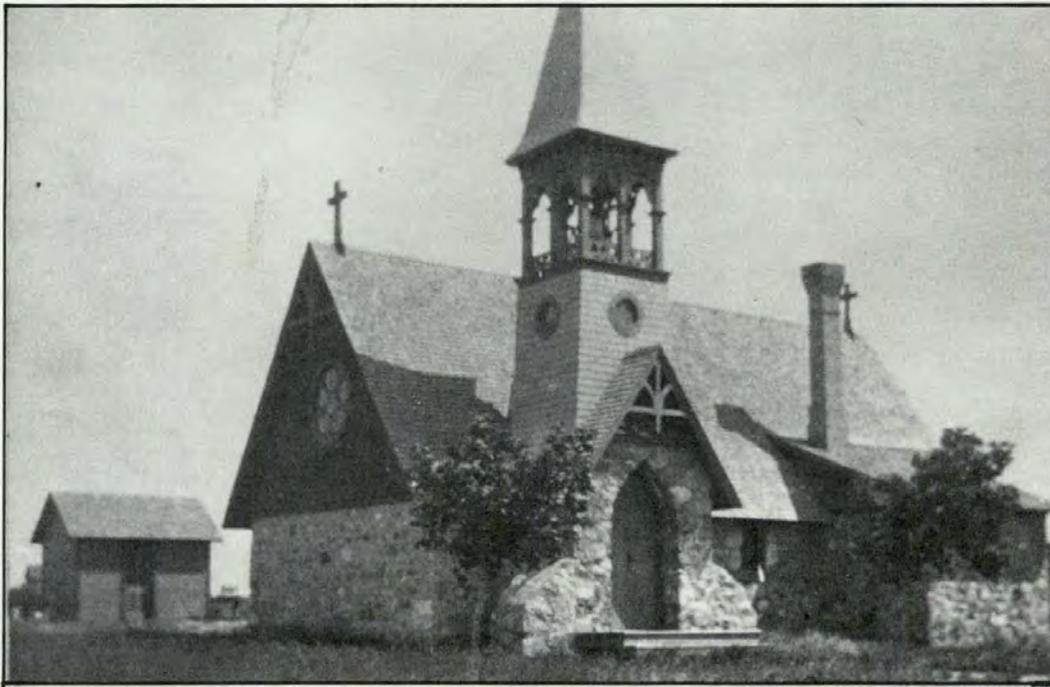
*—Courtesy Mabel Amsbaugh, Williston*



**Mr. and Mrs. Tongus Tofsrud of Churchs Ferry. The photo dates from 1895.**

*—Courtesy Bertha Tofsfud, Rugby*

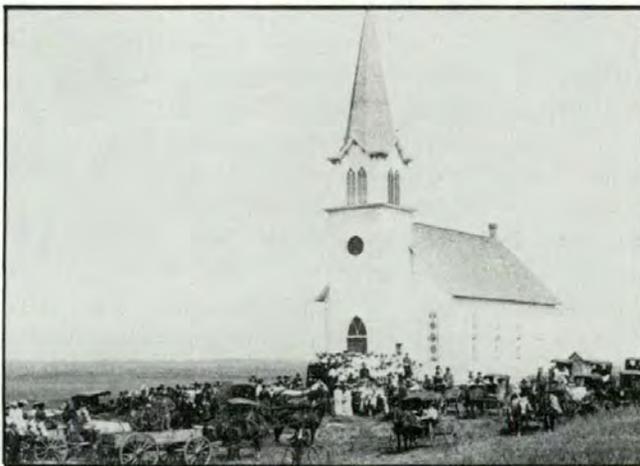




Fieldstone, a common North Dakota resource, often was used to construct churches. One such house of worship was the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lakota, built during the 1880s.

—Courtesy George and Myrtle McHugh, Lakota

## CHURCHES



The Middle Forest River Lutheran Church near Dahlen, North Dakota, about 1900.

—Courtesy Helmer and Ruth Dahlen, Michigan



At Crary, the Congregational Church and parsonage looked like this in 1909.

—Courtesy Emma Casper, Warwick



Urban religious buildings were often more elaborate than those in rural areas. The First Presbyterian Church of Fargo, shown here in 1910, is typical.

—Courtesy Orvin T. Hanson, McVile



Rugby, North Dakota — 1895



The O.T. Tofsrud General Merchandise store in Rugby in 1895.

**RUGBY**



Constructing the Pierce County jail at Rugby, ca. 1910.

The Tofsrud Block in Rugby in 1905.



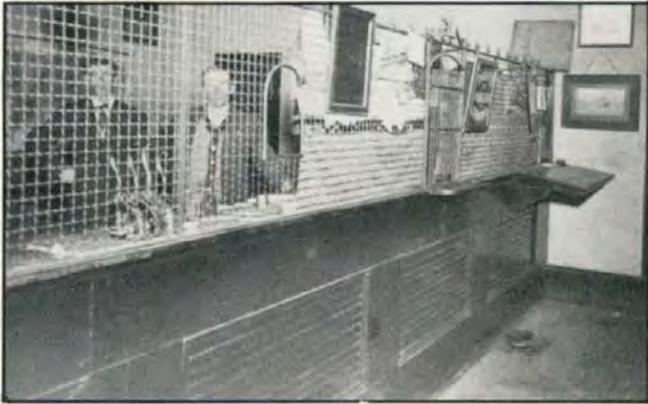
The Pierce County Courthouse in 1895.



Rugby — 1918: The growth of a city.



*All pictures on this page courtesy Bertha Tofsrud, Rugby*



*Courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Oluf Festvog, Landa*



*Courtesy Charles Stedman, Sheyenne*



*Courtesy Guy and Rose Sellon, Turtle Lake*

An inside look at some businesses. (left, top) The First International National Bank of Landa. (left) The Spaulding Meat Market at Turtle Lake in 1927. (above) Stedman's Livery stable at Sheyenne about 1910.



An interior view of Pier-son's Hotel at Columbus in 1939; the counterman is Ted For-  
thun.

*—Courtesy Ted Fortbun, Columbus*



**Main Street in Granville about 1951.**

—Courtesy Orlo L. Ehart, Granville

**Perth, North Dakota (undated).**

—Courtesy Edmund Strand, Bisbee



## MAIN STREETS



**The west side of Main Street in Powers Lake about 1905.**

—Courtesy Jean O. Lund, Powers Lake

**Columbus in 1916.**

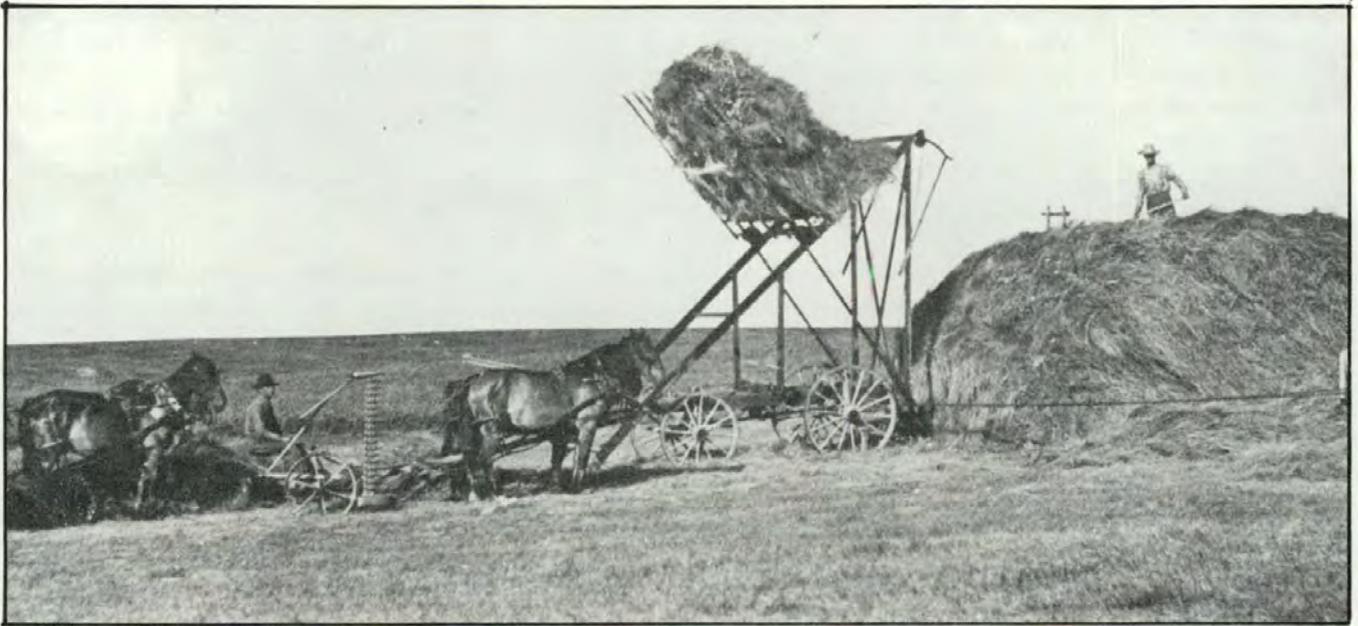
—Courtesy Melvin Salvason, Columbus



**Main Street in Carrington from the west end of the city (undated).**

—Courtesy John Schmid, Carrington





**An old-fashioned haystacker at work on the Art Estvold farm near Lakota in 1916.**

*—Courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Estvold, Lakota*

**The Schmid Brothers custom breaking operation near Barlow, ca. 1910.**

*—Courtesy John Schmid, Carrington*



**In 1930, Bjarne Hofstad farmed near Ambrose with this McCormack tractor.**

*—Courtesy Aasta Hofstad, Crosby*

Thomas Rieder bought his John Deere "D" tractor and three-bottom plow in 1928; he farmed near Anamoose.

—*Courtesy Thomas Rieder, Anamoose*



A Grand Champion Jersey raised by Page Farms at Hamilton.

—*Courtesy Franklin Page, Hamilton*



The Lars Skjervem farm near Whitman ground flour with windpower; (l-r) Lester Skjervem and John Espegard.

—*Courtesy Louise Skjervem, Whitman*



The J.I. Case outfit owned by August Stenerson of Maza in 1910.

—*Courtesy Fred Bergevin, Webster*





**The North Dakota State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at San Haven near Dunseith opened in 1913 and closed due to a lack of patients in 1973.**

*—Courtesy Magda Boe, Perth*

**The Deaconess Hospital at Northwood originally incorporated in 1902 and constructed this building in 1908-09. It has served as both hospital and home for the aged.**

*—Courtesy George Lee, White Earth*



Clarence Bratvold's "snowmobile" was a home-built machine used for carrying the mail in the Lakota-Brocket vicinity during the mid-1940s.

—Courtesy Walter Tiistola, Brocket



The Bartles Northern Oil Company of Drayton used a horse-drawn tanker for fuel deliveries about 1920.

—Courtesy Alton and Gladys Van Camp, Drayton

The Turtle Lake Motor Company in 1929. The business was a victim of the Depression, going out of existence in 1931.

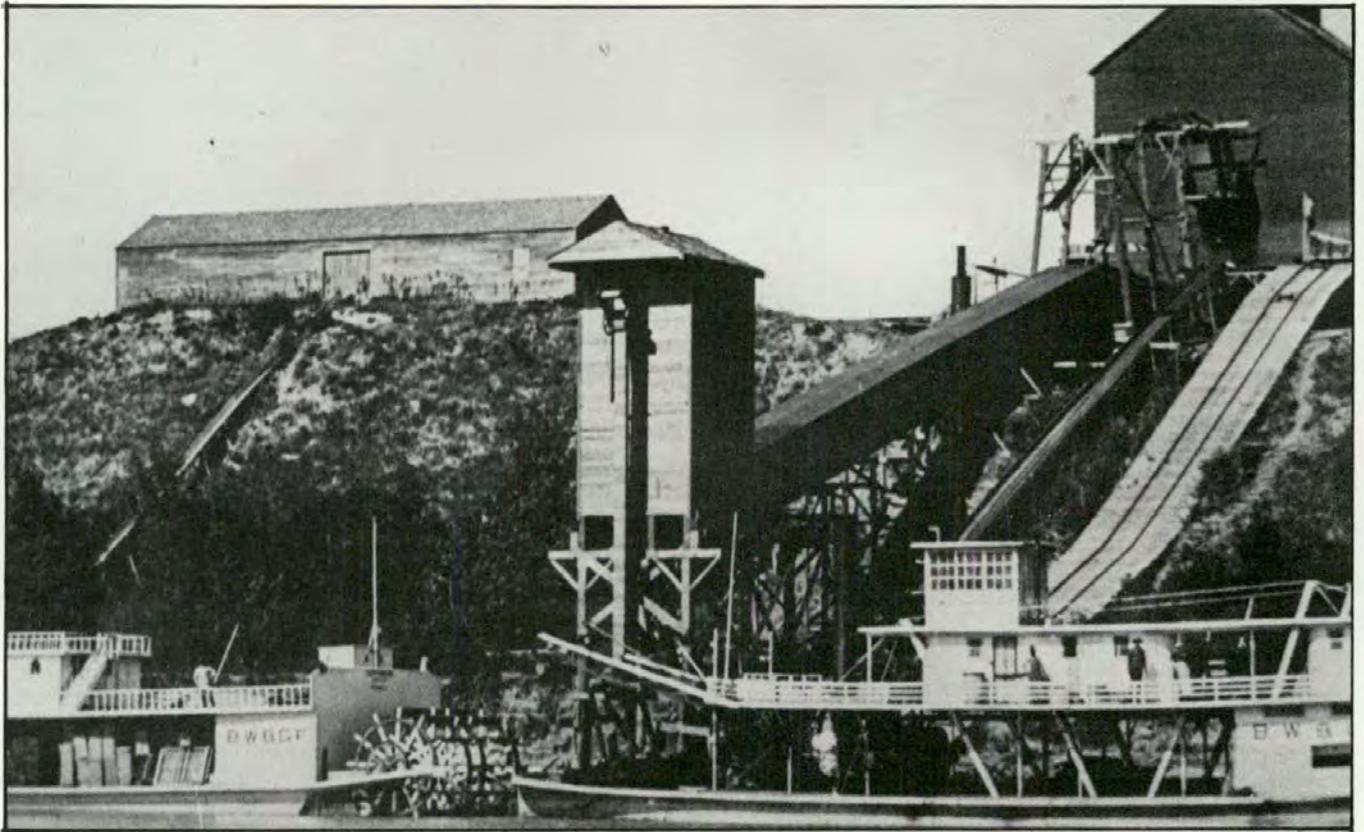
—Courtesy Guy and Rose Sellon, Turtle Lake



A Garage and Auto Display at Hansboro in 1911.

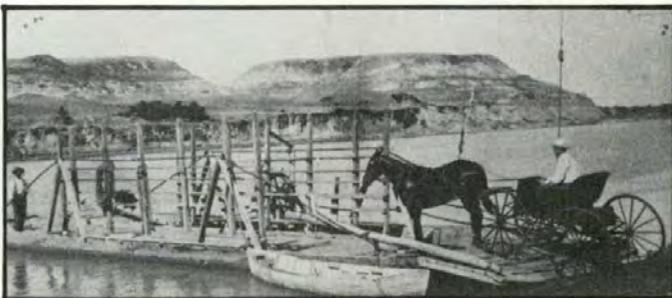
—Courtesy Lee Leftwich, Hansboro





Steamboats plying the Missouri River were once an important economic link in North Dakota. Washburn was a major stop, and this undated picture shows the landing there.

—Courtesy Fred Jefferis, Washburn



Bridges on the Missouri were few and far between, and ferries carried the people across. Roams Ferry at Williston was one of several that worked the river.

—Courtesy Mrs. Les Panger, Williston

Ice was a wintertime crop that made the prairie summers more pleasant. This harvest occurred near Washburn on the Missouri River about 1905.

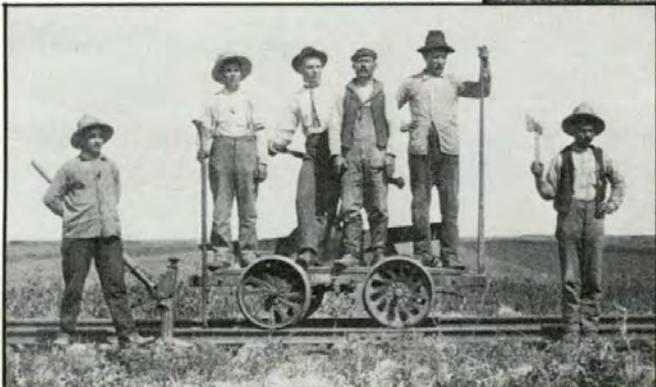
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## RAILROADS

**A Northern Pacific Railway freight heads for the Missouri River bridge between Bismarck and Mandan in 1911.**

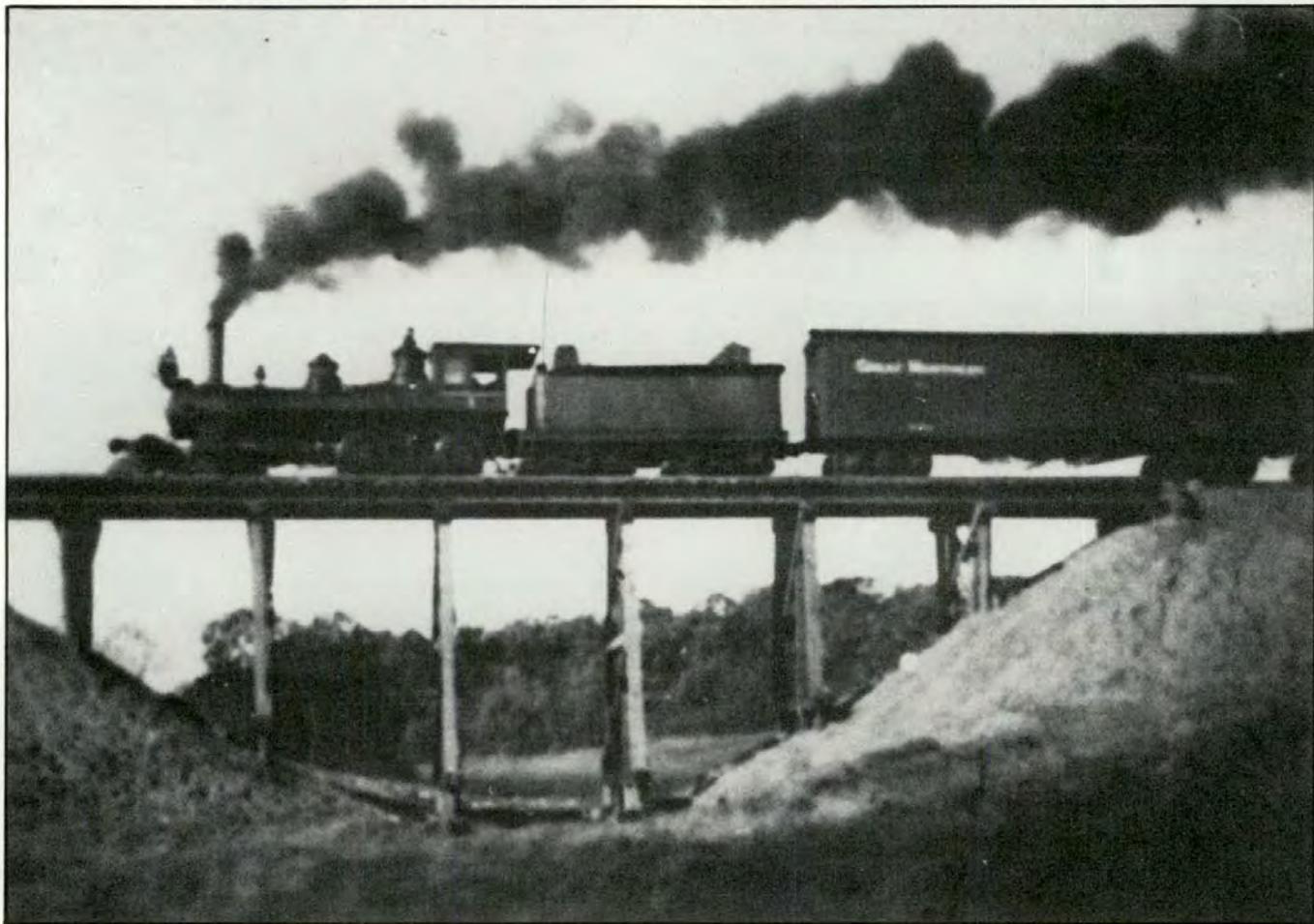
*—Courtesy Orvin T. Hanson, McVille*



**Greek immigrants comprised this Soo Line section crew near Bisbee in 1908.**

*—Courtesy Edmund Strand, Bisbee*

**Smoke billows as a Northern Dakota Railroad freight crosses a bridge near Mountain about 1910. The Northern Dakota was a short line that ran from Edinburg to Concrete during the early 20th Century.**



*—Courtesy Chris Gudmundson, Mountain*

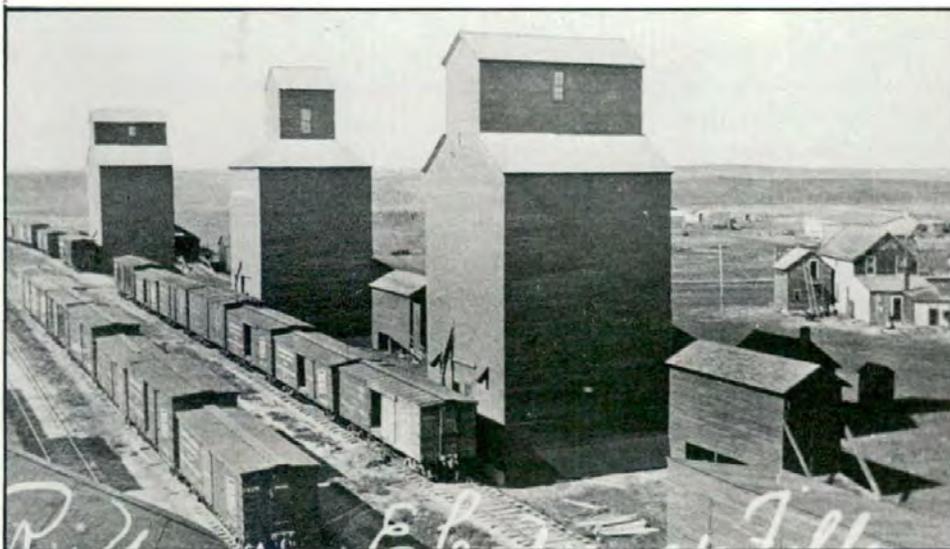


**A rotary snowplow clears a windswept stretch of track near Goodrich in 1906.**

*—Courtesy Perry Anderson, Harvey*

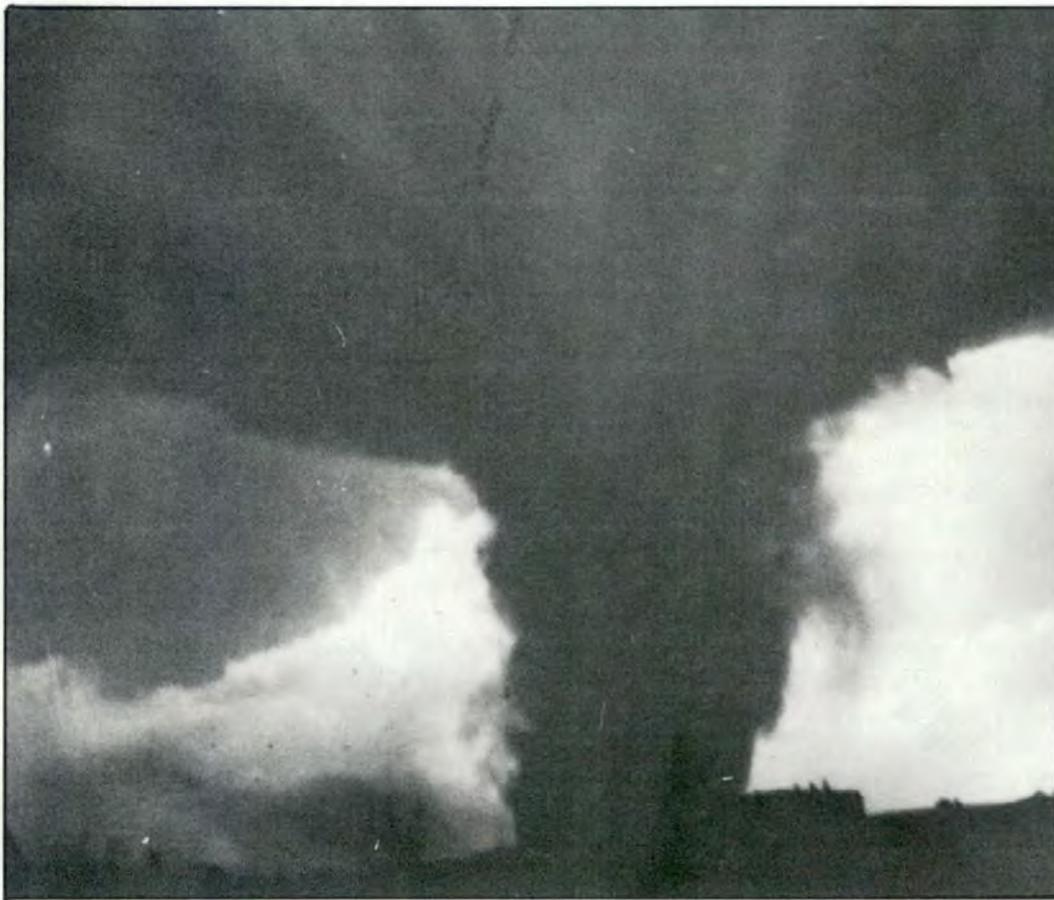
**A 1918 blizzard virtually buried this engine near Lark.**

*—Courtesy Mrs. Gertrude Holloway,  
Grenora*



**The Great Northern Railway's freight yards at Fillmore, a major grain shipping point in the western Benson County, in 1914.**

*—Courtesy Mrs. Lester Rendahl,  
Fillmore*



**Tornado — the most destructive storm on the prairies. This unusual early photo captures a storm at Antler on August 20, 1911.**

*—Courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Oluf Festvog, Landa*

**Run-off and rain brought a flood to White Earth in 1914.**

*—Courtesy George Lee, White Earth*



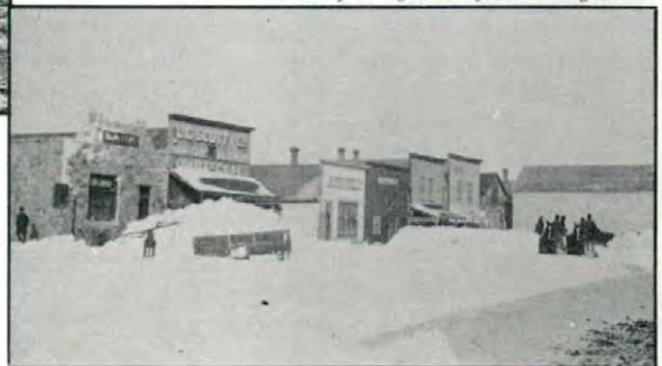
**The aftermath of a tornado at Heaton on August 28, 1910.**

*—Courtesy Carol Anderson, Fessenden*



**A blizzard piled snow drifts on the streets of Lakota in 1900.**

*—Courtesy George and Myrtle McHugh, Lakota*





**Norwich, 1904.**

—*Courtesy Mr. and Mrs.  
Oluf Festvog, Landa*



**Norwich in 1943.**

—*Courtesy Mr. and Mrs.  
Oluf Festvog, Landa*



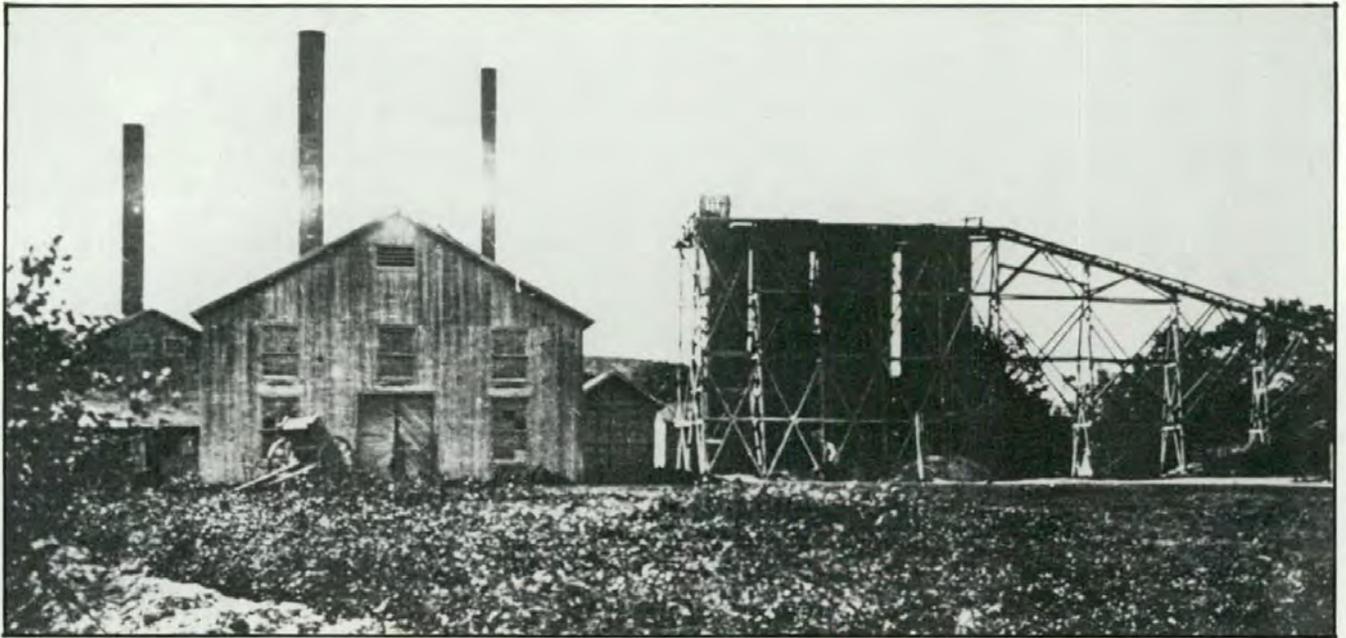
**Northwood in (ca.) 1912.**

—*Courtesy Orvin T. Hanson, McVile*

**Barlow in (ca.) 1915.**

—*Courtesy John Schmid, Carrington*





The mine buildings and burner at the Pembina Portland Cement Company, a short-lived business enterprise near Concrete, North Dakota. The mine closed in 1908 after several years of producing a high-grade cement; competition from foreign mines led to its demise.

—Courtesy Clara and Oliver Lawson, Concrete



The steel bridge across the Red River at Drayton was constructed in 1911 after a strenuous local campaign to obtain the county bond issue. The photo is dated September 23, 1911.

—Courtesy Gladys and Alton Van Camp, Drayton

The bridge at Drayton after its completion in November, 1911. Note the lift section to permit free movement by river traffic. The bridge was demolished in 1955.

—Courtesy Gladys and Alton Van Camp, Drayton





Fieldstone was sometimes used as a construction material for pioneer homes. The G.R. Nordorp house was built in Manfred in 1905-06.

—Courtesy Perry Anderson, Harvey

Frame buildings predominated on the plains. Shown here is the Villa Post Office and store near Powers Lake in 1909. In the buggy is Mrs. J.R. Jenson.

—Courtesy Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Van Berkom, Powers Lake



A substantial home marked a prosperous farmer. This is the Jim Kalas house that was located near Whitman. It was constructed of bricks made in Michigan, N.D., during the early 20th Century.

—Courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matacek, Whitman

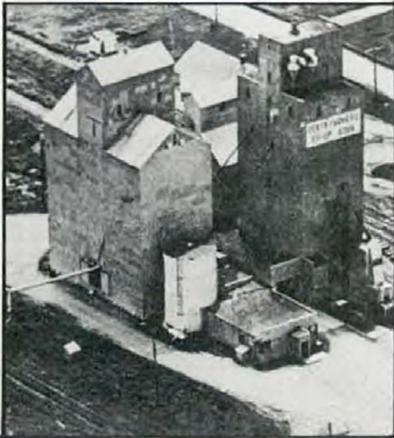
The Kirkwood Hotel at Carrington, a former landmark for travellers.

—Courtesy John Schmid, Carrington



An ariel view of the Perth Farmers Co-operative Association, ca. 1940.

—Courtesy Edmund Strand, Bisbee



Cattle purchased for slaughter at Vohs Meat Market in Williston mill on the streets of the Williams County seat about 1911.

—Courtesy Al J. Vohs, Williston

Ole Odden in his shoe shop at Rolla, about 1895.

