Life in the Dakotas — past and present — always has its intriguing aspects. The following pictures show some of the activities Dakotans most relish.

Shopping for furniture and appliances in 1948 at the Heitzmann store in Ashley, North Dakota. At left is B.F. Heitzmann. The other man is Herbert Bertsch. Woman and child are unidentified.
“This is how we tuned pianos.” Photo taken in about 1947 shows B.F. Heitzmann of Ashley.

The Ashely High School Band in the early 1940s. B.F. Heitzmann (at left) was the director.