THE WAY WE WERE

Rare photographs show a bustling commercial scene at the turn of the century in Wishek, North Dakota. The decor of the fledgling shops was usually utilitarian rather than frivolous decoration. Careful study of the pictures shows a highly interesting story that furnishes much information of how things were done 75 years ago. The pictures are submitted by Gideon Herr of Wishek.

R.J. Bailey and Jim Welch in front of old livery stable in Wishek, North Dakota, where Nickisch Appliance is now located. Photo was taken in about 1916.
Methods of farming have changed a lot since the days at the turn of the century.

An old steam threshing machine is being operated in the Wishek area by R. J. Bailey. Photograph was taken in about 1910.
Gerald Bailey is standing by a new car in the John Pudwill Garage in Wishek. Pudwill sold Overland and Whippet cars. The building was located where the Wishek senior citizen building now stands.
R.J. Bailey and person unknown in Main Street Butcher Shop. Photo taken about 1910.