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The first picture is the restored depot CNW at Wall Lake. It is hard to believe it was 40 years ago I first stepped in the depot to find a very friendly depot agent. As a teenager I would spend every minute I could to visit him while in town or when I could check out of school and sneak away. If you have not visited the depot it has many interesting railroad things to see as well as many of the towns historic treasures. This past summer the CN retied and ballasted much of the line from Ida Grove Jct to Ida Grove. The 90 pound rail from 1926 can still be found on portions of the line. The ethanol plant at Arthur is the big shipper on the line. The second picture was taken on the day after Christmas this year at Ida Grove as we were traveling between parents. The third picture is the power that will be taking the grain train out. I heard this was the second grain train out of Ida Grove that week. It is nice to see grain trains on the line as most of the corn is used by the ethanol plant.

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