History of the Angus Community

The township of Angus was organized in the year 1879 and is a part of Polk County which was organized in 1872. It was first started with the railroad stop in the year 1878. This first stop was located near what is now the former Leroy Wood farm and where the Clarence Arnold's now live. At that time it was known as South Angus.

Some of the first businesses of the community were a blacksmith shop started by John Nadvarnick in 1890 and another blacksmith shop in 1884 by John Staska. The first store was built in 1880 with G. C. Winchester as owner and it was later sold to J. F. Montgomery, but it has been closed for the past six years. The last owners were Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart who had the Post Office along with the grocery store. The first postmaster was William Lemen in 1882 and the first mail carrier was Ole Iverson.

The first church was a Presbyterian Church built in 1881 and was torn down in 1952 and a new building was erected on the same site. The first school was built in 1890 and it was later moved away and a two room building was erected in 1908. This building is now being used as a town meeting place. The first depot burned in 1904 and the present building was built on the east side of the tracks. At the present time we have no train service only for the freight cars for grain as needed for the elevators. One of the early business men of the Angus area was J. M. Streble who bought cream, worked in one of the elevators and the lumberyard as well as acting as town assessor for this township. He walked many miles in taking the information needed for the county.

The first Modern Woodman Lodge was organized about 1890 and their hall was built in 1895. That hall has now been sold to Hubert Anderson who uses it for storage. No longer is there a place in the community to have gatherings such as was in the past. There are no more Christmas programs, community clubs or other social events. The first lumber yard in Angus was started in 1888. At one time there were three old line elevators but one burned to the ground in 1923 which was owned by the Great Western Company. The Farmers Elevator was built in 1916 and it has had additions added in the past years. The St. Anthony and Dakota was sold to the G.T.A. in 1943.