The first telephone company started in Angus by J. F. Montgomery in about 1907. At first it could only be used between the business in town and later it was extended out to the rural area. Marshall Mitchell built a hotel in Angus in 1916 and the first bank building was erected the same year and operated by Angar Peterson and Ray West until 1928. It was a branch of the State Bank of Warren.

The Minneapolis, Manitoba Railroad Company plotted the Angus township. The land was acquired by the Angus Farming Company which was owned by Cyrus B. Angus. Supposedly that is where the town got its name.

The following information was gathered by the different families in 1958 and just a few facts have been changed to bring it up to date. Some of it may be repetitious and yet it was hard to make a complete story without telling it as it was sent to those who were putting the information together.

The pioneer settlers of the township of Angus consisted of five families, all homesteading in the spring of 1878. Most of them came from Wisconsin. These first families were Mr. and Mrs. John Campion and family; Mr. and Mrs. Charles and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. Davis and family; and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McClennan and family. Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Evans and family homesteaded in the Angus township in 1878 and he took a soldier's tree claim of 80 acres on the same section 2½ miles south of the center of Angus. He lived there until 1916 when they built a new farm home one mile west of Angus and now is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kasprick and family. The Evans family retired in 1919 and moved to Los Angeles, California and their son, Everett, operated the farm. Four of the girls live at Long Beach and Santa Rosa, California and another live in Williston, North Dakota. Everett lived in Grand Forks until his death.

In the spring of 1889, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stark, Amel, Will, Arthur, Lawrence, Minnie, Ester and Walter moved into the community from Illinois, and they bought land at $40 per acre from G. N. Morkassel, Real Estate Agent. They settled on the farm which is still occupied by Mr. Walter Stark. The Starks bought their first Model T Ford in 1915 and up until that time had only used horses for transportation.

The Oberg family moved to this area in 1910 which consisted of Mr. and Mrs. John Oberg, Walter, Forest, Lawrence, Clyde and Jennie. They came from Illinois and bought the farm known then as the Winchester farm and it is still in the family and operated today by Mr. and Mrs. Elton Oberg. They tell us Walter Oberg moved up here in a box car with four horses and the other members of the family came by coach on the train. John Oberg retired in 1916 and moved to Warren and the farm has been in the Oberg family at all times.

In about 1883, Louis Osterloh came to this vicinity and worked on the KeyStone Farm for a few years and later moved to the Osterloh farm in 1890. There were three children, Louis, Arthur and Amber. He lived on the same farm all his life and now his son Arthur makes his home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Osterloh moved into Angus about 1889 and purchased the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkin. They lived there until they sold the farm to the Harold Parkin's.

John Goodwin came from River Falls, Wisconsin in about 1897. He married about two years later and there were three children in the family. He lived on that place until his death and then his son George took over. At the present time, George's son Murrey and his family make their home there.

Some time before 1907, Samuel Evans of Lincoln, Illinois acquired 760 acres of farm land in Angus township and in the spring of 1898, his son-in-law, E. Johnston and his family of Reddick, Nebraska, moved here. The family consisted of Clarence, Raymond, Lloyd, Leila (Mrs. R. E. Miller), Earl, Herbert and Wilbur. They too moved up here by rail with some members of the family in the cattle car with the stock. He operated this land and in a few years purchased it and made it his permanent home. It has been in the Johnston family since that time and at present Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Johnston and family make their home there. Mr. Johnston was well known for his horses and it was his practice to go south in the winters to bring back loads of horses which he sold at auctions in the spring. His harness race horses were entered in the county fairs of the area. The Johnston children attended school in District 59 which was built in 1891. This building is still standing but now used for grain storage.

Mr. and Mrs. George Confer came from Indiana in 1912 and lived on their farm which is now known as the Grega farm. They moved and made their home in other parts of the community, but at the present time both sons, Harry and Charles, are farming east of Angus.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson homesteaded in Rosewood and moved in 1893 to the Angus area where they lived one and a-half miles north of Angus. These buildings have all been torn down. There were five children in the family, William, Carl, Lawrence, Ester and Florence.

In 1886 Frederic Stroble and his eleven year old son, Abram, came to settle at Angus. They came from Carlyle, Pennsylvania and settled south of the coulee near the Roy Woods' corner. The Stroblies stayed with a bachelor and did chores for board and room for the first winter. In the spring they settled on a homestead east of Angus. The rest of the family came later. A few years later they bought the farm west of Angus from Mr. Lemen and paid $11.00 per acre. William and Abram farmed this farm as long as they lived. Maggie, a sister, married H. D. Strickler. Jim Stroble, another brother, lived on the former Daby farm and then moved to Angus where he ran the city elevators for a few years. He worked in a lumberyard and bought cream. This farm is still in the Stroble family with Merrill and his family owning it at the present time.

Another of the first residents of the town were Mr. and Mrs. John Nadvorinck who came in 1890 from Tabor township. Mr. Nadvorinck operated a feed mill, did woodwork and kept bees and sold honey. His location was the place just south of the old service station and now belongs to the Glass family.

In about 1894 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taus came to Angus from Tabor and made their home at the farm which is still occupied by a Taus, Donald Taus and his family. They had lived in Tabor for five years before moving to Angus. There were four boys and three girls in the family.

One of the first houses built in this town was built by Mr. and Mrs. Ole Iverson and it was in the place that is now owned by the Sroms Brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Iverson moved here in 1898 and built their home in 1901. Mr. Iverson was the first mail carrier out of Angus and he started in 1906 with a horse and buggy and carried mail until 1927. He was even held up on one occasion by some Canadians and robbed of $6.00. His son, Henning, and family still make their home in Angus.

One of the first families was William and Arabelle Campion, who homesteaded in this area in May of 1883. They later sold their farm to Jess Campion in September of 1924 where the Campion family lived until 1928. The farm was then occupied by E. Donald, and Mrs. George Maruska, then the Hayford and Maruskas and now Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnston are living there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kobetsky came to this community in 1890 from Two Rivers, Wisconsin. They settled on a farm which is now operated by Donald Kobetsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kobetsky. There were four children in the family, Mr. and Mrs. Anton, Marie and Muriel. They farmed the land for 35 years and then retired and moved to Thief River Falls.

H. D. Strickler came to Angus township in 1901 from Iowa to homestead the Strickler farm which is still in the Strickler family with Mr. and Mrs. William Strickler and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Strickler making their home there now. Mr. Strickler married Maggie Stroble in 1906 and there were two boys and three girls in the family. He lived on this farm as did his wife until their deaths.

Reinhart Zimmerman is another of the firsts in the area and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Zimmerman came to Angus in 1906. Mr. Zimmerman had a livery stable and carried mail three times weekly on the Star Route to Noble station which was located at the Ole Gjerde farm east of Angus. He had a threshing machine and hired out for threshing every fall. There were eight boys in the family and one girl, Henry, Jack, George, Tony, Julis, Paul, William and Mrs. Walter (Clara) Miller.

Other old family names which were listed but on which information was not available were the D. H. Miller family,