Harvey D. Strickler came from Eldora, Iowa, in 1901. He had bought railroad land in Section 35 of Angus Township. In January 1906, he married Maggie Stroble, who had come with her family from Pennsylvania by covered wagon in 1880 at the age of three. They were headed for North Dakota. They arrived in Angus late one afternoon and inquired for a place where they could spend the night. The storekeeper sent them to a vacant farmstead two miles west of town. They forgot about North Dakota, and there are Strobes still living on the farm today. Mr. Strickler served on the Angus Town Board for many years, and on the board of the local school district. He was also instrumental in forming the Polk County Farm Bureau.

The Stricklers had five children: Marie (Mrs. William Duden), deceased; Ester, deceased; Nellie (Mrs. Howard Masters); Bennie and William. They all attended and graduated from the Northwest School of Agriculture. Bennie and William started farming with their father in 1927. In 1932, they each bought an Angus cow with a calf at side and that was the start of their Angus herd. They farmed as Strickler Brothers until 1961 when Bennie had to retire because of his health. William married Jean Teideman in 1939.

In 1935 Bennie married Margaret Pester. She was born at Rhodes, Iowa, and went with her folks to a farm west of Manvel, North Dakota in 1916. They lived there until 1925 when they moved to Johnstown, North Dakota. She attended high school at Johnstown and a term of business college at Fargo, North Dakota. The Pester family moved to Crookston in 1929. She attended teacher’s training at Crookston and taught school for two years before her marriage. In 1935 Bennie and Margaret bought the farm located on Section 2 in Euclid Township, which was just across the road south of the Strickler Farm. They have made their home there all of their married life. One of Bennie’s remarks was that he felt sorry for people who had to move from a community and start over again in a new community, getting acquainted and making friends. He’s moved just across the road from his birthplace. Bennie has been very active in community affairs, serving on the Euclid Town Board for about thirty years; the Angus Cooperative Elevator Board for thirty-six years and on the Production Credit Board for twenty-five years. He worked many years with the Farm Bureau on the local and county level. He served three terms on the Warren School Board after serving many years on the local level before it was consolidated with the Warren district. He was very active in the Angus-Tabor Presbyterian Church, serving both as an officer and on the Building Committee. Both Bennie and Margaret spent many years working with the 4-H Programs. Margaret was active in Homemakers Club, Farm Bureau and church organizations, having served as organist for several years and taught Sunday school many years. She is serving her fourth term on the County Extension Committee.

They have one son, Wayne Lee, who attended school in Warren. He married Charlotte Vansickle in 1968 and in 1975 their son, Bryan Wayne, was born. Wayne and Charlotte took over the operation of the farm in 1975.

Since Bennie’s retirement the Stricklers have spent part of each winter where it is warmer. Now they spend about half of the year in Phoenix and the summers in Minnesota.

James Albert Stroble son of Fred and Mary Naylor Stroble was born August 15, 1879 at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. At the age of 15 he moved with his parents to Angus where he resided for the rest of his life. The Strobes homesteaded for awhile east of Angus and had a tree claim farm at the present location of the Merrill Stroble farm two miles west of Angus. Jim Stroble, as he was better known, farmed and ran a threshing rig until his marriage on February 8, 1907 to Lottie Hummer.

Lottie Hummer, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Milton Hummer was born on September 26, 1885 at McComb, Illinois. In 1900 she moved with her parents to Angus and the following year she moved to a farm northeast of Warren.

To this union eleven children were born. James Arthur of California, deceased, Lottie Mae, who died shortly after birth; Fred of Seattle, Washington; Milton of California, Harold of Thief River Falls, Helen, Mrs. Jack Van Pelt of California, Lola, Mrs. A. F. Jorgenson of California, Marjorie, Mrs. Richard Vanek of Warren, Minnesota, Olive, Mrs. L. W. Moyer of Warroad, Minnesota, Doris, Mrs. Chester Johnston of Warren, Minnesota, and Warren, who retired after 21 years in the Army, and lives at Columbus, Georgia. They have 20 grandchildren.

Jim Stroble assisted with the work at the J. F. Montgomery store after his marriage and they made their home in Angus. He managed the lumber yard for Montgomery until it was discontinued in the 1930’s. Besides this he operated a cream station at his home until a few years before his death. He served as assessing was done either at the cream station when the