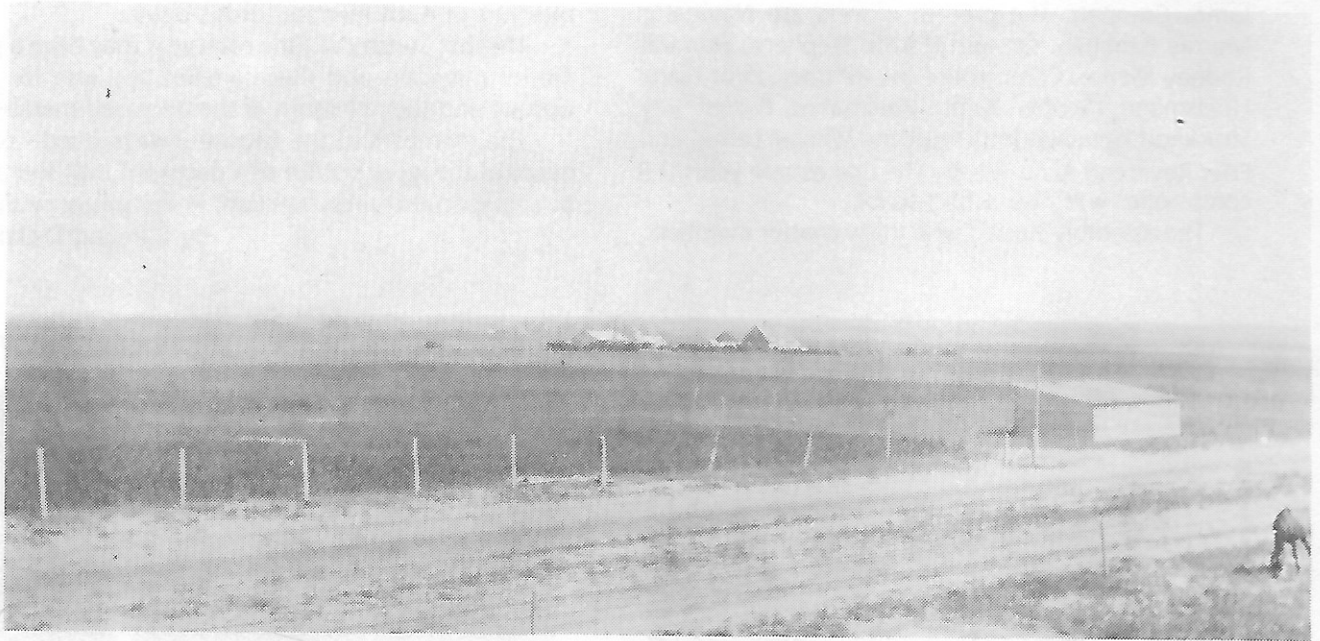


ANGELUS the community



AREA THAT WOULD BECOME THE COMMUNITY OF ANGELUS. In the background is Alvin

Albers farm. The building in the right hand corner is a small livestock shed.

The railroad encouraged settlement westward and brought many immigrants to Kansas. The railroad first reached Grinnell, Kansas, southeast of Angelus, in 1868. The first transcontinental railroad was finished on May 19, 1869, going through Omaha, Nebraska, north of Kansas. Many settlers of Angelus, in the late 1880's, arrived by railroad, getting off at Grinnell, Kansas.

In July of 1873, Grinnell, had a population of forty people and was a part of Wallace County. Mail brought in by the Kansas Pacific Railroad, was brought to the first post office in Grinnell, in June of 1870. It was discontinued in October of 1871, and re-established in 1874. On March 16, 1880, before Angelus was formed, a post office was located on Section 27-9-30 of Sheridan County which is northeast of Angelus. It closed on January 10, 1882. The first post office in Angelus was at the Bernard Albers store in 1894, and later in the Herman Schlageck store. It was then moved to the Leo Rietcheck home and later to Herb Weiland's. The post office in Angelus closed on December 11, 1911, never to reopen.

From 1879 to 1880, a drought caused much distress and suffering in western Kansas. Many families gave up and left the country. Things did get better in

a few years and in 1886, when settlers from St. Bernard, Nebraska, came to the Angelus area to see its potential, they found a promising area in which to bring their families. They found the Thomas Lynch family, the only family near the Angelus area. In 1870, Thomas and Margaret Lynch had settled near Grinnell (on the present Don Albers farm). They had come from Wisconsin, and Thomas was a section foreman on the railroad at Grinnell from 1879 to 1881.

Many communities had dreams of a railroad going through it and this helped to establish its business area. About 1911, Angelus still thought a railroad would pass by to the north. The branch railroad would have been a stretch from Seguin, Kansas, to Campus, Kansas. When Martin Bockwinkel was a young boy he found railroad stakes in his pasture. The area had been staked out, but the railroad never became a reality. Men often met at the Martin Bockwinkel farm to discuss the railroad plans. Herman, Peter, and Ben Schlageck were the main force in trying to get the railroad through. About 1912, they realized that all hopes for a railroad were gone. Still the Angelus business community thrived until sometime into the 1950's when very few businesses

remained. The following pages will show you the early years of business in Angelus, Kansas.



VIEW OF EARLY DAY ANGELUS, TAKEN FROM CHURCH STEEPLE. In the foreground is Albers General Store (other owners were, Joe Miessen, Otto Peters and Ben Rueschhoff, Peter Schlageck, and last George Schulte). Behind the store is the Theodore Moellering home, built in about 1920 (the Moellering home was moved to the Howard Baalman farm in about 1957, and Francis Robben built his present home on the same foundation). The house behind the Moellering home is the Henry Wessel home, in which later the Ben Albers family lived. A few years ago, this home was moved into Grinnell. Across the road from the Wessel house is the George Schulte home (bought in 1944 by Bill Kruse, and Eleanor Kruse still lives in it).

GENERAL STORES

ALBERS STORE. . .

In 1893, Bernard Albers and family moved to Angelus, Kansas, where Bernard built a general store. He became the first postmaster of Angelus when a postal station was established in his store on March 14,

1894. There were also living quarters in the rear of the store where the family lived until he sold the store to Herman Schlageck. Subsequent owners were Joe Miessen, Otto Peters and Ben Rueschhoff, Peter Schlageck, and the last owner was George Schulte. The store was across the road from the present church. The area is now a parking lot for the parishioners attending church at Angelus.

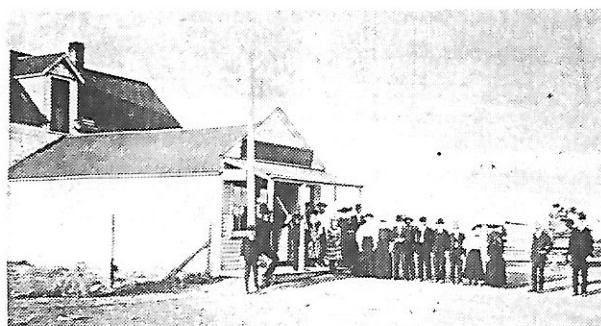
REGISTRY RECEIPT.			
Post Office at	Angelus, Kan.		
Registered Letter No.	5	Rec'd	Aug. 24, 1903
of	Henry C. Schwarz		
addressed to	United Publication Co. 22 E. 91. St. N. York		
	Leo Rietcheck, P. M.		

A registered letter receipt is shown here. It was received by George Schwarz's father, Henry Schwarz, in 1903, at the Angelus Post Office when Leo Rietcheck was postmaster.



Albers-Schlageck store (later Schulte store).

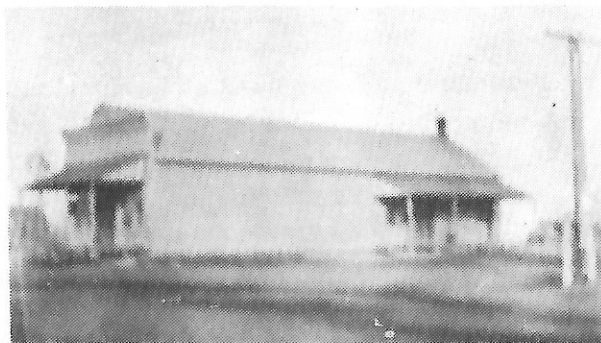
WEILAND STORE. . .



First store owned by Hubert and Catherine Weiland (home is presently owned by Raymond Holzmeister).

SCHULTE STORE. . .

In the late 1800's a general merchandise store was owned and operated by Hubert and Catherine Weiland from their home (the south room of the old Schulte home-now owned by Raymond Holzmeister). Then later they built a new store building just south of the home which according to the deeds that are recorded



Weiland-Schulte store, which later burned to the ground.

was bought by a Mary A. Schulte of St. Louis, Missouri, in 1916. Also purchased was the quarter section it sat on, all for \$16,000.00.

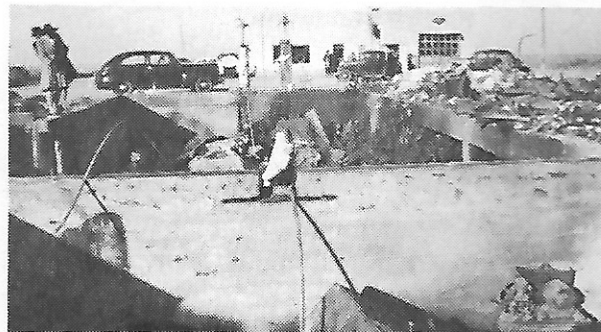
Mary A. Schulte, mother of John and George, had recently lost her husband, who had owned a variety store in St. Louis, Missouri. When friends of her family who were in Angelus, told Mary of this business opportunity, she thought it would be a good investment. Before long, several railroad cars of merchandise, along with John and George, were on their way to Angelus.

John and George worked together for a few years. In 1932, John lost his wife and moved with his family back to St. Louis, Missouri. Within a few weeks, George and family were managing the store.

In 1943, tragedy struck and the store was burned to the ground.

Prior to the fire, George had purchased the Peter Schlageck building (the old Albers General Store) for storage purposes. The people of the community convinced George to open his business in his storage building. It was a tremendous community effort with the men helping to repair, paint, clean, reshingle, and the women cooked for all, plus helped with other odd jobs. In a matter of a few days, George and Agnes were back in business.

In October of 1956, George died of a heart attack. Agnes continued to operate the store until the summer of 1957, at which time everything was sold.



1943 fire which burned Schulte store to the ground.

TRIBUTE TO BEN WESSEL

Ben Wessel worked part-time for John Schulte. In 1932, he started working for George full time, until the closing of the store in 1957. After this time, Ben started working for Dave Schulte at his store in Grinnell, Kansas, until the time of his retirement in 1977.

"Thank you Ben, we admire and respect you for your loyalty."

Dave and Mayetta Schulte, Mary Ann Kruse, Janet and Ozzie Baalman, Bill and Emily Schulte, Marge and Kenny Hemmert, and Dennis and Ginny Schulte.



Above stores across from the church, left to right, Weiland-Schulte Store and Albers-Schulte Store.



Stores above, left to right, Weiland-Schulte Store and Albers-Schulte Store. The men are gathering for a rabbit hunt.

(SPECIALS)

WE HAVE EVERYTHING IN THE
WAY OF EATS

Fresh Each Week

Cookies, 1 lb. assorted ----- 29c

Potato Chips - Shoestring Potatoes

Pork and Beans, No. 2½ can ----- 21c

Lunch Ham - Sausage

Spiced Grapes, No. 2 can ----- 23c

Fresh Beef and Pork

Postum, 8 oz. size ----- 25c

Canned Weiners ----- 45c

Notions

Seersuckers, pique, outing flannel,
pebble crepe, sun rayon, taffeta,
stratocloth, pillow cases, gingham,
zephyr lawn.

Geo. J. Schulte

GENERAL MERCHANDISE
Angelus Grinnell

Advertisement from the Grinnell Record-Leader, 1947.

TELEPHONE OFFICE

The first telephone office was operated in the Herman Schlageck Store. When the store was sold to Joe Miessen, Herman moved the telephone service to his

HERMAN SCHLAGECK HOME



The telephone office was operated here, and later Peggy's Beauty Shop.

home and Anna, his daughter, ran it. In a few years this telephone office was closed and for many in the community it was years before they had telephone service again. A Grinnell line serviced some in the community in the 1920's, others didn't have service until the late 1950's.

BEAUTY SHOP

Peggy Schlageck passed her state boards and opened a beauty shop for business in 1926. She operated her shop out of her home in Angelus (former Herman Schlageck home and telephone office) and has been a beauty operator for sixty-one years. Peggy's shop was always up to date. She still has her permanent wave machine of earlier days (as a historical reminder of the past!). This method was called croquignole and entailed rolling the hair in perm rods which were attached to a machine and used to set the permanent. This method caused many a burn on the heads of long-suffering ladies who wanted to "look pretty". Before brush rollers came out, Peggy made her own rollers out of round cardboard from trouser hangers.



1987 demonstration by Peggy of the heat-permanent machine of yester-year. The model is Rosemary Beckman.

An article in the *Oakley Graphic*, March 6, 1930, notes:

Peggy's Beauty Shoppe seems to be a busy place since they installed the new permanent wave machine. Mrs. Peggy Schlageck, who is in charge, reports business good and that she gave fifteen permanents during the past week. Most of her customers have been of the fairer sex, but there have been a few of the young men call and have some kinks put in for cranial adornment.

In 1951, Peggy moved to Grinnell and opened her shop in the hotel, and later moved her shop to the former drug store. In October, 1986, she had an open house in her present shop celebrating sixty years of business.

**"Beauty is a Habit -
Not a Gift"**

**Call 220
Now For**

**Your Christmas
Permanent Wave**

**Specials for a
limited time**

**PEGGY'S
Permanent
Wave Shop
Angelus**

Advertisement from the Grinnell Record-Leader, late 1940's.

RIETCHECK'S GARAGE

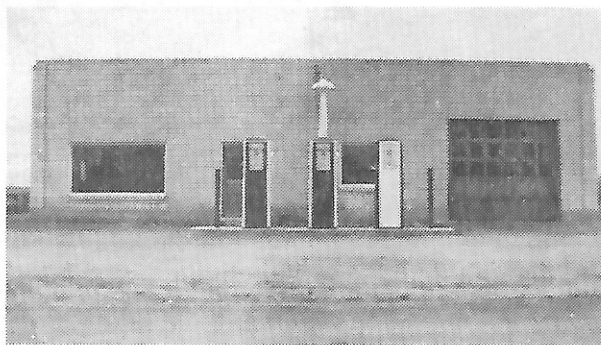
Harry Rietcheck owned and operated a Chevrolet car dealership and auto repair shop in Angelus. Some of the mechanics were: Herman Struckhoff, John W. Robben, and Edward Robben. Harry also sold Delco light plants and furnished electricity for the entire town of Angelus. A quote from Francis Robben, Sr. "When Harry Rietcheck retired for the evening, the whole town had to retire, because the electricity was turned off for the evening."

In later years Harry handled propane tanks and sold household appliances (Servel refrigerators and Chambers ranges). Harry would prepare meals on the range to demonstrate how they worked.

HORVATH GARAGE

The Horvath Garage was built in the early 1940's by Steve Horvath. He sold DeSota, Plymouth, and Hudson vehicles. It was a bulk plant, service station, and repair shop. The garage was located north of the Angelus church, where the parking lot is now located. It was operated until sometime in the 1950's. Steve Horvath also sold fire damage insurance and real estate.

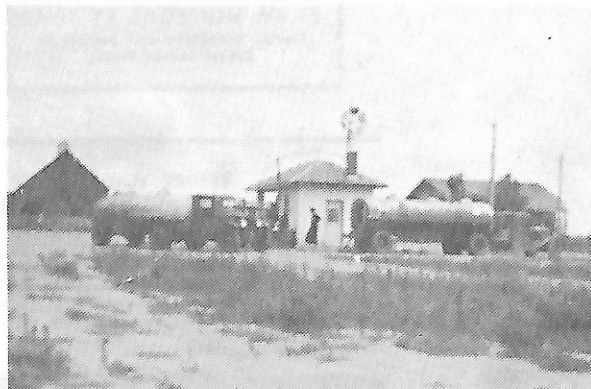
In the 1970's, the building was totally cleared away for church parking purposes.



Harvath Garage.

BECKMAN BULK STATION

John Beckman opened a bulk petroleum station in Angelus in the early 1930's. Many of the farmers would bring their barrels to the station to have them filled, saving the delivery charge. At that time gas cost



Beckman Bulk Station.

Santa says:
Buy SERVEL ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
 the refrigerator that ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
 1 out of 4
 Kansans buy!



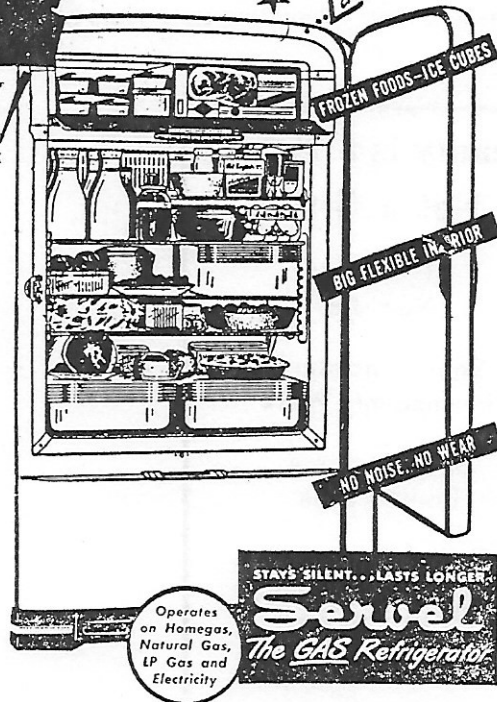
Stays Silent
 Lasts Longer

There are 18 refrigerator manufacturers selling in Kansas . . . but, in 1948 one out of every four refrigerators sold in the western two-thirds of Kansas have been Servels!

Come in today and discover for yourself why one out of four Kansas families prefer the one different, simpler refrigerator. In its freezing system there are no moving parts to wear, no machinery to make noise! It's the famous Serval Gas Refrigerator.

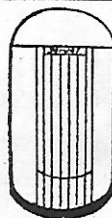
Just a tiny gas flame does the work. And—as over 3,000,000 delighted owners know—Serval stays silent, lasts longer.

You'll find every new food-keeping convenience, too. There's a big frozen food compartment, plenty of ice cubes, moist cold and dry cold for fresh foods. Now priced as low as **\$199.50**



SEE US FOR
FARM HOMEGAS SYSTEMS
 Trained Installation and Servicemen.
 Lowest Carload Prices.

Different from all Others
 because it freezes
 with **NO MOVING PARTS!**



**BEFORE YOU BUY, SEE
 SERVEL'S NEW BALL-TYPE
 WATER HEATER**

It will heat water hotter, quicker and cheaper than any other, gas or electric. Last longer, too! Ten-year protection policy.

RIETCHECK'S

Homegas

ANGELUS KANSAS

BUY your SERVEL from your HOMEGAS DEALER and get a 10-YEAR Guarantee!!

Advertisement in Grinnell Record-Leader, December 16, 1948.

six cents a gallon and a cent a gallon to get it delivered by transport from Wichita, Kansas. Their mark-up was three-fourths cent a gallon and the state tax was two cents a gallon at that time, making gas for cars about ten cents a gallon.

The station prospered the first few years, but with the farm program and the draught, farmers use of petroleum products were reduced and the station was closed about 1937. It was opened again by Herman Fellhoelter in 1940. A year later he quit and the station closed. Fred Lager tried to buy the station, but the owner couldn't furnish a clear title to it. Some years later the pumps were taken out and the station never reopened.

RIETCHECK BROOM TRADE

Leo Rietcheck made brooms in his home mainly as a hobby. The local general store sold his products. He grew his own broom corn and assembled the brooms with the aid of a special machine.

KIRKLAND TRUCKING BUSINESS

Martin Kirkland had a fruit and vegetable trucking business in the 1930's. Martin lived in Angelus and sold produce to local grocery stores in the area.

HORVATH MOTOR CO.

AT ANGELUS

Announces Opening
of
Service Station & Garage
Saturday Oct. 11

FREE treat to all who make a purchase of Gasoline or Oil here on our Opening Day.

—OUR AIM IS TO GIVE THE BEST OF SERVICE—
and we hope to merit a visit from you on our opening day and a continuance of your patronage thereafter.

Horvath Motor Compauy

DE SOTO and PLYMOUTH SALES and SERVICE
OIL, GAS, TIRES, and ACCESSORIES

STEVEN HORVATH,
Phone 204

Proprietor
Angelus, Kansas

Advertisment in Grinnell Record-Leader October 9, 1941, announcing grand opening of the Horvath Motor Co.

ANGELUS COMMUNITY BASEBALL TEAM

At one time, almost all the small towns had a baseball team. Angelus had a team for a span of over thirty years. A team was started about 1915. The first



Don and Ray Beckman.

ball diamond was west of the present cemetery. It was then moved north of the present church on the west side of the road. Later it was moved south of the cemetery. Angelus had a ball team until the late



Above picture was taken in the 1920's. Standing, Gabe Scheetz, Herman Baalman, Hank Baalman, and Joe Baalman. Sitting, Lawrence Baalman, Ben Wessel, and Frank Rietcheck.

1940's. After World War II, it was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Ben Wessel supplied a list of players from 1916 to 1933 (taken from the original score book): George Ostmeyer, Herman Ostmeyer, George Beckman, Henry Beckman, Ben Beckman, Albert Struckhoff, Ed Struckhoff, Anthony Robben, Lawrence Baalman, Ben Baalman, John Baalman, George Baalman, Ed

Baalman, Joe Baalman, Herman Baalman, Henry Baalman, Fred Baalman, Ben Wessel, Martin Albers, Gabe Scheetz, Frank Scheetz, George Scheetz, Ray Beckman, Gerald Beckman, Matt Dickman, Vince Dickman, George Schwartz, John Schwartz, Frank Huelsmann, Murray Davis, and Gerald Davis.



Left to right, Gabe Scheetz, John Baalman, Ben Baalman, and Lawrence Baalman.

The Angelus ball team was called the Angelus Angels (according to the *Oakley Graphic*, July 27, 1934). Names listed on that team were Huelsmann, Wessel, Beckman, Struckhoff, and Albers.

In July of 1947, players listed again in the *Oakley Graphic*, were Boxler (Hoxie), Richard Ladenburger, Ray Meerian, Alvin Albers, Bill Schulte, John Heinrich, Harold Beckman, Dave Schulte, and Willis Ladenburger. In August of 1948, two added players were Bernie Huelsmann and Steve Horvath. Other players not listed were Walter Schwarz, Cletus Beckman, Phil Robben, Fred Baalman, and Durwood Beckman.

Angelus has never been a town, just merely a community that was built around its Catholic church. As the community spread out and became more mobil, the business area died out, leaving only the church and school.

REMEMBER WHEN

The Mass was in Latin, there were Vespers and Benediction, May crowning, saying the rosary to honor Mary during the month of May, the celebration of Corpus Christi with the outdoor altars, picking pasture wild flowers to be dropped in front of the Blessed Sacrament during the procession for Corpus Christi, singing the Litany of the Saints in Latin. On Rogation Days, during the procession, the rosary was said for the benefit of favorable weather for the crops. Going to daily Mass before school and saying the prayers in Latin, making novenas and spiritual bouquets, the Legion of Mary, having daily Mass in the basement during the winter, saying the prayers after Mass, fasting from midnight on before going to holy communion. Using a daily missal, having the Sisters of the Precious Blood for teachers, earning Plenary Indulgences on All Souls Day by visiting the church and saying six Our Fathers, six Hail Marys, and six Glory Be to the Fathers, praying the Angelus, having services in the cemetery on Memorial Day. Reciting the rosary during Lent, seeing the statues in church on Easter Sunday after being covered all during lent, fasting and abstaining during Lent, Good Friday services--much longer than the services today, the long services on the Saturday before Easter, and saying the Stations of the Cross. Remember the Bazaars, the Carnival held in the elementary school, and the last day of school, and the picnic at the Lynch-Albers Grove. Bring back any memories?

Do you remember when there were exactly twelve Mass servers at Christmas time and other special occasions?

...The altar boys used to "borrow" the priests' cincture (linen cord which the priest wears around his waist) and hurry to the church doors to "stop" a newly married couple from exiting. The Mass servers usually received a little "monetary reward" from the bride and groom.

...Altar boys answered the priest in Latin...the people didn't pray aloud.

...Altar boys had to put the altar cloths up over the rails before communion and they carried the Missal from one side of the altar to the other for the reading of the Epistle and the Gospel.

Ferne Dickman remembered the Homeless Club. During the depression years, when money was scarce, many of the young people of the parish would meet in one of their homes for recreation. There were several who were talented in music that were always in attendance, so much singing and dancing was always enjoyed. Every family at that time owned a straw broom, so broom-dancing added spice to the evening. A hat

was passed and any money available was put into the hat. Several charitable projects for Father Flannigan's boys were completed by this group.

The first time the Mass was said in English in the Salina Dioceses was for the S.C.C.W. Convention in Concordia, Kansas, on October 20, 1963.

Some of you may remember Sister Monica Moeder as the first teacher in the Public School in 1915. Others will remember her as a teacher in Wichita at the Sacred Heart School:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER MONICA MOEDER

Sister Monica entered the religious life at an early age and was received into the congregation of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, at Wichita, Kansas.

As a very young and brilliant Sister, Sister Monica came to Angelus to teach. She was the first teacher in Angelus--teaching grade and high school in the years 1915 and 1922.

She was deeply interested in education and her teaching was destined to play a leading part in the religious development of Angelus.

Sister Monica passed away on September 1, 1971, and is laid to rest in Adorers of the Blood of Christ Cemetery, Wichita, Kansas.

PARISH PICNICS

Who could forget Parish Picnics!! When the Annual Picnics in Angelus were started is unknown, but they were going strong in the 1930's. In 1934, 1936, and in 1938, records show the Altar Society receiving a share from the picnic profits. It seems that when Father Menig was here, the last Annual Picnic was held. After Father Dreiling arrived in Angelus, there no longer were Annual Picnics. The summer of 1938, is the last recorded Annual Picnic, and the fall of 1938 shows the beginning of the Annual Fall Bingo, sponsored by the Altar Society.

A comparison of the first annual Bingo in 1938 and the last annual bingo in 1986 shows:

1938

Served 165 people
Lunch consisted of 15 dozen rolls and 6 cakes
Admission at door was 25 cents
Raffle brought in \$17.56
Total receipts \$62.20

NOVEMBER, 1986

Served approximately 150 people
Approximately 40 pies for lunch
Admission at door was \$1.00
Raffle brought in \$359.25
Total receipts \$628.88

The following article was taken from the *Oakley Graphic* on June 8, 1934, describing the annual Angelus picnic on Sunday, June 10, 1934, at a time when church picnics were at their peak:

ANGELUS PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH

Senator Miller Speaker in Democratic Rally--Baseball Game.

Henry Baalman was in Oakley Tuesday getting bills printed for the annual Angelus picnic which will be held this year Sunday, June 10th. A Democratic rally will be held in connection with the picnic this year. The annual Angelus picnic is for the benefit of the St. Paul's Church, Angelus, and annually furnishes a day of good entertainment and lots of fun. Feature of the afternoon entertainment will be a baseball game between Angelus and Grinnell. There will be a band concert, both afternoon and evening. Senator Miller of Tonganoxie, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor and a democrat who really has a platform to present to the people, will speak in the evening. Another item which should not be overlooked in the days activities is the Bazaar of the Altar Society which this year is offering the biggest and best collection ever presented for the public's approval.

The Angelus folks extend a cordial invitation to everyone to come and spend the day with them. Tables will be furnished for those who bring their own food.

1948 BLIZZARD

Estella Foght writes about the terrible blizzard of 1948...

In the late 1940's, George Haverkamp was driving the northwest school bus route for Angelus. The area was hit with a terrible blizzard. George's bus got stuck in the snow (one could not see). He put the oldest

boy in charge of the other children in the bus. George followed the fence line to the Frank Huelsmann farm. Frank got plenty of rope and they went back along the fence line, tied the children together and led them back to Huelsmann's to safety. The telephone lines were all down. As soon as the weather cleared, Johnnie Ostmeier, son of George and Christina Ostmeier (a former Navy pilot) got a plane and located the bus. They then took trucks and made it through to the Huelsmanns and took the children home. A happy ending to an event that could have been a disaster.

Many of us could now add stories of the double-blizzard of 1987!

THE DIRTY THIRTIES

For those of you that recall the dirty thirties--Lucy Ostmeier recalls this incident...

The dry soil was blowing from as far away as Colorado and Western Oklahoma. On March 11, 1934, you could see the huge black cloud rolling in from the west. The teacher of the Enterprise School was boarding with Lucy and Joe Ostmeier. As soon as the teacher noticed the big cloud approaching, she dismissed classes, so the children could get home. She didn't realize how fast the storm was coming and didn't leave school immediately. When Lucy's sister and brother, Tillie and Norbert Robben, who made their home with them, got home and the teacher wasn't with them, Joe and Pete (Norbert's nickname) drove back to the school to get her. They met her walking in the ditch next to the road. Pete had seen the white towel she had wrapped over her nose and mouth, otherwise they might have missed her. They were close enough to get a glimpse of the light in their house and arrived back safely.



1935 photo showing Dust Storm moving into Grinnell. The Co-op storage building is shown in front of the picture.

REMINISCING

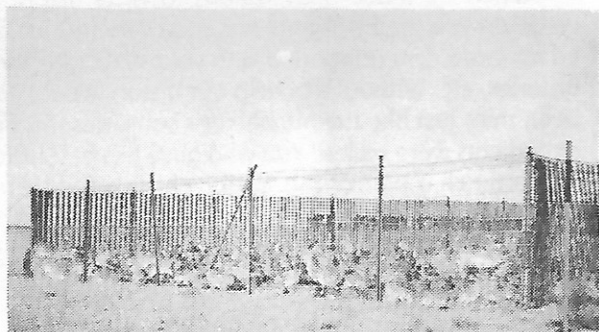
Kate Hemmert, who is eighty-seven, remembers when "years ago you gave the store keeper your grocery list and they picked the items out for you--wouldn't the stores have a heck of a time if they had to do that today!"

She also remembers the 1912-1913 school year, as being a severe winter-close to 20 degrees below zero for three weeks. Snow was level across draws and she and her brother Ben, were afraid to cross the draw unless they could find a wire fence to hold on to.

In either 1915 or 1916, there was a smallpox epidemic. Her brother, Ben Kruse, Jr., was affected so severely that his face turned black. Ben Kruse, Sr., had the job of taking groceries to quarantined families.

RABBIT HUNTS

Rabbit hunts were popular in the 1930's. As late as the 1940's, the Knights of Columbus combined their annual steak fry with a rabbit hunt. (taken from the *Grinnel Record-Leader*, December 30, 1946).



Above pictures show a rabbit hunt being held in the 1930's.

SUGAR SUPPLY SHORT

Sugar in short supply, try sorghum-molasses! Herman Robben, Jr., during World War I, made sorghum-molasses (on a press that had been his father's) to sell to neighbors for a dollar a gallon, because sugar was in short supply.

Herman Robben, Sr., brought a sorghum-molasses mill to Angelus with him from Ellis County. He located it near the Saline River to be near water and wood for fuel. Sugar in earlier days was expensive and sometimes in short supply. A press, powered by a horse, extracted juice from a specially grown sugar cane. The press consisted of iron rollers, which mashed the cane. The juice then drained into a trough which led to a vat. This was heated slowly to thicken and help to keep it in storage. The molasses was used to sweeten almost anything, such as coffee, custard pies, pickled cabbage, puddings, and even preserves. At one time they tried to process sorghum-molasses into sugar, but they could not get rid of the molasses flavor.

By Francis Robben and Lucy Ostmeyer

WAGONER STRAW SHOCKER

Martin Wagoner farmed and always had a large herd of milk cows and hogs. He sold Minneapolis machinery. In 1935, the family invented the "WAGONER STRAW SHOCKER". It was pulled behind the combine, and when filled, dumped a nice stack of straw. After they were issued their patent, they first built the shockers in Salina, Kansas, then in Wichita, Kansas. They later decided to move their equipment to their farm, and with a little hired help, manufactured them at home.

IN 1924

In 1924, wheat was \$2.00 a bushel, then during the Depression it got down to 25 cents a bushel, and fat hogs sold for 10 cents a pound. These prices were quoted by Lucy Ostmeyer and Francis Robben, Sr.

FIRST COUPLE TO CELEBRATE FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE IN THE ANGELUS PARISH

An account taken from the *Grinnell Record-Leader* (February 5, 1948) describes the wedding of Anna Korte and Peter Schalgeck on February 1, 1898:

A beautiful wedding was solemnized at St. Paul's Church in Angelus when Anna Korte and Peter Schlageck were united in marriage before the eight a.m. High Mass by Reverend Chrysostom.

The sweet young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Korte was attired in a beautiful light blue dress with a floor length veil.

The blushing groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schlageck wore the customary dark suit with the usual boutonnaires.

The best man, Anton Baalman, and the maid of honor, Mary Korte, sister of the bride, were dressed in likewise charming attire.

After the ceremony had taken place, a mule drawn lumber wagon arrived at the little white church to convey the newly wedded couple to an all day celebration. A wedding feast took place followed by a dance never to be forgotten. For the glorious occasion an organ had been moved to the little "sod house" where the entire community gathered for the merry making. The well known Grace and George Lynch provided the music.

On January 31, 1948, the same couple celebrated the renewal of their marriage vows, fifty years later. They were the only couple, at that time, who were married in St. Paul's Church at Angelus who lived to

celebrate their fifty year anniversary in the same parish.

NAIL SOUP

To conclude our "remember when" section, Edmund Dickman tells a story about "Nail Soup" (many of you will recall a similar story called "stone soup").

The collecting of history for our centennial book was much like the hitchhiker that stopped by an elderly lady's home for a handout. She told him she didn't have much to eat, so he said to get him a kettle of water and he would make dinner for both of them. When the water was hot, he dropped in a nail. He said he was going to make nail soup, but it might be thin as he had made soup several times with the same nail--"If I just had some rice, it would sure improve the soup!" After she got him the rice, he suggested several other ingredients, that would improve the flavor. It wasn't long before they both sat down to enjoy a thick bowl of soup.

When we made preparations to write this book, we asked you for the ingredients and everytime we asked for more, you responded with your stories, pictures, histories, etc. Without this help our history would have been thin, just like the hitchhiker's soup was until the ingredients were added. You who gave this past history are so much a part of this book, which we hope you can soon sit down and enjoy. If it will bring a sparkle to your eye or a smile to your face, the reward for writing it will be a hundred fold.



Above picture shows a 1935 rabbit hunt west of Angelus on the Charles Welsh Farm.