chambers were in the State Capitol building at that time. These board members traveled to the big city and arrived at what they thought was the Capitol. The building was impressive! Strickler, P.M. Finkenbinder, Crookston; Paul Engelstad, Thief River Falls; and J.H. Sargent, Crookston, climbed the expanse of steps and entered through the gigantic doors. It was quiet inside. A smiling person noted their entry and inquired.

"May I help you?"

"Yes" said Mr. Sargent, "Can you show us the room where the Supreme Court is located?"

The smile broadened on the face of the young Catholic priest, "You’re in the St. Paul Cathedral. I’ll go out with you and point out the capitol building."

On the way down the steps Paul Engelstad remarked, "Well, maybe that was the place to start anyhow!"

After a good chuckle by all and a short walk, they found the hearing room a short distance away, with Leonard Erickson, legal counsel to the board, awaiting them.

A major change in the Winter Shows operations came in 1960 when the Red River Valley Livestock Association, one of the cooperating organizations and an early and continuing supporter of the Winter Shows idea since 1914, gave the title to the buildings which the Winter Shows used in downtown Crookston. These buildings were turned over to the board of managers. Of course, that meant the Red River Valley Winter Shows board of managers could use this property as they campaigned for funds and as they acquired land and built new facilities on the site currently used north of the city of Crookston. Along with that change, a number of farm-related organizations and groups were interested in being a part of the new move from downtown Crookston.

The Winter Shows has an interesting relationship to the National Guard of the State of Minnesota. Back in 1914 it became clear that a National Guard armory would be built on Main Street in downtown Crookston. It was then that the Winter Shows committee went to work acquiring property right next door to the armory and building buildings with the understanding that the Winter Shows could rent the armory every year when the show was scheduled, and this good working relationship on Main Street, Crookston, continued year after year. Shortly after the Winter Shows built new buildings north of Crookston in 1961, the National Guard was looking for another location and needed a site on the outskirts of the city. The Winter Shows board of managers offered to sell five acres for that purpose. The National Guard selected that site after considering three different locations. Here again for the second time in the history of the Winter Shows, a cooperative arrangement was established where the National Guard Armory would be available for use by the Winter Shows each year as scheduled.

The Red River Valley Winter Shows has operated at four different locations. In the very early years it was conducted at the Northwest School and Experiment Station. Immediately it was seen that this site was inconvenient because the visitors wanted the show sometime in February and that was when the campus was crowded with students. The Short Course and Crops Show was moved downtown in 1914 into a rented garage for the Crops Show and into the Grand Opera House and the Commercial Hotel for meetings. Show space was hard to find. As the Livestock Show developed, other garages and livery barns were found. The building of the new armory provided space for over a thousand people at a meeting and thus provided the third and more permanent location. Land was acquired and buildings were built in close proximity to the armory. The handy locations of the Presbyterian/Methodist churches along with the Grand Theatre and the public school buildings set up this third location, an arrangement which lasted from about 1920 to 1962. Today the Winter