papers, and other forms of media were reaching nearly every rural home in northwestern Minnesota.

Currently, the policy of the Board of Managers relating to the seminar series sets the following pattern. The superintendent of the Experiment Station is coordinator of the general agricultural and related seminar series at the Winter Shows. Each scheduled seminar has its own chairperson who sets up a committee to coordinate planning, arrangements, and follow-through.

The philosophy of what should be talked about has a threefold criteria. First, a real effort is made to avoid what is treated by county extension service or vo ag departments. Secondly, the topics that are talked about at Winter Shows are of general regional concern. Thirdly, high priority is given to natural resource conservation and planning, and new technology. For instance, the current International Sugarbeet Seminar and sunflower culture were first part of a Winter Shows seminar.

The Crops and Soils Seminar, as it is called today, is among the oldest continuous formal educational meeting at the Red River Valley Winter Shows. Today it draws one of the largest crowds to hear the frontline, cutting-edge ideas. A noon luncheon provides a chance for informal talk.

The children's farmyard is sponsored by the FFA Chapters of Climax and Crookston. Seeing and touching farm animals by the children, as well as experiencing a pony ride, is a popular event.

Time is taken to recognize winners at the Crops Show competition also. Partner to the Crops and Soils Seminars are the women's meetings. Early in its history the School of Agriculture developed a course of study called the Domestic Economy Studies for farm girls. The domestic economy faculty provided for the earliest women's meetings. For example, a news story for the 1926 Winter Shows reported that the women's meetings were attended by large groups both forenoon and afternoon. Speakers included W.C. Coffey, dean of the College of Agriculture, former governor of Illinois Frank O. Lowdon; Anna Swenson, State Department of Education; Miss Muriel Boe, University of Minnesota; and Fanny B. Lippit, Northwest School of Agriculture. Program topics in-