cluded color schemes in the home, batik dyeing of garments, and trends in forms of dress, home decoration, and textiles. The entire gamut of activities for the housewife and partner in the farming enterprise can be found in the programs for women's meetings throughout the 75-year history.

An interesting development during the last 30 years, however, is that the women's programs are planned by the women's division of the Winter Shows with an ongoing committee of several women from the region and chaired by someone elected by the committee. The elected person serves on the board of managers. The Agricultural Extension Service home economics professionals of the county have always provided stable, modern, uninterrupted leadership to the committees as they planned and developed their annual presentations. Their program is far-reaching, including those topics which aren't necessarily covered in quite the same way out in the county meetings. Each year the women's meetings now draw the largest single crowd of all of the seminars.

Early in the history of the women's meetings, some of the local clubs provided leadership. The Fairfax-An­dover Social Circle, as they were called in the second decade of the 20th century, served as hostesses for women's programs for many years. A very popular meeting place was the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches located in Crookston. Social groups of this nature, while they were active cooperators in the early history of the Winter Shows, are now part of the women's division planning committee.

Educational sessions about livestock were much a part of the study in the 1920's and 1930's but these were discontinued in the 1950's due to low attendance. This is understandable when one considers that livestock producers at the Winter Shows are always busy with their full docket of show competition and of purebred livestock sales. There isn't time during the show for the educational activities. Youth activities were emphasized beginning about the time of World War I, and these have continued to grow in importance. The youth work of the board of managers includes farm youth and youth from the cities and villages. Most interesting to us today were the earlier educational contests, including spelling, declamation, essay writing, and posture competition. The prominence of the country schools produced such an emphasis. Crops judging by FFA, 4-H, and regional schools of agriculture teams began in the early 1920's. Today nearly 1,000 youngsters are involved from FFA and 4-H judging in the Red River Basin. Educational programming in Extension and FFA uses the Winter Shows as an additional opportunity for competition.

For approximately 30 years, a Boys and Girls Club conference was held, at which some of the planning and coordination of the district 4-H work was conducted. This was first led by A.J. Kittleson and after him by H.H. Pflughoft. These extension leaders were located at the Northwest Experiment Station shortly after 1910.