pulling contest as well as making arrangements for the horse show each year.

8. Service on the Winter Shows Board -- The provost recommended that the assistant provost for academic affairs serve on the board in the early years of College. Recently, the chairman of the Division of Agriculture has been recommend as a replacement. The College has made provision for a board member since the beginning of the collegiate program.

9. Scheduling -- In order to provide greater service, the College changed its scheduling in order that the winter quarter would be completed during the week of Winter Shows. Additional facilities could thus be made available for the activities of the show.

In essence, the College is committed to the concept of a viable, successful Winter Shows each year that can effectively serve the people in northwestern Minnesota. That commitment will continue in the future and is based on the philosophy that the University is here to serve people as well as to provide programs of formal instruction. In addition, individuals within the community college are encouraged to contribute as good citizens of northwestern Minnesota.

Lyle Kiel, Crookston, farmer and former member of the board of managers and member of the fund-raising team in 1960.

The Winter Shows has been one of those causes for good for the advancement of agriculture and certainly the quality of life is better because the Winter Shows is part of that life. I've only heard one criticism and that is that some think the trend of the Farm Service Show is going a little bit heavy toward wearing apparel, organizations, knicknacks and not enough farm machinery. I've been glad to be part of the fund raising crew for the building facilities and I look with pride on the days which I spent on the board of managers. Keep up the good work.

James R. Lofgren, past president, Red River Valley Winter Shows, former secretary-treasurer of the board of managers and plant breeder for Dahlgrens, Inc.

It was during my first year as agronomist at the Northwest Experiment Station that I became involved in the Winter Shows. I arranged for the Crops and Soils seminar program and worked with the barley show samples that were judged as malting or feed barley. I'll have to admit I only understood a very small portion of the Winter Shows at that time. I knew what I was doing and its importance but I did not see the large picture.

My first experience in arranging the Crops and Soils program was on the whole, very satisfying. The program usually didn't take shape until shortly before the deadline for program printing. During the seminar I got the feeling that the speakers were coming across as anticipated. Afterward I was happy with the acceptance by the audience and the timely information beyond the normal county extension meeting information. The barley show had 75 exhibits. This was an improvement over the 30 in the year just previous.

The Winter Shows remains a leading force in the Valley. The broad and varied program reaches young and old, adding to their educational and spiritual needs. There is a strong challenge each year to have seminars that keep up with fast-changing innovations of this computer age. Managing the shows within the financial framework is a major challenge. Attracting new people to the Winter Shows needs to be a high priority.

The Winter Shows is important to life in the Red River Valley and particularly to the family farm structure.

The King Agassiz project is an exciting and very useful experience in human resource development in the Red River Basin. It gives young people the chance for greater experiences as they travel up the ladder of leadership and responsibility. It is important for the future strength of farming teamed up with agri-business in the Red River Valley. We have been impressed with the high quality of programs involved since our first association with the Winter Shows. We were very honored to be a family awarded the King Agassiz crown. The King Agassiz experience was certainly one of our great family experiences and a highlight of our lives.

Dr. Laddie J. Elling, Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Crops judge at the Winter Shows.

I have judged the crops show for about the last five years. I sincerely believe that since a high percentage of the agricultural income from the Valley is crops, that this emphasis is appropriate to the Winter Shows. Year in and year out, the quality observed in the crops is excellent. But of course some years produce better crops than others. I like the idea of the crops show surrounding the main entrance to the show. The farming panorama in the background gives credence that crops are the most important to the area, and people observe them as they enter the show.

I was a participant on the program when the shows were held downtown Crookston. The new buildings and facilities are a tremendous improvement and a real feather in the cap of the people in northwestern Minnesota and they keep the show moving.

You will recall that Professor Dunham, Otto Swenson, Dr. Al Schmidt and others cooperated with the show in the crops contest for many years. Some of us newcomers work only with the judging but we respect very much the leadership of Professor Dunham and others.

George Nornes, one of the two senior members on the 24-person board of managers, long-time vo ag instructor from Climax, Minnesota, now working...