The Red River Valley Winter Shows and Northwest School's Farmers and Homemakers Week has, to a very large degree, accomplished its objectives through its first fifty years of its history. Not only old but new horizons lie ahead for the Winter Shows. Perhaps as great changes lie ahead in farming methods and practices as have been made during the past fifty years.

Tribute and credit is due the more than 2600 stockholders, men and women from all walks of life who had enough faith in promoting the livestock industry of the Valley to put their money, gratuitously in the project. Business men who contributed their time and money in cooperating with farmers, helped develop a solidarity of spirit that has made the Red River Valley a great Agricultural Empire. It is impossible to list the names of all men who have contributed to the success of the Winter Shows. A few of the men who served in official capacities at the Winter Shows are:

Presidents—C. G. Selvig 1910-27; A. A. Dowell 1927-37; T. M. McCall 1937-56; B. E. Youngquist 1956 to date.

Board of Managers and others assisting in the organization were:
C. C. Strander S. M. Sivertson, W. R. Low, Joseph Ball, E. W. Spring of Crookston, Leslie Welter, Moorhead; Frank Jeffers, Sam Hunt, H. V. Higginbotham of Red Lake Falls, Wm. Dahlquist, Thief River Falls; Sam Olson, Ada. The more recent Board of Managers include: Harold Thompforde, C. M. Pesek, Stuart Melcod, Thief River Falls; Adolph Skyberg, Fisher; O. C. Soine, Crookston; Frank Forbes, St. Paul. H. A. Pflughoeft, St. Paul; William Strickler, Euclid.

Business managers of the Shows through the years have been:

The new main unit of the Winter Shows building is now under construction on a twenty acre site secured from the Northwest School and Experiment Station on the S. E. corner ,Sec. 24. Lowell Twp. adjacent to U. S. Highways '2' and '75' on the north edge of Crookston. The main, clear span, steel, insulated building 180' by 300', costing $300,000 will be ready to house the 1962 Crops, Livestock and Industrial exhibits.