EPILOGUE

The two communities now faced each other across a dividing line - a line drawn by Winnebago County edict - right down the center of Doty Island.

Menasha had the Fox-Wisconsin waterway with its promise of growth as a commercial and trading center. Neenah had water power with its promise of flour and paper mills, and both cities looked forward to stable industrial growth.

The Menasha Woodenware grew into one of the world's largest wood products facilities. Neenah came to be known as the "Paper City" and saw the beginnings of the world famous Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

Over the years, each city grew and prospered. Each built fine schools. Benefactors gave each a public library. Churches of varying splendor and denominations dotted their avenues. New industrial growth in a foundry, in chemicals, packaging, printing, and allied services brought increased job opportunities and prosperity.

But old animosities die hard. The cities were divided now by a physical entity - Nicolet Boulevard - but also by their differences in politics, religion, ethnic backgrounds, and history.

Now, though, in the last decade of the twentieth century, those differences pale as we find that the old Twin Cities' idea is being replaced with the larger, more comprehensive Fox Cities' concept. The Fox River waterway is still operational and the future is bright for a take-over by state and local governments. It is still a link to the past and a shining path to future use for recreation and tourism. The Twin Cities face new challenges and opportunities as the fastest growing area of the state, and the Tale of Twin Cities becomes a landmark on the road to future community development for the whole northeastern part of Wisconsin.