

Chemical division grown over the years

The chemical division of the Morrow County Grain Growers, located in Ione, was purchased by the co-op in 1976. Its present manager is John Ripple, who came to the division in 1977.

The chemical division offers the farmer a wide range of services for his chemical and fertilizer needs, and has shown quite a bit of growth in the last 4 years.

With a visit to the chemical

division office and shop at Ione, the farmer can rent applicators and sprayers for fertilizer, ammonia and herbicides. Or if he doesn't have the time, a farmer can hire the work done through the newly-

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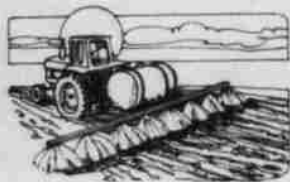
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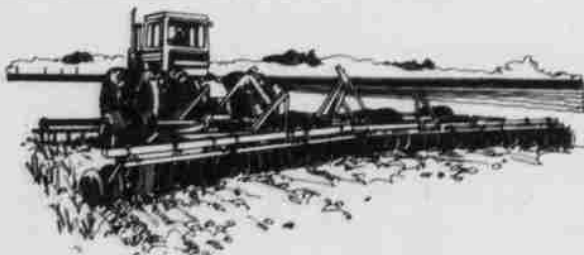
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l-r Pete Cannon, John Ripple and Lewis Thompson run the

chemical division

expanded custom applying business, says Ripple.

"We haven't added much different equipment over the years, but we have kept what we do offer modernized and up to date."

He said the chemical division can offer a farmer new electronic-controlled spray and spreading, which insures greater accuracy.

Applicators for rent will handle anhydrous ammonia, aqua ammonia and dry fertilizer. Other services offered by the chemical division include soil testing for the farmer, crop herbicide consulting, a complete line of fertilizer, liquid and dry, and a complete line of herbicides. A liquid feed supplement for cattle, Loomix, is also available.

What is the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc.?



Gen. Manager Larry Mills

The Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., is a cooperative where members buy shares in the corporation and any profit made by the company is returned to the shareholders.

The co-op is run by a board of directors, consisting of 12 members, which gives direction to the management headed by general manager Larry Mills.

President of the board is Gene Majeske, a 23-year member and wheat farmer who lives near Lexington.

Vice president of the board is Lyle Peck; secretary is Larry Lindsay and board members are Joe McElligott, Gary Grieb, Allen Hughes, Roy Martin, John Ledbetter, Paul Hisler Jr., Bob Stevens, Ron Haguewood and Kenneth Nelson. All members of the board are elected to three year terms, and the board meets monthly to discuss

policy and direction for the co-op.

Mills has been with the Grain Growers 11 years and handles the day-to-day operation of the co-op business. Riley Munkers of Heppner is the assistant manager.

In addition to the board of directors, the co-op also has an associate board of directors made up of five members who serve one-year terms. These members sit in at the board meeting but do not have voting power. Their function is one of education and training as future boardmembers.

William Doherty, Monte Evans, Jim Swanson, Leonard Munkers and Chuck Nelson are members of the associated board of directors.

Amil Swanson was the first general manager of the co-op, and Henry V. Smouse was the first president of the board of directors. Smouse died in 1943, however, his son Ken lives near Ione.