

MCGG expands from one to nine elevators

In the past 50 years the Morrow County Grain Grow-

ers has come into ownership of nine grain storage elevators at

seven different locations around the county, and co-op

officials say more are in the planning stages.

The co-op first went into the storage business in 1932 in order to store wheat in bulk (much of the wheat during this time was still being shipped in hurlap sacks).

Its first elevator was built at Lexington, and from this first elevator which handled a few hundred thousand bushels of grain annually MCGG now owns and operates nine elevators, two in Heppner, two in Lexington, one in Ione, one at McNab, one at Ruggs, the North Lexington Elevator and the Hogue Warner elevator at Paterson.

These elevators represent storage capacity of 3.1 million bushels for the Morrow County Grain Growers cooperative, however, officials say more are needed.

MCGG General Manager Larry Mills says the co-op is looking at an additional 500,000 bushel storage facility in the future, much of which, he says, will be located on the Columbia River to take the pressure off the upland wheat storage facilities.

Mills says the co-op will also continue to update the handling operations in the years to come.

The grain manager for MCGG is Tom Elliott; elevator manager is Don Munkers.

MCGG to celebrate 50 anniversary

The Morrow County Grain Growers will be celebrating its 50th anniversary when it holds its annual meeting Monday, Nov. 10, at the fairgrounds in Heppner. The co-op was incorporated in 1930.

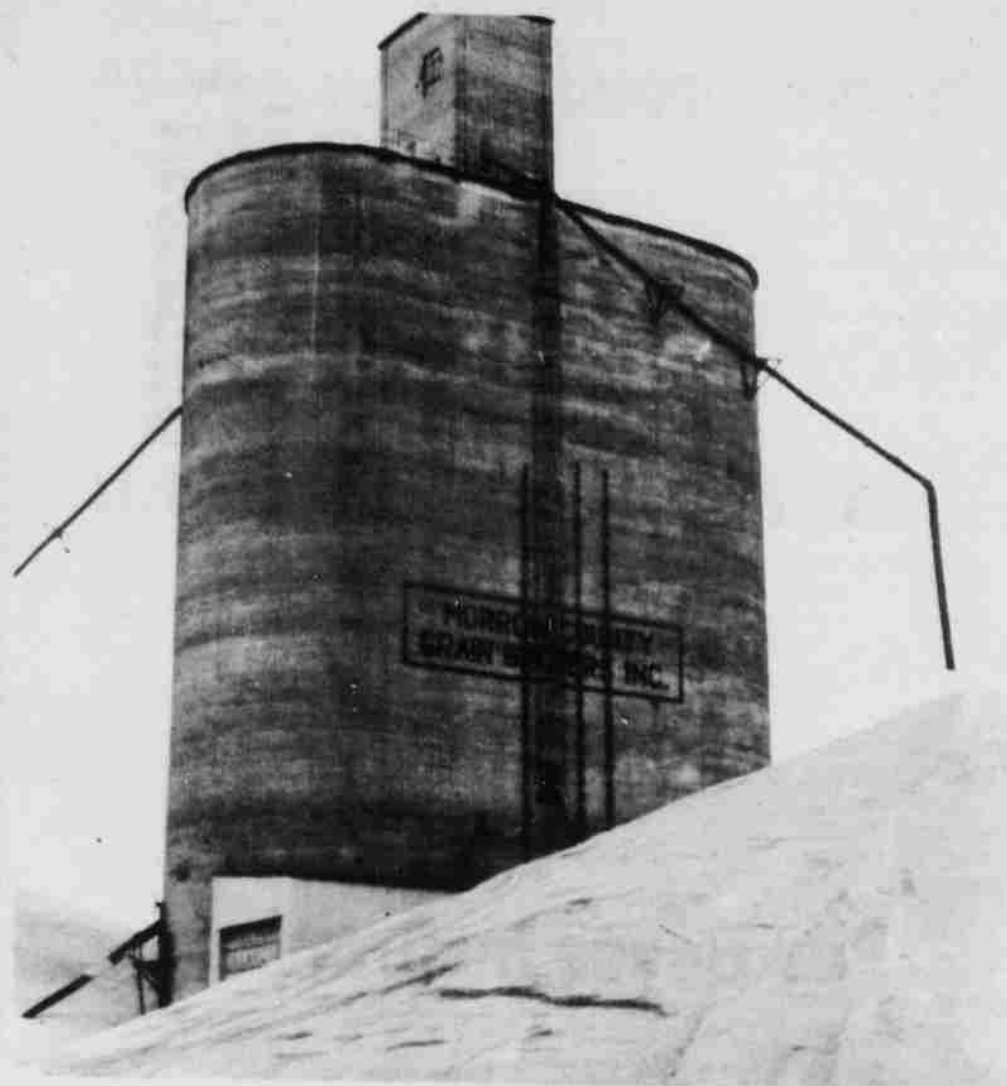
The meeting starts off with a dinner at 6:30 followed by guest speaker, Rich Pennell, assistant general manager of the North Pacific Grain Growers Association. He will give a slide show and will speak about the history and the future of grain co-ops in the Pacific Northwest.

Business to be conducted will include reports from officers and election of directors, says MCGG president Larry Mills.

He says Robert Stevens, Kenneth Nelson, Allen Hughes and Paul Hisler, Jr., have been nominated by committee for three-year director terms.

Monte Evans, Chuck Nelson, Leonard Munkers, Jim Swanson and Steve Wagenblast have all been nominated as associate directors, one-year terms.

The meeting and dinner will be held at the county fair pavilion.



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