

# Farmers Cooperative Company

Prior to 1948, the elevator was organized as a stock company and the business was primarily grain. However, in 1948, it was organized as a true cooperative under the Iowa Code and it diversified into other agribusiness lines. That same year, the co-op purchased the Boeke Hatchery and feed mill and named Kermeth (Chick) Boeke as manager. A year later, the Moser Lumberyard sold out to the co-op and Dick Gerlach was retained as manager for that department.

In 1950, a 40' X 60' tile block feed warehouse was built adjacent to the wood elevator. The foundation still stands and is now part of the feed complex. During 1954, a new modern, feed mill was built to provide more mixing capacity and a pellet mill was also included. A Stran Steel grain storage building was constructed in 1957 with a capacity of 150,000 bushels.

In 1959, a wood annex was built and connected to the original wood elevator bringing total upright storage capacity to 50,000 bushels. The summer of 1960, Mr. Boeke resigned as manager and Mary Nygaard was named to replace him.

A new petroleum department was added in 1962 and Herb Neubauer was rehired to manage it. Herb had worked at the elevator in the early 1940's, when Harry Grubbs was manager. The fertilizer department was added in 1963 and included a dry blend fertilizer plant and storage and equipment for anhydrous ammonia.

The feed mill was modernized also that year, only to be destroyed by fire the following year in November of 1964. Within a month, construc-

crete elevator and corn dryer. Constructor began late that fall and the following year a 235,000 bushel elevator was put into operation. With increased yields and declining livestock numbers, the elevator was soon too small and a 150,000 bushel annex was built in 1970, along with a fourth leg to improve handling capacity.

In 1974, an addition was built on the dry blend fertilizer plant increasing storage capacity to 2500 tons. Also added were two anhydrous ammonia storage tanks and nurse tanks to bring storage capacity to more than 100,000 gallons total.

On July 1, 1976, a consolidation was completed between the Hubbard Co-op and the Garden City Co-op. Members from each cooperative had voted in favor of this proposal during March. Later that summer a new concrete elevator was built at Garden City to take advantage of their rail line and unit grain train volume rates to various locations.

An annex was built in 1977 to bring total grain storage capacity to approximately 2 million bushels at both locations. Also that year, the lumber yard was remodeled at Hubbard and an addition built on the fertilizer plant at Garden City to speed up blending.

In 1979, another addition was built to the Garden City fertilizer plant to bring capacity to more than 2000 tons. Also that year, a fleet of rail cars were leased to improve transportation during those periods of car shortages. On the drawing board currently are plans for additional grain handling facilities, when and if they become feasible.

The following is an alphabetical list of those who have served the Hubbard Co-op since the 1930's: Henry Arensmeier, Donald Balvanz, Walter Balvanz, Karl Becker, F.O. Bekemeier, Ernest Blome, Clarence Brandt, Gene Bunte, Robert Dreier and Harold Dubberke. Louis Dubberke, Dennis Eller, Verner Eller, Walter Engelking, Carroll Espe, Elmer Faust, Harold Faust, Harley Faust, Irving Faust and Jon Faust. Marvin Faust, Meryl Faust, Don Friest, Kerner Helegeson, H.A. Hoelscher, Rufus Hoelscher, Donald Hornung, John Hornung, Robert Hornung, Dwain King, and Frederick Kix. Carl Kulow, Martin Kulow, Gus Mannerter, Merrill Mannerter, Steven Mannerter, Wayne Meier, Fred Miller, Glenn Miller, Arthur Nehring, William C. Otto. Arnold Penning, Elmer Reifschneider, Lowell Reifschneider, Mervin Reifschneider, G.E. Roberts, Arnold Skartvedt, Ronald Severseike, Everett Strathe, Gary Thompson, Alvern Tysdahl, Henry Winter Sr., Henry Winter Jr., and Sterling Wicks.

The lumberyard department was managed by Dick Gerlach until he retired in 1959. He was replaced by Dave (Bud) Weld, who retired in 1970. Bud was replaced by Ray Lavrenz, who continues in that position.

The branch office at Garden City continues to be managed by Maurice Scott who has been there since 1966.

Long time employees at Hubbard include: Eugene Wilkie — 27 years, Dorothy Holcomb — 24 years and Herb Neubauer — 19 years.

Present employees include: At Garden City: Jeff Dubberke, Larry Engelson, Gladys Friest, Gary Nelson, Jim Olson and Maurice Scott.

At Lumberyard: Alan Dubberke, Harley Kuhfus and Raymond Lavrenz.

At Hubbard: Ron Barkema, Terry Below, Joan Bunte, Virgil Chaplin, Wayne Greufe, Wayne Hagedorn, Doug Halvorsen, Mike Heffernan, Herb Neubauer, Dorothy Holcomb, Connie Nesa, Kenneth Weig and Eugene Wilkie.



PERSONNEL AND HISTORICAL DATA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Address</u>
Jon Faust	President	Hubbard, Iowa
Dennis Eller	Vice-President	Hubbard, Iowa
Dwain King	Secretary-Treasurer	Hubbard, Iowa
Gene Roberts		Hubbard, Iowa
Robert Dreier		Hubbard, Iowa
William C. Otto, Jr.		Hubbard, Iowa
Mervin Reifschneider		Hubbard, Iowa

SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Marvin Nygaard	General Manager
Eugene Wilkie	Assistant Manager
Raymond Lavernz	Lumberyard Manager
Herbert Neubauer	Petroleum Manager
Dorothy Holcomb	Bookkeeper

The Company was reorganized on July 28, 1948, under Chapter 499 of the Code of Iowa 1946, with the fiscal year from December 1 to November 30. The annual meeting is to be within 120 days after the close of the fiscal year at Hubbard, Iowa.

The Board of Directors adopted bylaws which provide, among other things: Rules, regulations and clarification in respect of the Company's pre-existing obligations concerning year end allocation of its net savings and a provision for compliance with the Revenue Act of 1962.

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