Leipprandt resigns; Kohr named to replace

Smooth leadership change coming at Co-op

By RICH SWARTZENBERGER
Cooperative Elevator Company, based in Pigeon, has experienced many changes in recent years, and another is scheduled for June 30 of this year.

At that time, Chief Executive Officer Ted Leipprandt will step down and current Marketing Vice President John Kohr will take up the reins as Co-op CEO.

At a recent meeting of the Co-op Board of Directors, Leipprandt's resignation was regretfully accepted effective June 30, according to Board Chairman Gerald Elshambo.

TheBoard praised Leipprandt for his 30 years of service and dedication to the cooperative system — and for his community and personal contributions.

Leipprandt emphasizes he will continue to take an active part in Co-op management in cooperation with Kohr until his resignation takes effect.

"I feel this is the time to step down as Co-op CEO. I recognize the economic crunch to many areas farmers caused by last year's flood, but hope to have a contract dispute between buyers, Co-op and growers settled before his resignation takes effect.

WHY RESIGN? Leipprandt says he has no intention of future employment or business plans. He explains his desire to resign is in keeping with his philosophy about management.

"I've had a perception that in a cooperative there has to be an individual staying in place for a long, long time to run the cooperative.

NO SURPRISE: Although Leipprandt's resignation comes as a shock to many people in the community, he has hinted his intentions to the Board and friends in the past few years.

When he accepted the position of Co-op General Manager 10 years ago, Leipprandt told the Board he wanted to evaluate his role after 10 years. At the end of those 10 years, Leipprandt was persuaded to stay on as CEO because Co-op was negotiating purchase of the Elkhorn Terminal then, Elshambo recalls.

Leipprandt again delayed his resignation last year during planning and construction of storage domes at the Elkhorn Plant, the first of that kind in the Upper Thumb area.

Now, Leipprandt says, he feels this is the time to step down as Co-op CEO.

"Every 10-15 years in a cooperative system a management change can be made," says Leipprandt.

Management changes provide new ideas and direction and also gives employees the opportunity for advancement and promotion, he explains.

"I give me a lot of satisfaction to know that we have many employees in the cooperative at this time who are capable of assuming new responsibilities and things will get done," declares Leipprandt.

"The continued cooperation of all the employees and our patrons has made my job much easier during the years," Leipprandt says.

COOPERATION: A positive working relationship among all Co-op employees is emphasized by Kohr as a key factor in his confidence in assuming the CEO position.

Kohr says Retail Vice President Wes Edington, Finance Vice President Bill Boyle and Operations Vice President John Williamson will play key roles in future management decisions.

"We're all cooperated 100% with each other and I continue to be comfortable that in the future. I wouldn't consider the position of CEO unless I had their full cooperation," Kohr stresses.

"It's not a one-man operation — it's a team effort," Kohr says.

GOOD RELATIONSHIP: Kohr says he regrets seeing Leipprandt resign, pointing to an outstanding working relationship between them, but quickly adds he has no doubt he can handle the job.

Kohr calls Leipprandt "probably the most understanding person you could work with."

"We didn't always agree with each other's ideas, but we could always sit down and arrive at a workable solution," Kohr says, and adds, "I don't feel that I've worked for Ted. I feel like I've worked with him. I've always respected him as my boss, but considered him a partner."

BACKGROUND: Kohr, 46, says his 25 years of employment at Co-op Elevator is also important preparation for assuming the CEO's chair.

He joined Co-op as a bookkeeper after attending Northern Michigan School of Business. Kohr also served as temporary general manager of Co-op for three months after the resignation of Norman Scholls, and before Leipprandt was named manager.

"I've been here long enough that I realize what has to be done. I don't have any goals about taking over," states Kohr.

SAME STYLE: Commenting on future changes in Co-op under his direction, the soon-to-be CEO says, "We just have to change with the times. If we don't, we'll be in the same position of making a change, we will be where we are today.

Although he recognizes problems in the current PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 24.
Weekly bingo attracts players for ‘night out’

By RICH SAVARIENGHESI

With millions of dollars being distributed to the lucky winners at Bingo joints around the nation, it’s no surprise that thousands of people pack into the venues nightly to take part in the game. And in Schenectady, the Schenectady Bingo Hall, located at 515 State St., is no exception.

"You don't look at each number yourself," said one player. "You just make sure you match the numbers on your card with the numbers that are being called." The game is played by matching the numbers that are called on a card with the numbers that appear on a playing card. Each number that is called is placed in a corresponding column on the card. The player who gets all the numbers in a column correctly wins the game.

"And if you don't win, you can always try again," said another player. "You just have to keep playing until you do win." The game continues until someone wins or all the numbers are called. The winner is then announced, and the prize money is distributed among the players. The money is usually split among the players, with the winner getting the largest share.

"I love playing Bingo," said one player. "It's a great way to socialize and have fun. I've made so many new friends playing Bingo." The game is played in a social setting, and players often enjoy the company of others while playing. The atmosphere is relaxed and fun, and players are encouraged to cheer and support each other. The game is available at many venues, including casinos, community centers, and social clubs. It's a popular pastime, and it's easy to learn, so anyone can play.

Bingo is a favorite pastime of schenectady residents, and it's a great way to socialize, relax, and have fun.
New K of C officers elected

The Knights of Columbus Council 148 recently elected new officers for the new year. Featured below, left to right, is new Grand Knight Jim O’Donnell; Deputy Grand Knight Matt Kutzer; President George Hafner; Vice President, Richard Montgomery; auditor; Treasurer James Strzelczak; Secretary, Vincent Peta. Other members present include President-Alabama, Larry Angelini; לפני 1988. The church was founded in 1887.

NOTICE TO VILLAGE OF PIGEON RESIDENTS

The last day to register to vote in the Primary Election to be held on Monday, February 16, 1987, is January 19, 1987. Persons wishing to register may do so at the Village Clerk’s office during regular business hours.

Janet Heckman
Superintendent
Recent rapid growth has created state's largest co-op elevator

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

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The coop is proud of its achievements, and is looking forward to the future. Swanson said that the coop is committed to providing farmers with the best possible service, and is committed to helping farmers to stabilize their bottom line.

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