

Warren Co-Op



The Wilson Mill later became the Warren Coop
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Early Warren Coop with horses



Warren

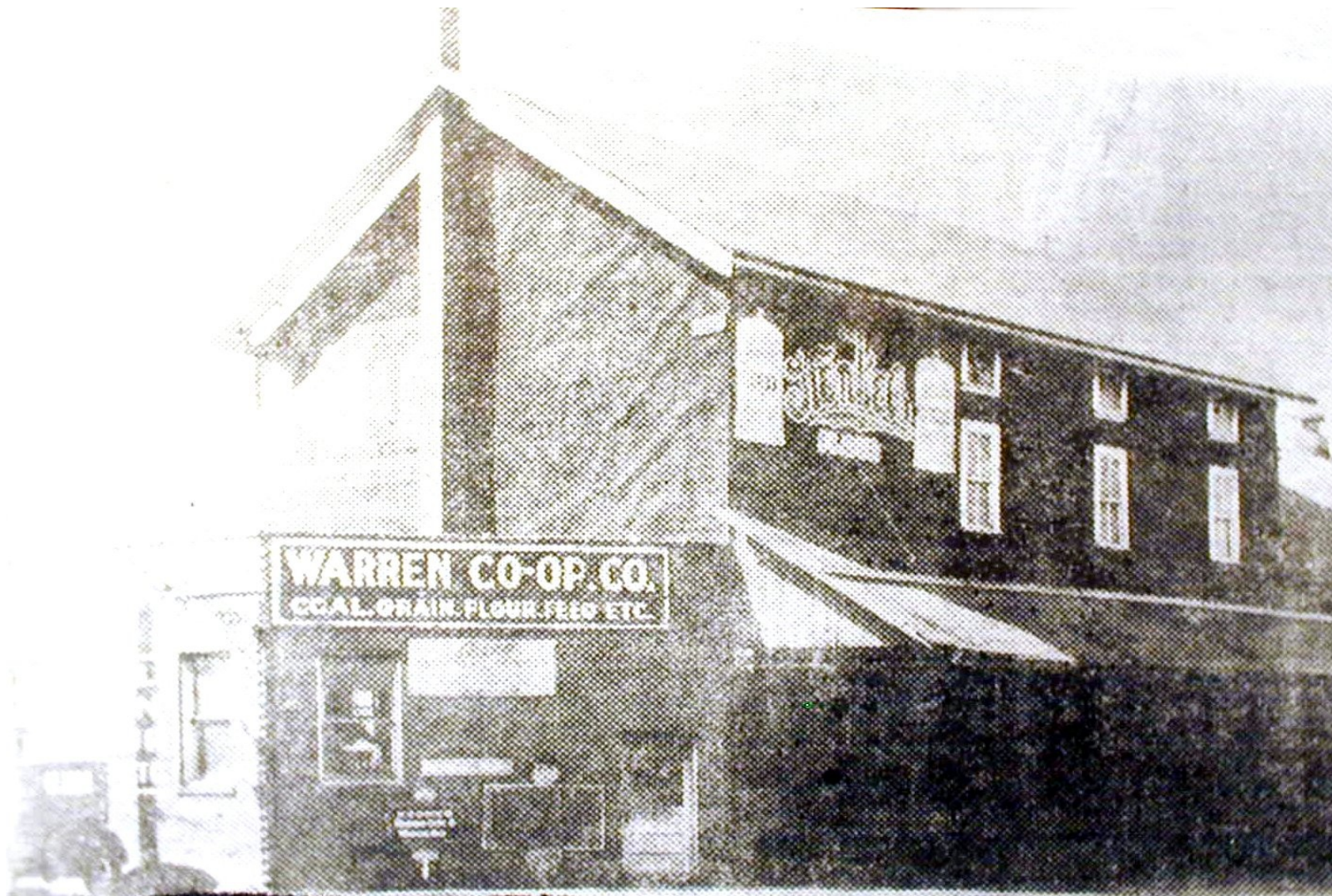
Warren Co-op — 1968

Co-op 1968



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Warren Co-op Railroad Track view



Warren CO-OP Co coal, grain, flour, feed

portant in Mr. Moore's life as immediate needs, he believes, are Percy L. Moore. spare time when the weather permits in fishing. ment part in promoting the sale of Liberty Bonds.

Warren Co-operative Company Enjoyed Phenomenal Growth

DOES \$160,000 BUSINESS NOW

John A. Rinke Is Manager Of Growing Concern

From a car-door proposition to a business doing an average, annual volume totaling \$160,000 has been the phenomenal growth of the Warren Co-operative company, whose plant at Warren, valued at \$72,000, serves the territory from Detroit to Utica and from Gratiot avenue to Royal Oak.

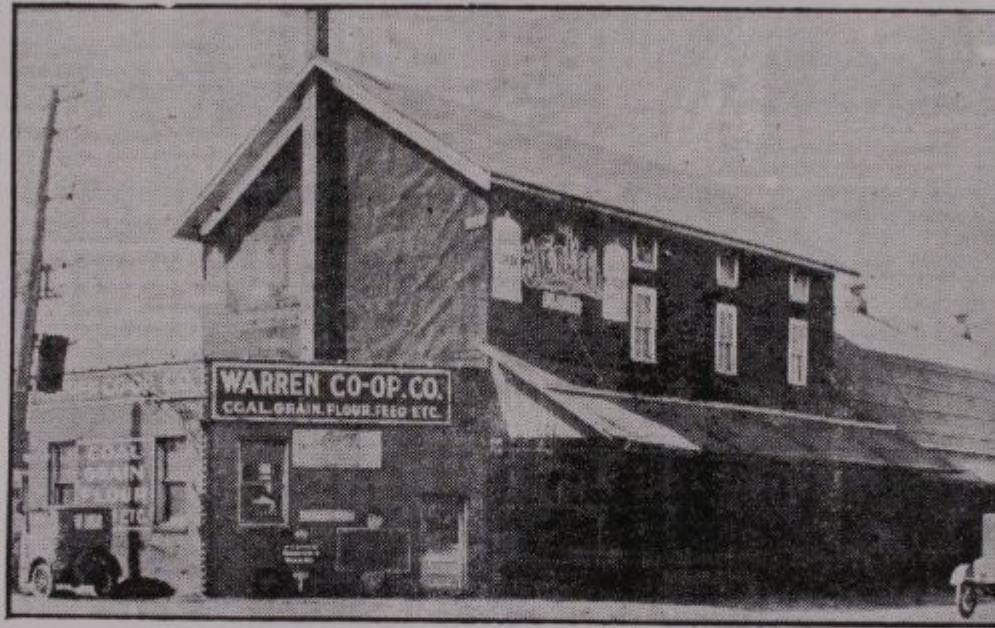
Products handled by the company's six employes include feed, seed, coal, flour, fertilizer, gasoline, motor oils, farm implements, coffee, and stock and poultry tonics. The firm engages in co-operative buying and selling of farm and garden supplies, and its slogan is "We Try to Satisfy."

New Lines Added.

Before arriving at its present flourishing state, the business changed hands several times. Under the original ownership of John Wilson, it was known as the Warren holler Mills. When the business was sold to A. V. Church, Mr. Wilson retained the flour mill. Mr. Church sold to the Warren Farm Bureau Local, which was shortly re-organized under the state co-operative act and re-named "Warren Co-Operative Company."

As the business grew, new lines and new equipment were added. The first warehouse addition was made in 1924 and a front office built, followed by another warehouse in 1926 and a covered coal shed. In 1927, a gasoline distributing station was installed. A

Home Of Warren Co-operative Co.



coal car unloader has been in use two years.

The business is run by John A. Rinke, manager, and Anthony G. Weigand, secretary-treasurer of the company. "Red" and "Tony" are also directors. Other officers and directors include Louis Busch, president; Ed. J. Schoenherr, vice-president; Fred Schuster, Henry Halmich and Joseph C. Murphy.

A story concerning Anthony G. Weigand, secretary-treasurer, appears elsewhere in this section.

Manager Of Co-op Company Was Born In Warren In 1884

In a house built by his father on the site of his grandfather's log cabin of more than a century ago lives John A. Rinke of Warren, manager of the Warren Co-operative company. The old homestead was also Mr. Rinke's birthplace 43 years ago on June 5, 1884. He attended Warren district school and St. Clements school in Center Line. Most of his life was spent in farming.

When Mr. Rinke's grandfather built his log shelter on Trombly in the early days of the Nineteenth Century, his crops were confined to a few acres of land between stumps. Timber wolves and wild life abounded in this section.

Today, this district, according to Mr. Rinke, is on the threshold of a great development. Located in the "V" north of Detroit formed by Woodward and Gratiot,

LOUIS BUSCH IS PRESIDENT

Louis Busch, president of the Warren Co-operative company, is one of the community leaders who might be identified as a pioneer, both in the early settlement of the village and township and as a business builder. He has spent his entire life in or near the village, first as a farmer, later as a holder of public office and finally as a part owner of one of the village's leading business enterprises.

With John Rinke, Mr. Busch established the Cooperative company ten years ago.

Here 59 Years

Born on March 11, 1869, Mr. Busch has lived continuously in or about the village throughout his 59 years. He received his education in the Warren district school and went back to farming. In the time spent at that work he has found an opportunity to follow his favorite sport of horse racing, in which he still professes a keen interest.

Mr. Busch has been treasurer of St. Paul's church since 1916, is a director of the Warren State Savings Bank, has been a director of the Macomb County Farm Bureau since its organization and served on the township war board in 1917 and 1918. Previous to its sale to the Michigan Bell Telephone company, Mr. Busch was a director of the Warren Rural Telephone company.

Mrs. Busch died on July 10, 1917, leaving six children. They are Elma, Edna, Raymond, Walter, Dorothy and Catherine.

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