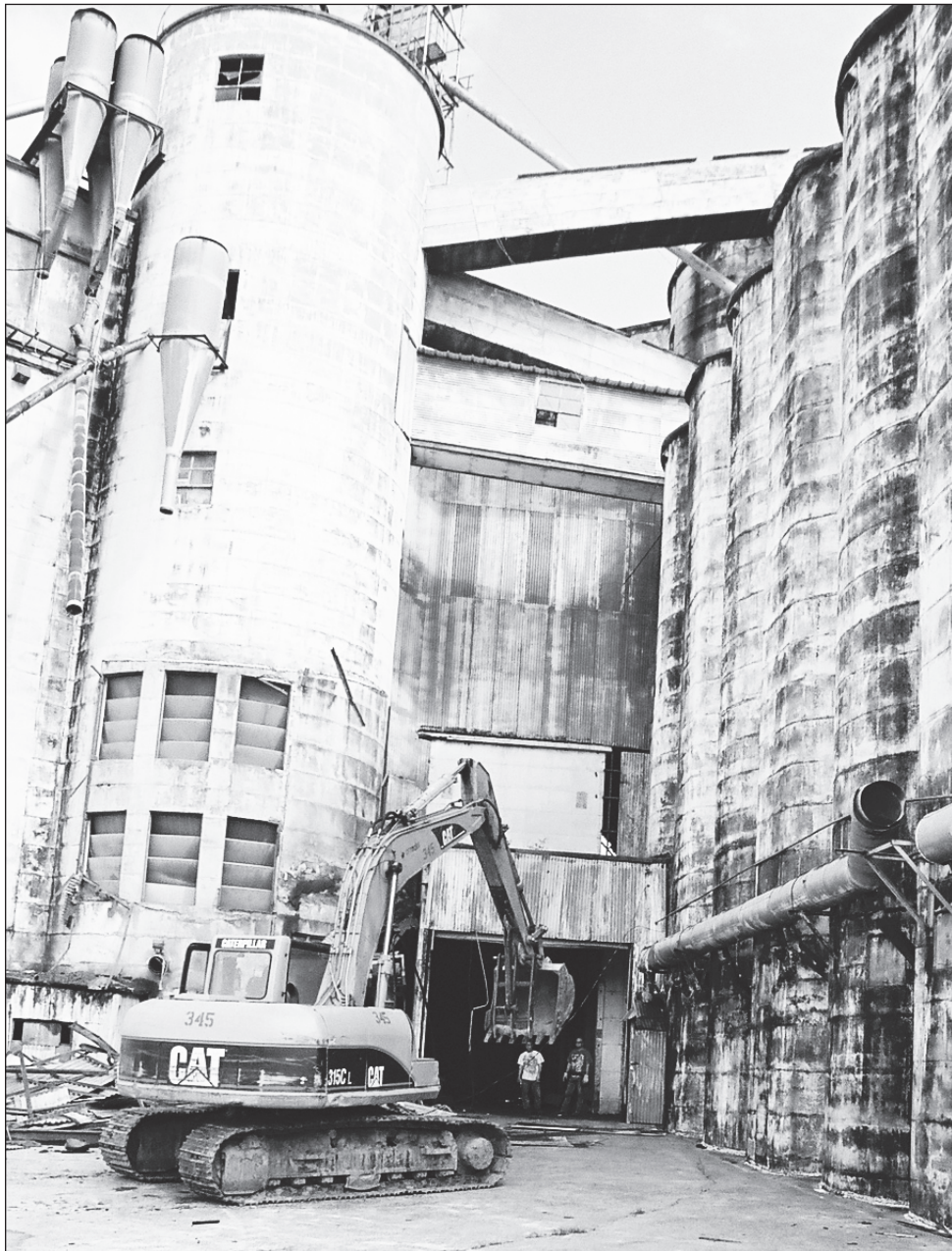


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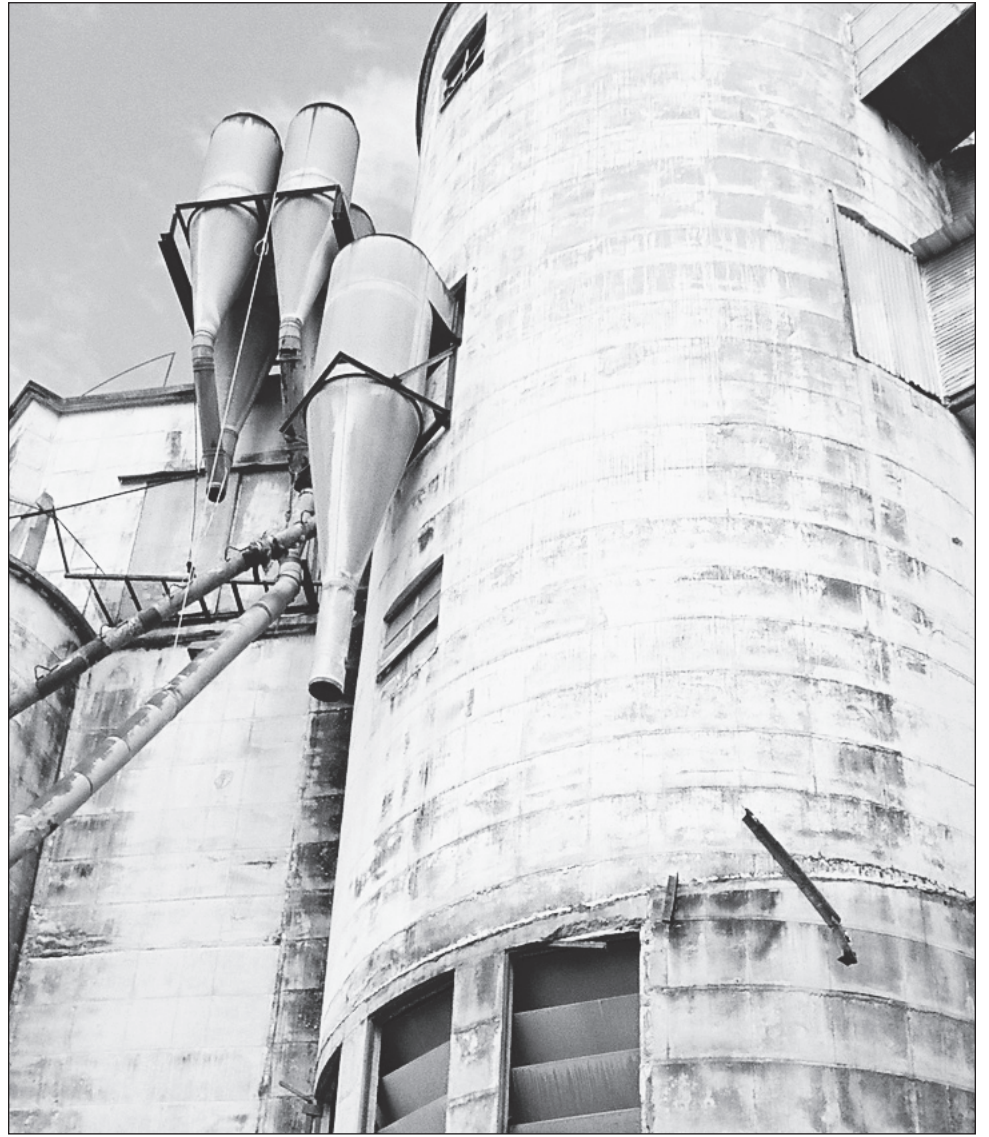
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History & Workings of the Dayton Rice Dryer, Part 2 of 2

This week we're continuing with photographs of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association - Dayton Division's rice dryer, soon to be demolished. ARG Manager Aaron Holbrook gave us a tour of the facility [in 2011] and explained its inner workings. On several occasions we asked that he pose with the machinery to give an idea of its scale.



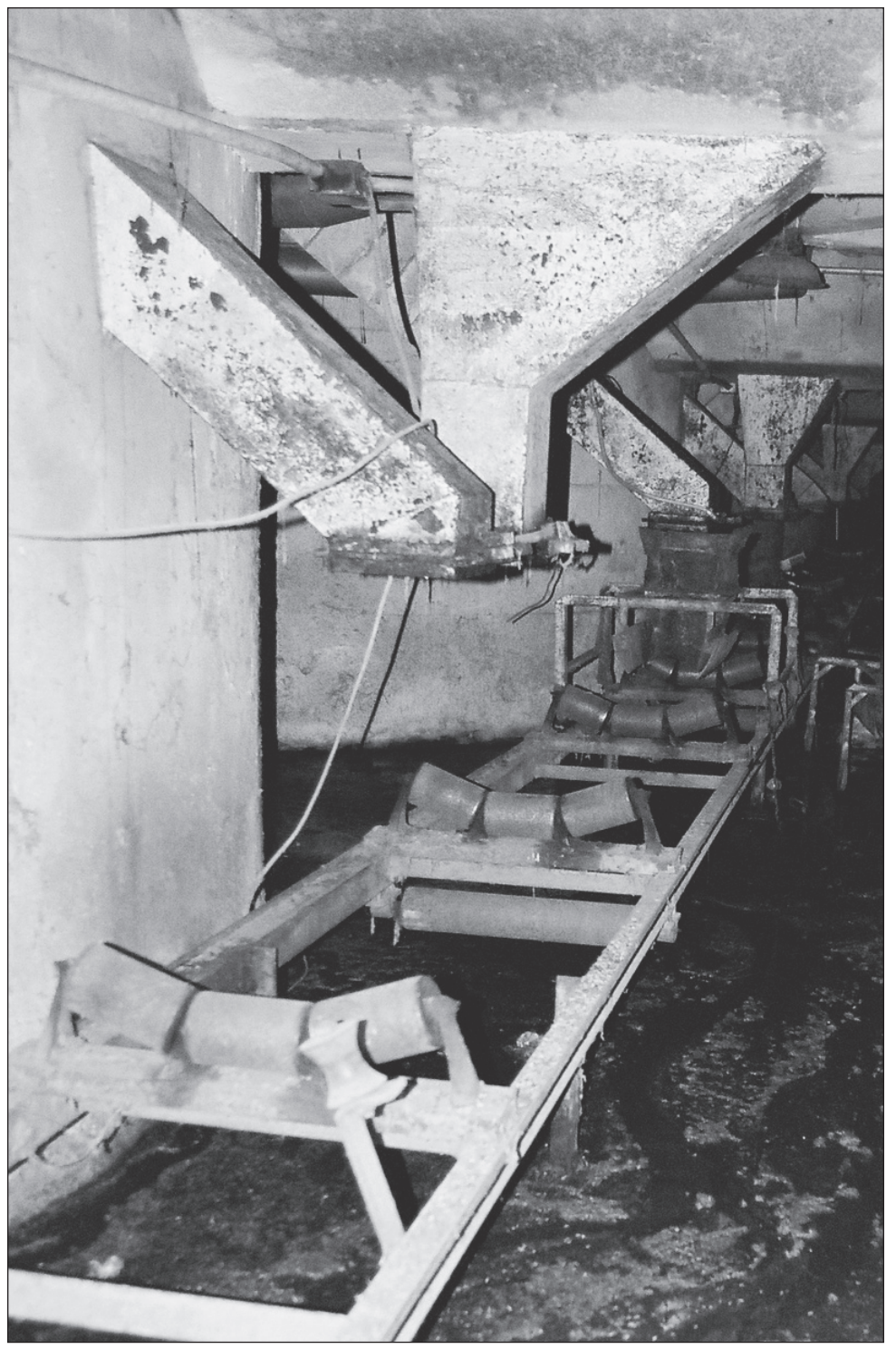
We entered the structure where Randy Ripkowski's two crew members are standing. The doorway is facing Hwy. 321.



These funnels are dust collectors near the entranceway.



Crew members are removing recycleable wire and metal from the rice dryer. The grating is the dumping station where rice was dumped onto a conveyor to be carried to the actual dryer. This once state-of-the-art dryer only had the one dumping station which meant that many longtime Dayton residents have memories of rice trucks lined down the road at harvest time, waiting to dump their load. After the rice was dumped through this grating, it was then moved by conveyors to the necessary bin or dryer.



This photo shows one of the conveyor tracks at ground level and below the storage bins. The belts are missing. These conveyor tracks are at ground level in the rice dryer and were used to move the rice between bins and dryers. Randy Ripkowski plans to salvage these heavy-gauge steel rails to use to move materials at his business, Dayton Sand, Clay and Construction.

5 QUESTIONS

Are you or a loved one in need of rehabilitation or medical/clinical assistance?

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