

A Corporation, Organized Under the Blue-Sky Laws of Tennessee. Capital Stock, \$1,500,000

# Reelfoot Ranger Oil Co.

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Because the oil business is now the greatest business in the world, involving many billions of dollars, this dignified and conservative body of leading business men of West Tennessee have banded themselves together to produce, and refine oil and gas, to build pipe lines and tank cars, to construct and operate refineries, indeed to do anything legitimate connected with oil. Such a combination of integrity and business acumen as is found in the Directorate of the Reelfoot Ranger Oil Co. is rarely ever connected with any business enterprise. Eleven of the Directors have had large business experience, while five are near the million mark, or over. These men will make any legitimate enterprise succeed.

It is just as safe to invest with these men in their oil enterprise as in practically any other business, and the promise of dividends is much larger. Standard Oil is one of the safest investments on the market. It is capitalized at nearly three billion dollars. It is a good investment because officered by honest men. Reelfoot Ranger Oil Co. has just as many business experts as any Directorate of any subsidiary of Standard Oil.

## REELFOOT-RANGER Stock Is NOT Watered.

It is a better investment than Standard Oil because millions of promotion stock have not been gobbled up by the big fish. It is sheer ignorance or malice or intention to deceive, for anyone to decry all oil stocks. Six banks at Humboldt Tenn., have bankrupted or failed within the last 30 years. It would be folly to reason therefrom that ALL banks are failures. Just so with oil. No oil company fails that is well officered, with sufficient money and proven territory. The Reelfoot Ranger Oil Co. fills all these conditions. It has the officers. It is capitalized at a million and a half. The people will buy the stock more rapidly than any other oil stock thrown on the market in Tennessee.

We have 12 shots at mostly proven acreage in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky, and we are continually leasing new acreage. Our 43,000 acres at Reelfoot Lake have been passed upon favorably by three eminent geologists. Our expert driller left one of the best paying jobs in Texas because he had faith in our president and in old Reelfoot.

We now have sufficient production in Burkburnett to make us perfectly safe in paying 12 per cent dividends.

If we strike oil at Reelfoot—and we feel confident that we will—our acreage there alone will be worth from ten millions to one hundred and fifty million dollars.

Sixty acres near Burk-Waggoner well, known as Waggoner-Lease, sold for \$2,500,000 to Ryan Petroleum Co.

Five acres offsetting Burk-Waggoner sold for \$500,000 to Texas Producers & Refining Co.

Duke well No 2 (Ranger Field) produced over \$5,000,000 worth of oil in 1919.

Hogg Creek Oil Co.'s shares—par value \$100, are now selling for \$9,000 each.

The Fowler Farm Oil Co.'s shares—par value \$100, are now selling for \$15,000 per share.

The report of Magnolia Petroleum Co. shows a surplus of \$14,000,000.

All these figures may be verified by anyone interested. Investigate for yourself.

We fully believe that no other such opportunity for investment was ever offered to the people of Obion County.

Safety combined with practically unlimited speculative possibilities.

Stock now selling at par value, \$10.00 per share. Get in now on the ground floor. Call up or write or send your subscriptions to Capt. T. C. Mendenhall, at Palace Hotel, Union City. He is our accredited representative and sales manager for this section.

W. H. NEWBERRY, President

A. E. MARKHAM, Sec'y-Treas.

The Commercial, Union City, Tenn.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1920.

### Ben H. Whitley Passes Away.

"We shall sleep, but not forever,  
There will be a glorious dawn;  
We shall meet to part, no never,  
On the resurrection morn."

After an illness of several months, Mr. B. H. Whitley, formerly of this city, died at his home in Memphis Friday night, Jan. 30. His remains were brought here and laid to rest in Eastview Cemetery Sunday after services being held at the Christian Church, conducted by the Rev. N. B. Hardeeman, who paid a beautiful tribute to the deceased.

B. H. Whitley was born in Salem, Mo., February 22, 1857, and moved to Union City when a boy. On Feb. 16, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hewett at the Christian Church in this city. For more than thirty years he was actively engaged in business in this city, retiring from business some three years ago, when he sold his grocery establishment to Mr. Horner. He was a devout member of the Christian Church, and for more than twenty-five years served as an Elder. He was also a member in good standing of the Woodmen of The World, Maccabees and Golden Cross, and during his membership had held responsible offices in all of said orders.

He is survived by his wife and six children: Mrs. Fred Smith, Chester and Ira Whitley, of Memphis; Claud S. Whitley, of Union City; Mrs. Earl Johnson, of Humboldt, Tenn.; and Mrs. H. T. Dawkins, of Washington, D. C.

Ben H. Whitley had grown up with Union City and was always willing and ready to aid and lend his assistance to any movement for the betterment of the community, and did much toward building the beautiful church edifice of which he was a member, and we may add, now stands as a monument to his memory of faithful service.

He was a man of generous impulse, and never forgot the ways of the pioneer. The stranger, even though a beggar, never failed to find food and shelter if he sought it at his hands, and he was at home by the bedside of the sick and delighted in all kinds of neighborly offices. His cheerful, helpful

life; his devotion to his wife and family and kindness to everybody will long linger as a fragrant memory in the home which his presence brightened and which his death has now darkened. Though he is gone his record has been made and will remain with us as a lasting treasure. In his heart of hearts he carried those he loved, and his hand was never weary, his step never failed in caring for and administering to those who were in any way dependent upon him.

At all times, under all circumstances he walked in the well beaten path of righteousness and when fully conscious that he was nearing the last of earth, he appeared to be fully impressed with the idea that at the end of time eternity began, and that the bright faith which sustained him during those trying hours of suffering would only grow brighter as he journeyed toward the infinite, and the final gloom of death be dispelled by the radiance of God's love. Could all live the just and upright life Mr. Whitley lived, and die in his trusting faith, death could no longer be called "the king of terrors," for he inspired no terror there. The dying man and sorrowing family looked forward with the same eye of faith to the brighter future, where this temporary separation would end in an eternal reunion.

## WHAT AILS THE CHILD?

Chances are it's WORMS—if the child is languid, irritable and restless in sleep. You can find out with  
**Dr. Thacher's Worm Syrup**  
Perfectly harmless. Old doctor's prescription in use for 50 years. At your drug store.  
THACHER MEDICINE CO.  
Chattanooga, Tenn., U. S. A.

For Sale at Oliver's Drug Store.

WANTED—You to know I can write you a straight life policy, age 16 to 21, for \$11.66; age 30, \$14.43; age 40, \$19.66 per thousand. Other ages to 59 years in proportion. White people only. See or phone Dorrel Harris, Union City, Tenn. 42-17

### Death of I. A. Ong.

The subject of this sketch, one of the oldest citizens of Union City, died at his home on South First street Sunday, Feb. 1, 1920, at 2 o'clock, after an illness of several months with the infirmities of advanced years.

Mr. Ike A. Ong was born at Piney Fork, Ohio, over eighty years ago. He came to Tennessee when a young man and was engaged here in milling in connection with one of the first steam flouring mills of the county. He was twice married. Some twenty-three years ago he was united in marriage to Mrs. C. F. Brown, his second wife, who has been his constant and devoted companion as they traveled towards the sunset of life.

They were married in Union City and here they have lived, honored and esteemed among our good people.

Mr. Ong is survived by his wife, a son and daughter. The latter are Mrs. A. J. Cammack, Shawnee, Okla., and Mr. Fred Ong. There are also two children of Mrs. Ong: Mrs. Wheeler, of Jackson, and Mr. Chas. Brown, of Louisiana, who were bound to their stepfather with the very warmest ties of affection and regard.

Mr. Ong's life was like an open book. His heart and hand were never strangers, and he lived on the highway of God's sunshine. He was an optimist—an altruist. If he had any trouble or suffering his friends never knew it until he began to fold his tent and silently steal away. Naturally he was big-hearted, but never bigger and broader and more generous than he was honorable. He was a man among men, God's noblest handiwork. Many years ago he gave his heart to God and his allegiance is one of the great and good attributes of his life. The charm of good, strong, clean manhood moved his friends to smiles and his good cheer brushed away the tears and heartaches. The life of such a man is one of God's blessings, and his passing out into eternity leaves a monument behind him.

Mr. Ong was a member of the Christian Church. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. B. Cunningham conducted services, which were held at the residence Monday afternoon. The remains were interred at the City Cemetery.

### Death of W. A. Carpenter.

W. A. Carpenter died at his home near Jackson Hill on Monday night, Jan. 19, 1920, at the age of 59 years, and was buried the following day at the Hufstutter cemetery, after funeral services had been conducted at Oak Ridge Church by Rev. Howell, of Obion.

The deceased is survived by a widow, Mrs. Susca Carpenter, and two sons, Arnold B. Carpenter, of Memphis, and Norvell S. Carpenter, of this place, also a brother, S. E. Carpenter, and sister, Mrs. Sam Posey, of near Elbridge, besides other relatives and numerous friends to mourn his loss.

He was united with the Church of Christ some 19 or 12 years ago and was faithful in attendance until such time that his earthly afflictions were such that he was unable to mingle with friends and brethren.—Obion County Enterprise.

## GLAD TO TESTIFY

Says Watoga Lady, "As To What Cardui Has Done For Me, So As To Help Others."

Watoga, W. Va.—Mrs. S. W. Gladwell, of this town, says: "When about 15 years of age, I suffered greatly... Sometimes would go a month or two, and I had terrible headache, backache, and bearing-down pains, and would just drag and had no appetite. Then... it would last... two weeks, and was so weakening, and my health was awful.

My mother bought me a bottle of Cardui, and I began to improve after taking the first bottle, so kept it up till I took three... I gained, and was well and strong, and I owe it all to Cardui.

I am married now and have 3 children... Have never had to have a doctor for female trouble, and just resort to Cardui if I need a tonic. I am glad to testify to what it has done for me, so as to help others."

If you are nervous or weak, have headaches, backaches, or any of the other ailments so common to women, why not give Cardui a trial? Recommended by many physicians. In use over 40 years. Begin taking Cardui today. It may be the very medicine you need.

### Democratic Ticket.

For Sheriff—Watt Cherry.  
For Trustee—Armour Ratliff.  
For Tax Assessor—Will Robey.

### From Florida.

Editors of The Commercial, Union City, Tenn.: Dear friends: By request of some of your subscribers, I am writing to your paper something of this beautiful little city of some six thousand inhabitants. Its nearest city, Tampa, is 22 miles east, and is in southern Florida. This town is just now full of people from nearly every state in the union, but mostly from the north. I saw one lady yesterday from New Hampshire leading a black Angora cat with a red bow on its neck. She seemed very proud of it—had brought it all the way in her car. She said she was only 11 days making the trip through.

We arrived here January 31, and found what we were looking for—bright, warm sunshine. We are here for only a short time, however, and will probably write you from our next stop. Plant City has six large packing houses, where they are busy shipping car loads of oranges out every day, also large quantities of grapefruit. The gardens are green with radishes, beans, peas, lettuce, onions, and, in fact, everything that grows in our summer gardens, while large fields of cabbage, strawberries, celery and Irish potatoes can be seen everywhere. These are also being shipped north every day.

The churches and schools here are splendid and largely attended. Plant City has the usual attractions in the way of movies, theatres, etc. The yards here are ablaze with poinsettias, the Christmas flower, in fact, any flower you could mention, even the most delicate, is growing in the open. Pains in profession, six and eight feet tall, can be seen on nearly all of the driveways.

Now, we will say in conclusion, we wish The Commercial and its many readers health, happiness and prosperity.

MRS. REUBEN GREEN.

Plant City, Florida.

Bargain Sale in Furniture—while high, we sell it cheap. One chff-fonter, iron and oak bedsteads, wash stands, tables, one china closet, two rocking chairs, dining room chairs, two dining tables.

CALDWELL'S BOOK STORE.

### TAKE NOTICE.

All parties indebted to us by note or past due account must settle within thirty days or pay the costs.

TROY AUTO CO.,  
Troy, Tenn.

### Series of Meetings.

Rev. J. B. Freeman, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Union City, will begin a series of meetings on the fourth Sunday in February, continuing throughout the entire week, and he has asked Rev. Robert E. Clark, Presiding Elder of this district, to assist him in these meetings. Bro. Clark is one of the strong men of the Memphis Conference, and has special gifts in the work of evangelization. Not only the church but the public is cordially invited to attend and cooperate in these meetings.

### Installation at Antioch.

The W. O. W. installation of officers of Camp No. 243, Antioch, will be held on the second Saturday night of February, and the Woman's Circle will take part in the program, including exercises and supper.

## TO TONE UP THE SYSTEM

King, N. C.—"I wish to say that I find Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Favorite Prescription the best tonics on the market."

"My wife says she would have been dead had she not taken Favorite Prescription. One bottle always puts her straight when she gets weak and run-down. I took a bottle of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and the result was a gain of one and one-half pounds in weight. It's fine to tone up the system, better I think than cod-liver oil."—J. WALTER TUTTLE, Route 2.

### WOMEN WITH BACKACHE

Chattanooga, Tenn.—"Dr. Pierce's remedies were a great help to me. I had become all run-down in health due to my having inward weakness. I was nervous and weak and could not eat or sleep. I suffered with backaches and dreadful pains in my head. I was miserable when I began taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and also Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and from a physical wreck these medicines restored me to health and strength. I could eat and sleep well and was in better health than I had been for a long time previously."—MRS. A. D. COCHRAN, 105 Whiteside St.

### BRONCHITIS

Alton Park, Tenn.—"Dr. Pierce's medicines have been used a great deal in my family with the very best of results. I had a girl that had chronic bronchitis and I never found anything that would give her relief until I began giving her Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and it gave her more real help than all other medicine put together. I have taken 'Golden Medical Discovery' for stomach trouble and it was excellent for this ailment; it purifies one's blood and seems to act upon, and built up one's whole system in a good healthy state. 'Golden Medical Discovery' is a splendid family medicine and I am recommending it."—MRS. J. W. HARRIS, 1500 Highland Ave.