Original Station Opening Day

Below is an ad that was printed in the Garden City newspaper in April 1929.

Announcing Opening

The Garden City Cooperative Exchange has added to its business a department for the handling of petroleum products. Gas, coal oil, distillate, lubricating oils and greases. We are ready to serve the public in a wholesale way.

Our new Filling Station on Seventh Street just north of the Santa Fe passenger depot is now under construction and will in a short time be ready to take care of the retail trade.

If you need wholesale gas or oil, phone 175. Lee Divine has charge of our oil department with Oliver Breckenin in charge of the truck. We handle Union, Certified, Guaranteed products.

This department is open not only to our own two hundred and twenty members but to everybody and we ask you to join hands with us in saving money for the entire public. Our elevator has been fit to loan this department enough money to finance this proposition.

All Equity members automatically become members. To become a member costs you nothing. When you make a purchase from us you become a member and when the net profit on your business equals ten dollars, we issue a membership card, after which you receive cash proportions, or if you choose to pay the ten dollars you receive cash proportions from the beginning. This ten dollars is used to help pay back the money loaned by the elevator but always belongs to the members who pay it in. It becomes the capital on which they do business.

The Equity has confidence in this plan. Enough that it has seen fit to invest for the public benefit some eight or ten thousand dollars. You, Mr. Patron, ought to show your appreciation by letting your patronage to help yourself and your co-workers. If the people, by patronizing their own institution, could save enough money to pay their road tax, it would be worth while.

One hundred thousand dollars per year saved to the people of Finney County would be an item worth considering. Give yourselves your patronage and it will be saved. Think it over.

Patronize a home concern.

Yes! patronize your own institution and that will be as near home as you can get with your patronage.

Yours for cooperation

The Farmers Equity

By R. Jackley, President.