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CHARLES A. MEILERT is one of the progressive and representative business men in the city of Wichita, where he is president and general manager of the Peerless Flint Gravel Company, with office headquarters in the Wheeler, Kelly, Hagny Building, and with residence at 448 Bluff Street, where he is the owner of one of the beautiful homes of the city.

Mr. Meilert was born at Kamin, Germany, October 7, 1884, and is a son of Henry and Marie Meilert, who came to the United States in 1894 and established the family home in St. Louis, Missouri, where the father engaged in the work of his trade, that of shoemaker, and where he passed the remainder of his life, his widow being still a resident of that city.

After having profited by the advantages of the public schools of St. Louis Charles A. Meilert was for two years a student in St. Louis University, and he then took a very subordinate position with the J. W. Losse Tailoring Company of St. Louis, with which concern he continued his alliance ten years and won advancement to the office of assistant secretary of the company. He next became bookkeeper for the Campbell Glass & Paint Company, and after six months with this Kansas City corporation he was promoted to the responsible position of credit manager of both its wholesale and retail departments. He continued with this corporation seven years, and during the ensuing year he was employed by Wright, Mendenhall & Wright, public accountants, Kansas City, Missouri. In 1918 he came to Kansas and established his residence in Wichita, where he continued his association with the substantial contracting business of M. R. Amerman until 1924. In 1922, however, he here organized the Peerless Flint Gravel Company, which is incorporated with a capital stock of \$150,000 and of which he has since

continued president and general manager. By 1924 the gravel business of this corporation had attained to such volume that it demanded the undivided time and attention of Mr. Meilert, who thus severed his alliance with Mr. Amerman. The large and well equipped plant of the company is at Douglass, Butler County, and from this productive headquarters the company makes shipments of its high-grade gravel and sand throughout a territory of approximately 150-mile radius, the plant having an output capacity of 750 tons daily and the product being used largely in road construction.

Mr. Meilert is also a member of the Meilert Construction Company, which was organized in June, 1924, and which controls a substantial contracting business in the construction of sewers and the installing of disposal plants, etc. Mr. Meilert is a democrat in his political alignment, he is a communicant of St. Mary's Cathedral parish of the Catholic Church, he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is an active member of the Wichita Country Club.

In the year 1922 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Meilert and Miss Helen Griffith, who was born and reared at Hutchinson, Kansas, and two children were born to this union. Robert William, born November 24, 1924, and Helen Louise, born September 9, 1926. The first marriage of Mr. Meilert occurred in 1911, when Miss Esther MacGowan became his wife, she having been at the time a resident of Kansas City, Kansas, and having been previously graduated from St. Teresa Academy, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Esther (MacGowan) Meilert is survived by one son, Charles Henry, born February 27, 1912, and who is now attending Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri.