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PRICE LIST

Kerrville and Center Point Nurseries

L. A. MOSTY & SONS, Proprietors

Address: Center Point, Texas.

GREETING

We are thankful to Almighty God that Peace and Prosperity are again with us. We rejoice that everyone may now turn their thought to making life more enjoyable and our homes more attractive. We have abiding peace, and prosperity will continue inasmuch as we are thrifty and diversify to produce as much as possible our necessities and luxuries at home.

We offer you in this brief list an assortment of strictly high grade nursery stock especially suited to our soil and climate. Because of war and drought in 1917 and 1918, fruit trees will be scarce at planting time. We have only about half of our usual number, while expenses have about doubled within the last two years, consequently prices will be some higher. Our stock is probably the best that we have ever grown, and cheap at present prices.

We thank you for past patronage and solicit your business on the merit of the goods that we offer. We will appreciate your orders and each will have our personal attention.

Sincerely,

L. A. MOSTY & SONS.

ORDER EARLY

We can not come to solicit your order this year and ask a favor of you—make out your order now, at least before the rush of digging starts. We can give everyone better service when we can plan the work in advance.

We are glad to have you visit our Nursery and select what you want. If possible, please come before digging time. At busy times we will not likely have the time to wait on you as we would like to. Those who order first will get selected stock and we are more likely to have exactly the kind that you want.

WE PAY EXPRESS

We pay express to railroad points, when cash accompanies order, on orders of \$5.00 and more (excepting evergreen with soil on the roots).

Our larger grades of trees are too large and bulky to go by parcel post. Smaller size trees with the tops cut off, roses, berry plants and most shrubs will go by parcel post.

We expect to begin shipping about November 15th or 20th, and continue when the weather is favorable until about March 1st.

GUARANTEE

We guarantee all of our stock to be vigorous and healthy, well packed in good condition and true to name. Should any prove otherwise, we will replace free or return the purchase price, but it is mutually agreed that we assume no further responsibility.

APPLES

Apples bloom very late and are reliable bearers when soil conditions are right. If you live north or west of here and are prepared to irrigate, apples will pay you well. They need deep soil and good cultivation. The summer varieties bear best.

Prices—Two-year-old trees, 4 to 6 ft., 75c each; \$8.00 per dozen.

Smaller trees, 50c each; \$5.00 per dozen.

Varieties, in Order of Ripening

Early Harvest—The best early yellow variety, long life tree; June.

Red Astrachen—Red, juicy and rather acid, long life tree; June.

Fanny—Striped, good size; fine for eating or cooking.

San Jacinto—Large red, ripe in July.

Helm—Healthy grower, medium size, red with white dots; July.

Bledsoe—This is our favorite, very large, bears every year; August.

Lincoln—This variety bears far south, productive and bears young; if you plant only one apple tree, plant Lincoln; quality good.

Melon, Ben Davis, Arkansas Black, Gano, Kinnaird—Latest varieties; these varieties are grown here and do well further north and northwest.

Crab Apples are more vigorous and bear well; for cooking, pies, jellies, etc., they are better than the larger apples.

OTHER TREE FRUITS

Almonds—Soft shell, tree resembles a peach, blooms early; 75c each.

Jap Persimmon—Does well on moist soil; plant deep and mound well when planting, cut top off half; 75c each.

Prunes—We have a few trees of the Tragedy, the prune of commerce; 75c each.

Mulberry—Stubbs and Black English, large fruit; 50c to \$1.00 each.

Black Walnut—From Tennessee seed; a hardy long-life tree, 3 to 4 feet; 50c each.

PECANS

We have several hundred trees of the best varieties known for Texas planting. Many bear very young. The pecan will grow on any soil if well enriched and supplied with moisture. They grow rapidly after the first year or two.

They should be planted around every home. For yard planting the large trees are best. Keep the trunk of the large trees wrapped the first year and soak well when watering. We dig and pack very carefully and every tree should grow.

Prices—Largest trees, 6 ft. and up, \$2.50 to \$3.00 each.

5 to 6-ft. trees, \$2.00 each; \$20.00 per dozen.

3 to 4-ft. trees, \$1.50 each; \$15.00 per dozen.

Seedlings from large nuts, half price of above.

Varieties

Texas Prolific—Young, abundant bearer; large, thin shell.

Mosty—Native, regular bearer; large, thin shell and cracks well.

Daisey—Texas; long, thin shell; bear young and abundantly.

Oliver—Very large nuts and bears well, shell medium; Kimble County.

Holbert—Medium size, bears well; shell very thin, quality good.

Stuart—Best of the standard kinds; grows and bears well.

Success—Very large, thin shell nut.

Van Deman, Schley, Delmas—We have a few trees of each of these.

We are prepared to furnish buds and grafting wood of these and many other varieties in season. Write for prices.

GRAPES

Grapes are sure bearers and many kinds succeed well here. Soil underlaid with clay is best. Black Spanish and Herbemont will grow almost anywhere.

Prices—Strong two-year, 35c each; \$3.00 per dozen; \$20.00 per 100.

Varieties, in Order of Ripening

Brilliant—Large pink, sweet and delicious; grows and bears well.

Niagara—Early white variety, fine; early July.

R. W. Munson—Black, very sweet; best for arbors and early fruit.

Wapanuka—White, very sweet and delicious but too tender for market.

Bailey—Black, very handsome bunch and berry; late July.

Carman—Black, very reliable, large bunch, very sweet; August.

Armalaga—White, handsome compact bunch, fine flavor; August.

Edna—White, very large bunch; berries large, rich and sweet.

Black Spanish—Large bunch, small berry; fine for grape juice.

Herbemont—Similar to above but pink in color; September 1st.

Fern Munson—Black, large sweet berry; vigorous and healthy.

Last Rose—Pink; very large, handsome bunch and berries; latest.

STRAWBERRIES

These require plenty of water and care. Plant about one foot apart in the row for garden culture. Fall planting is best. We prefer to send strawberry plants early by parcel post. Klondyke is our choice.

Prices—50c per dozen, \$1.50 per 100, \$10.00 per 1,000.

DEWBERRIES AND BLACKBERRIES

Berries are native to our climate and succeed even without irrigation. Clay subsoil land is best. Plant close in rows wide apart. Everyone loves refreshing fruit early in the spring.

Prices—Postpaid, \$1.00 per dozen; \$5.00 per hundred.

Varieties, in Order of Ripening.

Rogers Dewberry—Earliest to ripen; blooms early.

Haupt Berry—Most vigorous of all; dewberry-blackberry cross.

McDonald—Larger than the Haupt, will not bear alone; May.

Austin-Mayes Dewberry—Sure bearer, very large; latest dewberry.

Dallas Blackberry—Ripens after the dewberries are gone; good.

Himalaya Berry—Like a blackberry, but grows more like a grape vine and should be pruned like the grape; ripe in July; 25c each.

If you will need a quantity of trees or plants, please write to us. We will gladly make you special prices if we have a surplus of what you want.

We usually have all kinds of fruit to sell in season.

ORNAMENTAL DEPARTMENT

ROSES

Below we list the choicest varieties known. Most of the tea roses are hardy out doors and all listed are ever-bloomers.

Prices—Two-year plants, 50c each; \$5.00 per dozen.

Smaller size, 35c each; \$4.00 per dozen.

Shades of Red

Etoile de France—Deep, intense red; large, good bloomer.

Mad Masson—Large and hardy; better than American Beauty.

Queen's Scarlet—Very hardy, medium size; always in bloom.

Helen Gould—Watermelon red, fine in bud.

American Beauty—Very popular; large plants, 50c each only.

Grus an Teplitz—Medium size, fiery red; blooms all summer.

Arenburg—Fine in bud and bloom.

Edward Mawley—New, large and handsome; oval form.

Shades of Pink

La France—Very popular, silver pink.

President Taft—Constant bloomer, beautiful bright pink buds.

Jenk. J. L. Mock—Immense size; popular Dutch rose.

Radiance—New; a beauty in bud and bloom, clear pink.

Robin Hood—Rosy pink.

Dwarf Baby Rambler (Pink)—Small bush, clusters of small flowers.

Bridesmaid—Well known pink.

Yellow Shades

Paula—Clear yellow; good grower and bloomer, strong and healthy.

Mme. Jenny Gillemot—Lemon yellow; thrifty and floriferous.

Alex. Hill Gray—A new variety; try it.

Sunburst—Almost bronze; large, handsome blooms and buds.

Dwarf Baby Rambler (Yellow)—Small bush, blooms in large clusters.

White

Kaiserin Aug. Victoria—Almost cream, long buds; blooms well.

White Cochet—Large pointed buds tipped with bright pink.

Bride—Well known variety.

Marie Guillot—Very desirable, faultless in bud and flower.

Madison—New, highly recommended.

Snow Flake—Very hardy and will grow anywhere; always in bloom.

White Dwarf Baby Rambler—Clusters of small pure white double blooms.

Pink, Bronze and Yellow Blends

Melaine Soupert—Fine in bud; yellow center, bronze edges.

Marie Van Houte—Cream center, bright pink edges; vigorous.

Maman Cochet—Pink and bronze; vigorous grower, pointed buds.

Pres. W. R. Smith—Flesh and orange, pointed buds; strong and healthy.

Climbing Varieties

Dorothy Perkins is especially hardy and desirable where a strong, healthy grower is wanted; excellent for screens and arbors.

Henrie Marie Henrietta—Red; large, handsome buds and blooms.

Climbing American Beauty—Red, good grower; desirable.

Climbing Grus an Teplitz—The most constant bloomer of all; fiery red.

Red Dorothy Perkins (Excelsa)—Very vigorous; better than Crimson Rambler in every respect; almost evergreen.

Climbing Malmaison—Ever-bloomer class; flesh pink.

Dorothy Perkins—Most popular, bright pink; be sure to plant this one.

La Marque—Almost white; a satisfactory variety, choice buds and blooms.

Climbing Marie Guillot—White, ever-blooming class.

White Dorothy Perkins—The best of the Rambler class in white.

Marechal Neil—The popular yellow, medium hardy; Plants 50c and 75c.

Note—Always plant roses deeper than they grew in the nursery and cut tops off within six inches of the ground after transplanting.

FLOWERING SHRUBS

- Crape Myrtle—The most loved of summer flowering plants; used as specimen plants or hedges; red, pink or lavender; 35c and 50c.
Crape Myrtle—White; not so easy to grow as other color; 50c and 75c.
Altheas—Summer flowering, blooms like roses, bush or tree, easy to grow; colors, red, pink, single white, white with red center and purple; two-year plants, 35c each.
Bridal Wreath (Spirea)—Very attractive and hardy, white; 35c each.
Mock Orange (Philadelphus)—White flowers in spring; 35c each.
Coralberry—Pretty berries in fall and winter; 35c each.
Calycanthus (Sweet Shrub)—Not so hardy as above shrubs; 35c each.
Tamarix Plumosis—Improved Japanese Salt Cedar, very hardy; 35c each.
Flowering Willow—Makes a small tree, white and lavender; 35c each.
Malvaviscus—Kills to ground in winter, scarlet blooms; 25c each.
Abelia—Evergreen; blooms nearly all summer, small white delicate blooms; 50c each; balled, \$1.00 each.

VINES

- Honeysuckle—Red Coral and Halleana (yellow); 25 and 35c each.
Wisteria—Purple and white; vines resemble grape vines; 35c each.
Queen's Wreath—Pink; small plants only this year; 25c each.
Clematis—White; we have only small plants; 25c each.
Japanese Kudzu—Very vigorous, bean-like vine; 25c and 35c each.
Roses and Grape Vines in their respective classes.

HARDY SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS

- Cannas—Green and bronze foliage, flowers all colors; \$1.00 per dozen.
Tuberoses—Single white, hardy and fragrant; 50c per dozen.
Angel Lilies—Large blooms, almost white; \$1.00 per dozen.
Yellow Day Lily—Very attractive, hardy; \$1.00 per dozen.
Lemon Lily—Clear lemon color, smaller but pleasing; \$1.00 per dozen.
Shasta Daisy—Not a bulb; hardy and attractive in May and June; 50c per dozen.

EVERGREENS

We have the choicest varieties that can be had. Hard to transplant when not handled very carefully. We prefer to ship with soil on the roots when possible. The Arbor Vitae should be partly shaded if possible for a short time. We do not pay express when shipped with soil on the roots.

Arbor Vitae Class

These are heat and drouth proof when once well rooted.

- Prices—Heavy compact plants, about 3 ft., \$3.00 each.
Heavy compact plants, about 2 ft., \$2.00 each.
Smaller specimens, \$1.00 each.

- Compacta—Dark green foliage; symmetrical and even.
Dwarf Compacta—Slower grower; the best one for cemeteries; larger sizes only of this one and the Rosedale.
Rosedale—Very beautiful, bluish green, feathery foliage.
Pyramidal—Fast grower, tall and upright; dark green.

Broad Leaf Class

- Japanese Ligustrum—Glossy green leaves; for screens, heavy hedges and specimens; very popular and desirable; 50c to \$1.00 each.
Nepalense—Smaller leaves and more drooping than above; 50c each.
California Privet—For hedges; 1-year, \$5.00 per 100; 3-year, \$10.00 per 100, and you pay the transportation charges.
Japanese Box (Euonymous)—Fine plants; 50c each for specimens.
English Box—Slow grower; plants from 35c to \$1.00 each.

SHADE TREES

For quick results we recommend the Umbrella China and the Mulberry. Plant these, but for permanence use the pecan if possible. The American Elm is long lived and beautiful. For shade and beauty plant the Japanese Ligustrum. It shapes up like the Umbrella China but is very tough. Its large, glossy dark green leaves are ever-green. To get good growth it is necessary to keep the soil well tilled and all grass at least four feet from the trees.

Umbrella China—Well known; cut off half of top growth every second year and they will not break and be long lived; 50c to \$1.00 each.

Mulberry—Fast growers; we have the large fruited kinds and the Russian; straight select trees, 50c to \$1.00 each.

Poplar—Tall and upright, grows fast when water is abundant; 75c each.

Cottonwood—Very rapid grower if water is plentiful; 8 to 10 ft., 75c to \$1.00.

Pecan—See Pecans on previous pages for varieties and prices.

Elm (American Broadleaf)—Hardy; faster grower and more handsome than the Hackberry; 50c to 75c each.

Japanese Ligustrum—Tree form; very popular for shade and ornament, stands drouth well and grows fast when watered; trees from 4 to 8 feet high and light to heavy branched, 50c to \$2.00 each.

Black Walnut—Hardy; 3 to 4-ft. trees, 50c each.

PLANTING SUGGESTIONS

First prepare the land well. We dig and pack promptly and carefully and never expose the roots to the sun or wind. Plant as soon as possible and a little deeper than they grew in the nursery. Use mellow soil (no manure) about the roots, fill nearly full, lean trees to the southwest, then pour a few buckets of water around the tree or plant and later finish filling and bank with loose soil. Cut tops off at two feet on the one-year-old trees and about half of the second year's growth from two-year trees. Grapes and roses should be cut off at six inches and almost covered with loose soil.

Frequent cultivation is almost necessary, at least keep all grass and weeds cut away four feet from the plants. During extreme drouths dig a trench around the tree and soak thoroughly. Never water on top of the ground and leave to bake. Partial watering kills more plants and trees than it saves.

A LAST WORD

When you remember the joys of childhood, you think of the shady places where you played, and the fragrant flowers and the trees that yielded the luscious fruit. The home is where the child life is moulded and who will doubt the power of these influences on after life? Give a little time to making the home beautiful that your children may have the same blessed recollections when they have drifted far away from the old homestead.