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## Chamber of Commerce To Close Year's Work

J. D. Motley, secretary of the chamber of commerce was reported better Wednesday and expects to be back about his office in a few days. As soon as Mr. Motley is able to resume his duties the year's work of that organization will be closed and new directors elected for the coming year. The membership in the organization at present and the firms who are donors to the budget will remain the same for the coming year, unless the organization is instructed differently. The membership committee at an early date this month will stage a membership campaign to get new members for the chamber of commerce for the coming year and the budget committee will call upon new firms and firms that have not been contributing in an effort to enlist them in the work for 1929.

A meeting of the directorate will be called at an early date to make plans for the annual banquet. It is the hope of the local organization that the largest banquet ever held here can be arranged for an early date and a real progressive program presented to those who attend. The only business that will be brought before the banquet will be the annual report of the secretary and a report of the nominating committee for the 10 new directors to be elected.

The present board of directors is composed of 21 members. Every other year there are 11 elected and the next year 10 are to be elected. This year there will be 10 men who will finish their two-year term on the board and the year of 1929 will start with 11 hold-over men and 10 new members. As soon as the banquet is over and the new members elected a meeting will be called and officers elected for the coming year, committee appointed and the body will get down to work to accomplish the matters before them for 1929.

W. C. McCarver will be the retiring president this year and the chamber has never had a man who has worked harder for the organization than has Mr. McCarver. He has given freely of his time and he and Secretary J. D. Motley have done much this year to make it one of the best years the local body has ever had, as the annual report will show. Much has been accomplished and the organization will close the year in good shape, leaving the incoming directors practically a clean slate to start with.

C. G. Jennings of Higginbotham Bros. & Co., left Monday for Dallas to do some buying for his firm.

## Postal Receipts Gain \$1,487.99

The postal receipts at Ballinger made a nice gain in 1928 over the receipts of 1927 indicating in a measure the growth here during the past year.

The check-up of receipts for the year by Postmaster Reese Monday showed a net gain of \$1,487.99 for 1928 over 1927. The gain here was steady throughout the year with most of the months giving a gain for last year and closing with December breaking all records for a big month at the local postoffice.

Total receipts for the year ran \$22,014.14 as compared to \$20,526.15 for 1927.

The gain showed by the postoffice is a fair way of judging the gain of other business lines in Ballinger. All lines have enjoyed a good business during the past year and the substantial growth here has made Ballinger a much better town than it was a year ago.

Following are postal receipts by months:

Month	1927	1928
January	\$ 2,106.25	\$ 2,042.02
February	1,442.79	1,504.88
March	1,486.16	1,564.46
April	1,761.33	1,887.14
May	1,467.94	1,645.80
June	1,328.76	1,545.91
July	1,500.58	1,855.69
August	1,302.05	1,429.10
September	1,809.95	1,559.60
October	2,061.96	2,393.31
November	1,790.64	1,894.18
December	2,437.74	2,792.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,526.15</b>	<b>\$22,014.14</b>

## Suit Regarding Oil Land Filed

AUSTIN, Jan. 1.—A suit was instituted in the district court here today to restrain Land Commissioner J. T. Robison from leasing the University of Texas oil lands. Fifty-four thousand eight hundred acres are scheduled to be leased tomorrow.

AUSTIN, Jan. 1.—Judge George Calhoun of the Fifty-third District Court today issued a temporary injunction restraining Land Commissioner J. T. Robison from leasing oil land in West Texas. The land was scheduled to have been leased tomorrow. The case will come up for a final hearing on the first Monday in January.

## Hub Building to Be Remodeled

Announcement is made by the owners, J. F. Currie, owner of the building and R. E. George, owner of The Hub, to the effect that plans are now being perfected for the complete remodeling of the building housing that popular dry goods store.

The entire front of the building will be torn out, a new front built and new display windows of absolutely up-to-date type installed.

The exact plans are not available as they will be left up to an architect for perfection, but it is known that an up-to-date and modern front will be built at this place. In making this improvement it is the plan to set the windows back several feet further than at present and thus give ample room for the display of merchandise in the windows.

Other improvements will be made inside which will correspond with the front and the store will have every appearance of a real city store.

## Rotary Luncheon Is Well Attended

The first Rotary luncheon of the New Year was held Wednesday noon at the Central Hotel with a good attendance. President H. C. Lyon read Christmas greetings from officers at different places in the United States and one from Ireland. He also read a message from the district governor asking for a meeting here on Friday, January 25. The club voted to change their regular meeting from Wednesday to Friday night on that week in order to meet the district governor when he is here.

Harley Sadler was a visitor with the club Wednesday, coming here from Winters to make up his attendance.

E. W. McLaurin addressed the Wednesday meeting on the subject of "What Has Been Done to Promote World Peace." The speaker outlined many things that had been accomplished since the close of the world war to promote world peace.

New members at the meeting Wednesday were E. W. McLaurin, R. J. Wheeler and J. A. Williams.

By order of the city council at Crosbyton, elm trees are being set out in the city park to replace locust trees that have died. The city square has been improved by bermuda grass that was planted in the spring. Crosbyton people do their part in civic beautification by keeping attractive lawns.

## More Than 2 Million On Deposit in Banks

### Pays \$14,400 For 5-Year Lease On Store Building

G. A. Ladwig announces that he has closed a contract for another five year lease on the building at the corner of Eighth Street and Hutchings Avenue for that popular store and that the price paid was \$14,400 for the term. McCarver & Lynn are the owners of the property.

Mr. Ladwig intends to make big improvements inside the building, providing more ample display facilities and affording more convenience for his customers.

Mr. Ladwig in commenting on business conditions stated that he was well satisfied with the past year's outturn and expected big things in 1929 and expressed the belief that when Ballinger provided ample water resources that the town would show decided growth. Stating that he believed this one thing alone had retarded Ballinger's growth more than anything else.

It was through his faith in the future of the town that Mr. Ladwig built his business to its present proportions and through that same faith that he expects to do bigger things in Ballinger in the future. By securing the lease on this building for an additional five years, Mr. Ladwig shows his confidence in the town, the people and the country.

## High Salaried Will Not Dodge Taxes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A corporation cannot avoid income tax by paying exorbitant salaries to directors and officers, the supreme court ruled today. The court rejected the appeal of the Botany Worsted Mills in an effort to recover \$554,000 taxes. The heading company tried to defeat the law by paying high salaries.

A summer resort that will make Del Rio known throughout the state and beyond the border of the state as a summer resort is the dream of citizens of that town who are planning to use the water backed up by a power dam for recreational purposes, and are spending a large sum of money for that purpose.

The deposits in the three Ballinger banks show that the local firms have enjoyed a good business this fall. A canvass of the three banking institutions Wednesday morning showed that there was on deposit in Ballinger on December 31 a total of \$2,139,413.50.

This deposit is somewhat above that of a year ago and perhaps for the past several years.

No official call has been received for a statement of the financial conditions of the local banks, however, one is expected at any time for this report as of December 31.

There has been nothing special to boost the local deposits this year but a steady increase of business in all lines has placed the deposit here at a high mark.

### JAPAN BUYING MANY HOGS FROM AN INDIANA FARM

LEBANON, Ind., Jan. 1.—The Japanese government has bought five blue-ribbon Berkshire hogs from the farm of E. J. Barker, secretary of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture.

The animals will be used for breeding purposes. The Barker herd is one of the oldest and best known in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sturges left Wednesday morning for Comanche to look after business in that city.

El Paso—More than \$300,000 in new home construction completed in the past 60 days or is now under construction here.

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- \$9.00 Suits for Boys with 2 Trousers, half price **\$4.50**
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## Hog Production Record Broken

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 27.—A new world's record in hog production has been established by A. T. Quicksall, Ames, Coryell county, with a seven pig litter of registered Poland China hogs that in 180 days were brought to an average weight of 390-477 pounds. E. R. Eudaly, swine specialist of the Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas, has announced, as the result of the recent Texas Ton Litter Contest. The previous record for highest average weight, held by a Kentuckian with litter averaging 360 pounds.

Mr. Quicksall's litter, entered in the Texas Ton Litter Contest conducted by the Extension Service in cooperation with The Progressive Farmer, of Dallas, was handled under the supervision of the Coryell county agent, E. T. Nagle. Feed used was the protein supplement ration of the A. and M. College of Texas in combination with four parts of corn meal and one part of finely ground barley and with enough milk to wet the feed. The litter was also grazed on sudan pasture. Cost of production was 7.6 cents a pound. Weight of the heaviest pig in the litter was 420 pounds and the lightest weighed 366 pounds.

Texas has held several previous world's records in hog production. Mr. Eudaly has pointed out. In 1923, Vick Hill, of McLennan county, working under Mr. Eudaly who was then a county agent, set a new record for highest total number of pounds with a litter weighing 3898 pounds. This record was smashed in 1924 by another Texas litter, led by E. F. Laird, of Amarillo, on to be taken away by Illinois in 1925. The world's record for highest average weight litter was also held during 1923 and 1924 by a Texan, J. M. Martin of Denton county, with a litter averaging 333 pounds each. Kentucky broke this record in 1925 with a litter averaging 369 pounds which held until this year when Texas regained the lead.

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CHEVROLET SALESMEN TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS

A. J. Burdette and H. T. Herndon will leave about the first of January for Big Lake where they will conduct the Herndon-Burdette Chevrolet Company. These gentlemen announced their intentions of entering the business several days ago and as soon as they can finish up their local affairs they will move to Big Lake.

R. P. Tunnell, formerly with the J. M. Jones Grocery Company and Henry Welschpape, formerly with Piggly-Wiggly, will be with the Healer Chevrolet Company after January 1. Both these men are well known in Ballinger and Runnels county and are also salesmen with much experience.

Robt. Bruce is confined to his home with a severe case of influenza. He was taken sick Saturday morning.

Austin Nunn and wife left Monday for Prescott, Ariz., after a visit of several days here with his mother, Mrs. L. A. Nunn.

Roy and Charlie Nunn have returned to Kent, after having spent the holidays with Mrs. L. A. Nunn.

## W. A. Forgey Will Move to Coleman

W. A. Forgey made the announcement Friday morning that he and his family will leave Ballinger soon after the first of January for Coleman where they will make their future home. Mr. Forgey will engage in the automobile business in Coleman having made arrangements to start a Whippet Willys-Knight agency there. At present there is no agency in Coleman the line having been checked out a few months ago and since that time the line has not been sold in Coleman. Karl Wallace of Coleman has had an agency there until recently when he closed it to enter other business.

Mr. Forgey spent Thursday in Coleman trying to locate a building but was not successful in getting a contract signed, however he expects to hear from the building he wants the latter part of the week. As soon as the building is secured he will start improvements and place an order for cars so that he will have everything ready to open his new business between the 15th of January and the 1st of February.

Mr. Forgey was elected to the office of county clerk eight years ago and moved here at that time from Winters. He defeated W. R. Puckett for the office that year and since that time has made three campaigns for the office holding it four terms. His only other opponent during the eight years was Mrs. Earl Holliday whom he defeated. In 1928 he was not a candidate for the office and his assistant, Miss Ima McKown was elected over two other opponents and will take the oath of office on next Tuesday, January 1, at which time Mr. Forgey will check over the affairs of the office to her.

Mr. Forgey built a modern home here in one of the best locations in town. He owns a five room American bungalow on Broadway which will be for sale now and he will give possession of it at an early date in January.

This will be Mr. Forgey's first venture into the automobile business and he will open his house in Coleman with a complete line of new model cars, accessories and a modern shop for repair work.

Mr. Forgey has been a real efficient county officer here for eight years and during that time has made a wide host of friends who will regret to learn that he is to leave Ballinger to make his home elsewhere.

**A Great Discovery**

When Pasteur discovered, in 1852, that the infection of wounds was caused by malignant bacteria, he performed a service of incalculable value to mankind, since the medical science has been producing better and better antiseptics, to kill these germs that may enter the smallest cut and give us diseases such as typhoid, tuberculosis and lockjaw. Now, all you have to do to be sure that these dreadful germs will not infect a wound, is to wash that wound, however small, thoroughly with Liquid Borozone, the modern antiseptic. You can get Liquid Borozone, in a size to fit your needs and purse, from Weeks Drug Store.

**LE BOURGET FIELD IS NO LONGER A CENTER FOR MILITARY FLYING**

LE BOURGET, Dec. 29.—House-cleaning for a greater 1929 season, this flying field has dispossessed military aviation and will henceforth be reserved entirely for commercial aircraft.

The 34th Aviation Regiment, in which Colonel Lindbergh is an honorary sergeant, has up to now occupied half of the field. It has been moved to Etampes. The military hangars have been taken over by commercial companies, and seven new hangars are being built. When these are ready, Le Bourget will boast 27 modern, up-to-date nests for flying machines.

Le Bourget will continue to be the starting point of transatlantic flight attempts. Next year aspirants for ocean honors include Second Lieutenants Robin, of the 34th Regiment, using a mammoth Bernard, capable of making 140 m.p.h. with a full load. Lieutenant Robin is laying plans for a takeoff in April or as soon thereafter as weather conditions permit.

Rev. Jack Whitaker was a visitor in Ballinger Sunday from Paint Rock and filled the pulpit at the Methodist church at both services.

Joe Beck left Saturday for Tyler to begin his studies again at the Tyler Commercial College.

High priced service at nominal cost—Ledger classified ads.

**HUGE CANVAS TOP BOUGHT BY SADLER SHOWS LATELY**

After Harley Sadler and members of his show cast had entertained the Rotary Club Friday noon, Mr. Sadler announced that he had purchased a huge canvas theatre coating approximately \$6,000 and seating 3000 people in which he will present his show in towns throughout Texas where suitable theatre accommodations are not found.

Five moving vans will be necessary to transport the mammoth canvas theatre. It will be approximately 100x180 feet when set up. Mr. Sadler announced. The stage will be 30 feet deep and will permit the use of 15-foot scenery.

At the present time the Sadler company is playing its ninth consecutive Christmas engagement in San Angelo showing nightly at the Lyric Theatre. The week closes Sunday afternoon with a matinee entitled "What Price Heroes."—San Angelo Standard.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry King and son, Burton, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King, returned to Abilene.

Gus Rosenberg and father of Brownwood spent Sunday in Ballinger looking after business.

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### Trucking Fast Becoming Big

Many of the farmers of this section whose land is located on or near a stream are planning to plant some small acreage to truck patches this year.

Cam Taylor who lives up the Colorado river a few miles plans to put in several acres to tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and other vegetables of a ready selling value.

L. E. H. Barnett, who is on Valley Creek, and who has raised truck for several years will again have a large acreage planted to truck this year.

The only trouble found the past year was the consumption of all that could be raised. As no steps have ever been taken to organize for this purpose, the shipping of these vegetables has as yet not been practiced.

It is thought, however, that the coming year arrangements may be made with outside produce merchants to take the surplus off the hands of growers.

The raising of truck, where it can be irrigated during the dry spells has proven to be a very profitable investment for farmers and will, without doubt, in years to come, become one of our biggest sources of revenue.

Runnels county will produce, so it seems, anything that can be grown in the soil and usually rewards the planters in a handsome way for their efforts.

The local postoffice has completed the holiday rush in a manner that is deserving of praise from the entire town. The force worked long hours preceding the holidays and every day took care of every piece of incoming and outgoing mail before they quit work for the day. On Christmas Eve all mail was up and delivered and there were only four packages left in the office and these were addressed to parties who could not be reached by delivery.

At no time during the week's rush before Christmas, did the line get very long in front of the window. The force kept everything worked out and handled bundles and packages so fast that no one had to wait long before getting waited upon.

To give the patrons of the local office Postmaster Reese furnished The Ledger with a few figures that are surprising. In the four days period before Christmas Day the force handled more than 30,000 letters and greetings to people in Ballinger. This means about eight letters for every man, woman and child in this city. Approximately 3500 packages were handled during the same period, which, if assembled in one stack would be more than a carload of packages alone. These letters and packages were handled in the four day period and on the close of Christmas Eve only four packages remained in the local office.

The Christmas business at the local office has been far greater than any other year ever experienced here. Postal receipts for the month have already passed any other December for several hundred dollars with the buying of stamps for the first to come in yet.

If there is any satisfaction in knowing that real service has been given the local force surely have that pleasure.

**FOUR PLEAS OF GUILTY**

The city court was busily engaged for a while Saturday morning in prosecuting several cases and it received four pleas of guilty Lang Iden and Blacky Creach pleaded guilty to simple assault and drunkenness.

It was charged that they made an assault on Roy Carrol, night waiter at the Smokehouse. In the fracas that followed two other parties came to the rescue of Carrol and helped him out of the difficulty.

This is the first disturbance of any consequence for Christmas week, and it occurred at 3 o'clock on the morning of the 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Padgett who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett here have returned to their home in Dallas.

C. W. Lehmburg and family have returned from a Christmas visit to Fredericksburg, Seguin and San Antonio.

**NEW YORK CITY IS SHORT ONE HALF MILLION PEOPLE THROUGH LOW BIRTH RATE**

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—This city, according to Department of Health estimates, has suffered an approximate loss of 500,000 population through the decline of the birth rate in twenty years. The decline in the birth rate is reported to be general over the United States.

It is not because there has been a decrease in marriages that births have fallen off. In New York City since 1908 there has been a steady increase in the number of marriages. Fewer babies per family has slowed the population growth.

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