## THE BALLINGER LEDGER

1 Chamber Commerce Directors to be Elected

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March of Dimes Money Urgent Need in County

## 1947 Poll Tax Receipt Required in Bond Vote



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# Taxpayers of Ballinger-w-- Attention 

ANSWERING AD IN BALLINGER LEDGER, ISSUE OF DECEMBER 23RD, 1948
Yes, We Want Baseball In Ballinger-But, Not At the Expense of the Tax Payert

Do you think it is right o tax the widow's home, or anyone's property to pay for your favorite sport, or the other fellow',

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL?
Why not vote a bond issue to subsidize those whose favorite sport is hunting or fishing? These sportsmen spend around $\$ 20000$ per year for materiais, clothing, ammunition, guns, scopes, etc.,
right here in Ballinger. This hel ${ }_{\text {s }}$ business in Ballinger does it not
149 on the Petition at $\$ 200$ per signer equals $\$ 29,800.00$.

Why is it that the rabid baserall fan cannot be as good a sport as the hunter and finance his own sport?

Do you know that it is not lecal to expend City tax funds for professional basebal? Read the elec tion petition and the election oder. Is the word baseball used? Do you know wy? Here is the reason, both the City Attorney and the Bond attor ney were instructed to make the documents legal and to do so the words "PUBLIC PARK" were used and everything akin to baseball vas deleted. Bal linger is a General Law City, not : Special Charter City, like Big Spring, Sweetwater and others and Ballinger has no legal manner to expend funds from taxes for baseball, ask your City Attorney if this is true. Will you aid those irterested in this subterfuge?

It is further stated that $81 / 2 c$ tax levy on the $\$ 100$ valuation will service the $\$ 25000$ bond issue This is probably true. BUT where is the City to get this $81 / 2$ c? The present $\$ 1.50$ tax rate on the $\$ 100$ is the constitutional limit for Ballinger. It is common knowledge, though the last City audit has not been given publication, that the City is having financial
difficulties. The only manner that additional tax revenue can be raised, other than a hike in prop erty valuations, is by a City Commission action declaring Balinger a special charter City with population in excess of 5,000 and then raising the tax limit from $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 2.50$ on the $\$ 100$. Do you favor this?

What would the next Bond issue Be and HOW MUCH and For WHAT?

It is stated that the schools could use the "PARK" for the school baseball activities. Has the Ballinger Independent School Board requested this? The Ballinger Independent School System is a separate subdivision of government from the City. The School has as its mission education, both mental and physical. It can build a baseball field LEGALLY if it wishes and it has its own tax rol and other income which probably puts it in better financial position to care for its needs than the City is at present.

It is stated that PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL will help business in Ballinger. This is granted and there are many other enterprises which will help Balinger in a business way. BUT your City a CHAMBER OF COMMERCE it is a Municipa that of Public Health, Public Safety, Fire Protec tion, and Law Enforcement.

A swimming pool would help business also Many go to San Angelo now for this advantage many would come here for the same reason and DO THE CHILDREN WANT A SWIMMING POOL Also a swimming pool can be built on REVENUE BONDS. Why not build a baseball park on revenue bonds? The answer is obvious as one has just been
orn down and moved that did not pay enough to ustify its further operation in Ballinger.

What is the paramount need in Ballinger RIGHT NOW that bond money might be used for? Do you know that Ballinger has a modern sewer plant built to service twice the present population?

Do you know that only one fourth of Ballinger sewer system service?

Do you know that the flow of sewage into the new plant is so little that it will not operate effienty

Do you know that Ballinger has 200 OPEN URFACE TOILETS, many more PIT TOILETS and around 500 cess pools and private septic tanks, many of which do not give healthful service?

Why not build OUR SEWER SYSTEM IF WE ARE ABLE TO ISSUE MORE BONDS IN BALLINGR?

We have been told that the City is not financially able to extend the sewer system at this time, then are we able to vote TAX MONEY FOR BASEBALL?

LET THOSE WHO WANT BASEBALL BAD ENOUGH TO LOSE MONEY ON IT PAY FOR IT BUT DON"T PASS THEIR LOSS ON TO THE BALLINGER TAXPAYER!

It is set out in the election order that the Bonds are not to run "more than thirty (30) years from their date, and bearing interest at a rate not to exceed Four $(4 \%)$ per cent. This would cost the City Taxpayer, instead of $\$ 25,000$ the sum of $\$ 35,000$ by maturity for this PRESENT EXPENDITURE as the bonds are to be serial with NO
OPTION.

## GO VOTE JANUARY 7th 1949

Is Your Credit Good Anywhere? If you suddenty had to move to another city and needed
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