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## COUNTY FINANCES

Graham, N. C., May 14, 1912

Mr. Editor:— I have seen much in certain of the county papers lately about county finances, and the charges and counter-charges were so confusing that I asked the Register of Deeds to give me definite information about these things. The following is his letter:

Graham, N. C., May 10, 1912  
Mr. E. S. Parker, Jr.,  
Graham, N. C.

Dear Sir:—

In regard to your request for information concerning the finances of Alamance County since I have been Register of Deeds and Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, I beg to advise:

I went into office in December, 1904, and the following Commissioners entered upon the discharge of their duties as such at that time: Geo. T. Williamson, J. G. Clark, John Wagoner, T. B. Barker and W. E. Vincent. Of these, four were Democrats and one was a Republican. Previous to the time this Board took charge there had been county bonds issued in the sum of \$50,000.00, and all outstanding debts of the county paid, so that when this Board went into office the total county debt was represented by the bond issue of \$50,000.00, and there was \$1,000.00 which had been set aside as a county debt sinking fund. This Board held office for two years and the county expenditures for the first year were \$21,719.89, and for the second year, \$22,221.82. This Board went out of office in December, 1906, leaving \$3,000.00 loaned as a county debt sinking fund, and \$3,000.00 loaned to the Christian Orphanage at Elon College, and \$636.07 in the hands of the County Treasurer.

In December, 1906, Geo. T. Williamson, T. B. Barker, W. E. Vincent, B. S. Robertson and T. F. McVey took charge as County Commissioners, and of these a majority—the last three named—were Republicans. The expenditures of this Board for the first year amounted to \$29,622.65, and for the second year, \$40,144.27. When this Board went out of office in December, 1908, they turned over to the new Board of Commissioners \$3,000.00 loaned out as county debt sinking fund; \$3,000.00 loaned to the Christian Orphanage, and this Board left a floating debt of \$9,000.00 with outstanding bills due to the amount of about \$3,000.00.

In the year 1908 E. Long, W. A. Murray, B. R. Sellars, A. N. Robertson, and B. S. Robertson took charge as County Commissioners, and this Board were all Democrats except the last named—Mr. B. S. Robertson—a Republican. This Board's expenditures for the first year amounted to \$30,261.34. (Among this year's expenditures of this Board was \$2,893.33 interest on the \$2,000.00 bond issue for good roads.) The second year the expenditures of this Board amounted to \$36,263.98. (In this year this Board paid interest on the good roads bonds and other county bonds, to the amount of \$12,500.00, which is not included in the above. \$10,000.00 of this interest on the good roads bonds was paid from road tax of the county, and there was no increase of taxes to meet this.) This Board went out of office in December, 1910, turning over to the succeeding Board money on hand or loaned out for county debt sinking fund, amounting to \$7,760.14, and leaving a floating indebtedness of \$21,000.00.

In December, 1910, Geo. T. Williamson, T. B. Barker, Ed. L. Dailey, John E. Stroud and W. H. Turrentine took charge as County Commissioners. The expenditures of this Board for the first year amounted to \$34,245.64. There is not included in this amount \$12,500.00 paid by way of interest on bonded indebtedness, \$10,000.00 of which is interest on good roads bonds, and \$2,500.00 on the \$50,000.00 bond issue of 1908, hereinafter referred to.) At the end of their first year this Board had a floating indebtedness of \$38,800.00, and had on hand or loaned out

for the county debt sinking fund the sum of \$10,294.14. The expenditures of this Board for its second year up to and including the first Monday in April, 1912, have amounted to \$11,151.08.

The county debt to date is as follows: Bond issue of 1903, \$50,000.00; bond issue of 1909 (good roads bonds), \$200,000.00; due C. A. Webb & Company, \$39,000.00. The county debt sinking fund loaned out and on hand on May 1st, amounted to \$13,494.94.

In connection with above statement, I beg to call attention to the fact that the funds secured from the issuing of bonds for good roads was not expended by the County Commissioners but by the Highway Commission (a non-partisan board, composed of Democrats and Republicans), but the Commissioners have from the taxes collected paid the interest on these bonds, and taxes have not been increased to enable them to obtain the funds so to do.

No one has criticised the manner in which the proceeds of the bond issue for good roads has been expended, and the Highway Commission has turned over to the county macadam roads built from the proceeds of the sale of those bonds (the bonds having been sold at a premium and the money previous to the time it was actually expended having been so handled by said Commission as that it drew interest to the value of more than \$220,000.00.)

Previous to the time I went into office in 1904, there had been expended for steel bridges \$44,162.09, and by reference to the first part of this letter it will be seen that when the Board that went into office in 1904 went out in 1906, the county indebtedness did not amount to more than this sum, after deducting therefrom the amount loaned out and on hand. Since then there has been expended for permanent improvements the following: For new workhouse, \$2,993.43; for patent index in Register's office, \$1,250.00; for steel bridges, \$35,837.01, and various sums for road machinery, stock, etc.

This entire statement is made up from the records in my office, and I believe is correct, and at those times when the Board of Commissioners was composed partly of Democrats and partly of Republicans, the records show no protest by those of the opposite political faith from the majority.

Very respectfully,  
Chas. D. Johnston,  
Register of Deeds.

It would seem from the above statement that charges cannot be made against any Board of Commissioners. Everyone knows that everyone of the gentlemen who have served are honest, clean men. In some matters perhaps they have not acted as certain ones of us would have, but there is doubt about the fact that they have acted always with perfect honesty. The county voted for the creation of its debt for \$200,000.00 for good roads, and certainly the Highway Commission handled these funds admirably. They obtained a premium on the sale of the bonds, and then so handled the money that a large sum was collected by way of interest, and they turned over to the county roads that actually cost fully ten per cent more than the debt created for those roads.

In passing, I would like to say that I believe that the County Commissioners could well consider the question of abolishing the workhouse. We do not have many convicts, and considering the fact that the workhouse must be maintained, whether there are many or few convicts, and that the convicts must be cared for, whether the weather is so they can work or not. I believe it would be for the financial good of the county to abolish it and make arrangements with some other county so that the Judge could sentence prisoners from Alamance to this other county, or if this is not wise, then make such arrangements with other counties for the sending of convicts here as would give a sufficient number of convicts to justify the expenses of keeping up the workhouse.

**BIG PUBLIC MEETING.**  
**Jr. O. U. A. M.**  
**Graded School Auditorium**  
**Friday, May 7, 8 P. M.**  
**Public Invited.**  
**See Program in another Column.**

I do not want to enter into a controversy of any kind with any person, but after receiving this letter from the Register of Deeds it seemed to me that it would be well to give it to the public, and I believe it will do for many what it has done for me—enable us to understand that our county finances have been so handled by Commissioners elected from both parties, much of the time serving on the same Board, as that no political capital for either party can be made from an accurate statement of what has been done.

Very respectfully,  
E. S. Parker, Jr.

### Names of Those Who Have Entered the Dispatch Contest.

NAME	NO. VOTES
Bertha May Horne	39000
Addie Ray	36000
W. J. Brooks	35000
Aurelia Ellington,	
Mebane, R. No. 4,	34800
Mary Lee Coble, R. No. 1	29500
Bettie Lyde May	9000
Lizzie Cheek	8100
Walter Workman	9600
W. I. Braxton, Snow Camp,	7000
Martin L. Coble, R. 1.	4900
T. F. Matkins,	
Gibsonville.	
Carrie Albright,	3300
Haw River.	
Mrs. B. L. Shoffner, R. 10,	3000
J. R. King,	1100
Greensboro.	
May Carr Hall	1000
Margie Cheek	1000
Doyle Heritage	1000

### Capt. William Murphy Andrews Called.

Capt. William Murphy Andrews died at his home in South Burlington, North Carolina, May 9th, 1912, at the age of 76 years, 5 months and 26 days. He was married three times and leaves to mourn his death three brothers, four sons and one daughter. He was a soldier in the Civil War, Company E. 13th Regiment and North Carolina volunteer and served from the beginning to the close. He fought in all the important battles of Virginia and at Gettysburg. He was twice wounded and several times promoted. He professed religion more than thirty years ago and joined New Providence Christian Church, living faithful until death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Holt, assisted by Revs. Kendall and Morgan. Interment at New Providence under Masonic honors. May God bless the bereaved relatives. A good citizen, kind neighbor, and honest man. The funeral was attended by a large gathering of people.

J. W. Holt.

### Philathea Class Entertain.

The Philathea Class of the Baptist Church delightfully entertained Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McIver in honor of their teacher Miss Cornelia Hancock, one of the faculty of the Graded School. The reception lasted from eight thirty to eleven, during which time outdoor games were played. Those who received were: Miss Bertha Cates, President of the class, and Miss Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. McIver the hostess of the evening.

A solid course was very much enjoyed, after which cream was served. About sixty-five were present to partake of the enjoyment of the evening.

Many a politician who starts out on a band wagon walks home.

### Commencement Week Program of Burlington High School.

Sunday May 19, 1912, at 8:00 Baccalaureate Sermon at M. E. Church, by Rev. R. C. Craven of Durham, N. C.

Tuesday, May 21, 1912, at 8:00 o'clock, Annual musical recital.

Wednesday, May 22, 1912, from 8:30-11:30, Annual reception of Seniors, (to invited guests.)

Thursday, May 23, 1912, 8:00 promptly, Class night.

Friday, May 24, 1912, 8:00 o'clock, Annual Literary Address, by Judge Jeter C. Fritchette. Presentation of Diplomas.

Saturday, May 25, 1912, at 3:00 there will be a ball game at Harden's Park, High Point vs Burlington High School, to decide the champions. Burlington and High Point both claim the championship of the State, and this game will decide the contest. This will be an interesting game, and we want everybody to come. Admission, 25c. Reserved seats, 35c.

### Philathea Entertain Baracas.

The Philathea Class of the Front Street Methodist Church delightfully entertained the Baraca class and invited guests Thursday night in the Baraca class room. The number present was one hundred and sixty, ninety-five of this number being baracas. The room was decorated all afloat in white and blue, the Philathea colors, while potted plants and cut flowers were used.

A very interesting program was rendered by Rev. T. A. Sikes. The teacher of the Philathea class delivered the address of welcome which was responded to by Mr. E. S. W. Dameron teacher of the Baraca's. A beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Ruth Dameron, after which Miss Blanche Story gave an interesting recitation. A male quartet and other music was rendered. Mr. W. E. Sharpe proved the lucky one winning the prize in the contest.

A two course menu was served, the first pickles and crackers and second ices and cream. Over this Rev. Sikes acted as toastmaster and the following responded with toasts: Messrs. W. E. Sharpe, O. F. Crowson, E. S. W. Dameron, Will Dailey, A. A. Apple and others.

To carry out the colors of the class the Philatheas were all dressed in white and blue.

### Services at St Pauls.

Owing to the inclement weather the third Sunday of April the "Communion Service" at St. Pauls Lutheran Church Alamance Co. was postponed until third Sunday of this month, being next Sunday and also the closing of the work of another year, we will be glad to see all members and friends present there will be two services, dinner served on the grounds.

### Cansmen Gather.

Jackson, Ky., May 11.—Aroused by the desperate condition of Ed Callahan, who was shot from ambush a week ago today, clansmen of the fencible and former sheriff of Breathitt county are gathering from all sides today at his home in Crockettville. Callahan is rapidly sinking at the hospital at Buckhorn, where he was taken after the shooting, and may not last out the day.

Buy your flour of Coble's Grocery. Prices Reasonable.

### "Women Of The Confederacy"

Ladies and Gentlemen: My brother Carroll has spoken most eloquently of the sacrifices and heroism of the men of the South in the terrible war between the States. Surely time can never wither the laurels they won on the field of battle and defeat can never dim the glory of their achievements in the face of overwhelming members, superior resources and untold privations. Nor do I detract one iota from their renown when I say the women of the Confederacy exhibited a heroism no less sublime during these dark days of strife and turmoil that tried men's souls as it were in a veritable furnace of fire. The women of the South contributed their full share of heroic sacrifices and loyal devotion to the halo of glory, created by the common sacrifices of fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, husbands and wives and sweet hearts; and this halo of glory will glow with an ever-increasing splendor as long as bravery and unflinching loyalty are esteemed virtues among men.

The Old South created and nurtured a class of women never surpassed in the world. Poetry and romance have never yet portrayed, in truthful colors, the attractions and beauties of the Southern home. A plantation was a little kingdom presided over by husband and wife, betwixt whom there existed mutual respect, deference, admiration, and love. Refinement, culture, purity and a becoming modesty were prevailing traits among the girls, and in this atmosphere there was developed a type of womanhood never excelled in all the history of the world. When the South became one great battlefield, the mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and sweet hearts, with sublime unanimity and fervor, rallied to the support of their bleeding country. Anxious women, with willing hands and loving hearts rushed eagerly to every place where sickness or destitution or the ravages of war had invaded. Churches were converted into hospitals or places for making, collecting and shipping clothes and other needed supplies. Numberless private homes near battlefields were filled with the sick and wounded. Grandmother and youthful maiden blended their willing efforts in making socks, hats and other necessary articles for the men in the trenches. Untrammelled and fresh from the lordly mansions, these noble women entered the fields of labor with the very spirit of Christ and so enrolled their names on the list of the immortals. Thus they imparted fresh courage to the brave, quickened the response of the laggard and poured shame and contempt on him who shirked the responsibility and danger of duty at the front. These women surrendered the gemmed ring, the diamond bracelet and the rich wardrobe. They cut up rich carpets for soldiers blankets and took the fine linen from their persons for bandages.

When four hundred of Longstreet's men came up to Nashville as prisoners of war, and a flight of stairs in the building the occupied fell, killing and wounding a large number of them, the Federal soldiers were astounded to see the ladies come forth from the mansions, bringing restoratives and delicacies in their hands, mingling in the dingy crowd, wiping away the blood with their white handkerchiefs, and uttering words of cheer, while hundreds of Union soldiers crowded around them. It is not surprising that scenes like these inspired the Confederate soldiers to deeds of dauntless courage and demonstrated to the Union soldiers that there was an element of character in the women of the South with which they had not yet reckoned. Such daring and heroic conduct is almost without parallel in all history.

But great as were the sacrifices of the women of the South during the conflict, they were not more trying than were their sufferings after the smoke of battle had rolled away. The South was literally billowed with graves, and everywhere was heard the cries of Rachel weeping for

her lost children. There was all the loneliness of the vacant chair never to be occupied again, the sigh of the widowed mother and the wail of the helpless orphan. Bereft in many instances of husband, father, brother and son, deprived of the ordinary necessities of life, and thrown back upon the resources of a land just swept by all the desolations of war theirs would seem to have been a hope that was against hope and a peath struggle with want, destitution and despair; but soothed and sustained by an unflinching trust in him who makes the sparrows fall and stills the raven's cry, these good women rose to the exigencies of the occasion and made the best of their desolate lot. Thus they have left to us a heritage richer than towering monument or marble shaft, better than dazzling diamond or burnished gold, more valuable than stocks and bonds or widening acres.

And they need no eulogy. Their noble deeds of sacrifice and their heroic endurance place them far beyond any words of praise or blame our feeble lips may utter. Their memory is enshined forever in the hearts of a grateful posterity.

Let us therefore remember also the little ones scatter flowers upon these sacred mounds; and let us all resolve afresh to live worthy of tee men and women who jointly bequeathed to us this priceless heritage of glory.

"Thus, though off deprease and lonely,  
All my fears are laid aside,  
If I remember only,  
Such as these have lived and died."

### WILL BE AT BURLINGTON TUESDAY MAY 21st.

Dr. N. Rosenstein, will at Burlington Tuesday May the 21st, stopping at the Burlington Drug Co. If your eyes needs glasses dont fail to see Dr. Rosenstein. He is a expert in the Optical line and his charges are moderate in cases. Dont forget Tuesday May 21st at the Burlington Drug Co.

### Memorial Day.

Who has ever seen a more delightful time to celebrate memorial day than Friday? With the balmy breeze, the sweet scented flowers filling the air with their fragrance and the chirping note thrilling from the throat of the bird as it flits from bow to bow, busily engaged building its summer home. What a pleasant time to remember fifty years ago!

In accordance with the time honored custom this day was celebrated by many of our people, quite a large number going to the cemetery where the programme arranged by the managers of the occasion was carried out. After arriving at the cemetery Rev. S. L. Morgan led in prayer which was followed by an address by Hon. W. H. Carroll, subject, "Soldiers," in which he reviewed the past scenes of those who wore the grey and how they fought for what they believed to be right and how they endured thru trials and hardships.

The address of Hon. E. S. W. Dameron on "Women of the South" was likened unto the first address, a masterly piece of literature, a tribute of respect to the fair ones of the South who stood through thick and thin ever ready to go forth, be it on the battle field or in the hospital.

A very impressive scene was the decoration of the graves when the many beautiful and lovely bouquets were laid on the mounds of those whose bodies had long molded into dust but the memory lingers still.

Music was furnished by the Elon College Band.

### Important.

All persons owning lots in Pine Hill Cemetery are requested to see me at once or write me if they want me to keep up lots or not. A. M. King, Cemetary Keeper, Burlington, N. C.

Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise — Gray.