

Audit Report Town of Murphy, North Carolina As of June 30, 1943

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By Dora Ruth Parks
Regional Librarian

"A Friend of Libraries" — This is a good term and one which may be applied to Mr. M. W. Bell. He was an especially good friend to the Murphy Carnegie Public Library. During his years of service as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, he saw rather important developments take place in Murphy Library Service. A philosophy of Public Libraries developed in Murphy and spread into Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties. That philosophy is even more far reaching, because now people in all three counties are passing it on to other communities into which they move or visit. The many hours which Mr. Bell contributed to the community activity are paying dividends to every citizen in Murphy and in Cherokee, Clay, and Graham counties. The use made of library facilities is a literal "note of thanks" to Mr. Bell and to all other trustees and individuals who give of their time to make the service available.

Gasoline Black Markets Spread

The spread of gasoline black markets in the southeast, in which gas is purchased with stolen or counterfeit coupons, has caused the temporary "drying up" of filling stations in several areas, notably in North Carolina, the Office of Price Administration has announced.

Gasoline black markets, OPA officials admit, is one of their most serious problems and L. W. Driscoll, district director of OPA at Charlotte, said: "It is doing more than encouraging crime; it is actually sapping the strength of the whole war effort and is robbing honest car owners of their share of the nation's limited supply."

"It should be remembered", he continued, "that there is only so much gasoline available for home use and that amount cannot be increased because there is an actual shortage of petroleum, too. It has been estimated that black market parasites are robbing motorists of about 45 gallons of driving each month. But for this illegal black market drain, the value of "A" coupons might be 25 per cent greater."

OPA's enforcement chiefs, Mr. Driscoll related, regard the public's indifference to black markets as the most serious obstacle in the agency's war against illegal traffic. He repeated OPA's nationwide request to all motorists to endorse their gasoline coupons with the license number in ink at the time they receive them from their local Boards, or, if they have not done so, write the license number across the face of them at once.

"Anyone who buys black market gasoline," he said, "is getting more than his share at the expense of others. Many people believe that gasoline rationing is intended to deprive them of the use of their cars. Exactly the opposite is true. Rationing is intended to provide a fair share of scarce gasoline to all so that the nation's essential automobiles can keep rolling."

PIGS

Every time a four-months-old pig dies, about 300 pounds of feed is lost, says Dr. C. D. Grinnells, Experiment Station veterinarian at State College.

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AUDIT REPORT — JUNE 30, 1943

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners,
TOWN OF MURPHY, N. C.

We have examined the records of the TOWN OF MURPHY (N. C.) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1943 and present report based upon the records examined. At May 31, 1943 we confirmed water and electric consumers accounts and received a majority of replies agreeing with the records. Previously, at May 3, 1943 we audited cash transactions for the fiscal year to that date.

We traced deposits to bank statements and examined all cancelled checks. Bonds and coupons retired and cancelled were examined. Cash receipts and disbursements registers were examined in detail and supporting evidence was test-checked. Postings to the general ledger were proved and numerous accounts were analyzed. The 1942 Tax Levy was proved in detail. Tax receipts were accounted for as cash or uncollected taxes.

From information at May 15, 1943, it appears that the refinancing is complete and that some monies should be returned to the Town of Murphy upon request. At this time we do not have a statement from the Local Government Commission subsequent to May 15, 1943 and some charges to your account may have been made after that date. However, it appears that there is \$1,001.79 on deposit with the Local Government Commission which could be returned to you.

Beginning January 1, 1942, bond coupons were payable at Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company in New York City and the Town of Murphy sent funds to them for payment of the coupons when presented. The maximum amount of coupons due on any interest date was \$3,105.00 generally, \$3,000.00 was deposited therefor but on one occasion \$4,000.00 was deposited.

At the same time, the Local Government Commission had not exchanged all bonds and later upon exchange paid matured coupons for which monies were on deposit with the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company. The result of the foregoing was to create excess funds in the custody of Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company in an amount of approximately \$1,165.00. The Bank holds such funds in various coupon accounts the total of which is \$1,645.00 as all proper matured coupons have not been presented. We did not attempt to assign the apparent excess of \$1,165.00 to particular coupon accounts as kept by the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company.

In February 1943, the Town of Murphy bought and retired a face amount of its bonds totalling \$12,388.36 at a cost of \$11,136.04.

We will welcome any questions arising upon your further examination of this report.

W. BOWEN HENDERSON, C. P. A.

February 10, 1944
Asheville, N. C.

TOWN OF MURPHY, N. C. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS — JUNE 30, 1943

ASSETS			
	Consolidated	Municipality	Electric Department
Cash	\$ 20,065.88	\$ 9,018.99	\$ 11,046.89
Taxes Receivable	29,171.27		29,171.27
Consumers Accounts Receivable	10,283.92	6,091.45	4,192.47
Other Accounts Receivable	559.40		559.40
Notes Receivable	944.00	944.00	
Inventories	7,747.11	3,534.43	4,212.68
Properties and Equipment	384,215.50	310,707.60	73,507.90
Deferred Items	123.79		123.79
Deposits	5,121.79	5,121.79	
Inter Departmental Accounts			
Contra (Credit)		2,424.26	2,424.26
TOTAL ASSETS	\$458,232.66	\$362,165.27	\$96,067.39
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,761.66	\$ 781.90	\$ 1,979.76
Due to Other Units	162.10	162.10	
Advance Payments—1943 Taxes	3,530.30	3,530.30	
Bonds Outstanding	305,589.64	261,589.64	44,000.00
Accrued Interest on Bonds	780.00		780.00
Sinking Fund Reserve - Principal	6,611.64	6,611.64	
Consumers Meter Deposits	2,030.13		2,030.13
Asset Reserves	20,057.23	11,090.75	8,966.48
Surplus Reserves	19,033.08		19,033.08
Surplus	97,676.88	78,398.94	19,277.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$458,232.66	\$362,165.27	\$96,067.39

TOWN OF MURPHY, N. C. BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1943 (Excluding Electric Department)

ASSETS		FUNDS	
	Consolidated	General	Debt Service
Cash	\$ 9,018.99	\$ 2,107.27	\$ 6,911.72
Deposits for Interest	5,121.79		5,121.79
Taxes Receivable - All	29,171.27	16,239.85	12,931.42
Uncollected Water Rents	6,091.45	6,091.45	
Notes Receivable	944.00	944.00	
Inventories	3,534.43	3,534.43	
Real Estate - Town Lot	350.00	350.00	
Properties and Equipment:			
Water and Sewer System	172,051.19		172,051.19
Street and Lighting System	115,390.85		115,390.85
Fire Equipment	7,627.91		7,627.91
Office Equipment	1,045.72		1,045.72
Library Building - Equity	9,500.00		9,500.00
Other Properties	4,741.93		4,741.93
TOTAL ASSETS	\$364,589.53	\$29,267.00	\$24,964.93
LIABILITIES			
Salaries Payable			
Commissioners	\$ 155.53	\$ 155.53	
Firemen's Relief Fund	626.37	626.37	
Due to Other Units	162.10	162.10	
Advance Payment - 1943 Taxes	3,530.30	1,765.15	1,765.15
Electric Department	2,424.26	2,424.26	
Bonds Outstanding:			
Refunding	197,000.00		197,000.00
Interest Funding	64,589.64		64,589.64

Sinking Fund	
Reserve, Principal	6,611.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$275,099.84
For Uncollected Taxes	\$ 8,646.75
For Uncollected Water Rents	1,500.00
For Notes Receivable	944.00
Total Reserves	\$ 11,090.75
Surplus	\$ 78,398.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVE	\$364,589.53

TOWN OF MURPHY, N. C. ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS — JUNE 30, 1943				
FUNDS				
	Consolidated	General	Service Capital	
SURPLUS - July 1, 1942	\$66,016.34	\$16,157.78	\$13,474.96	\$36,388.60
CHARGES:				
Excess Expenditure and Debt				
Sinking Fund Requirement Over Debt				
Service Revenues	\$ 1,363.36			\$ 1,363.36
Increase in Reserves				
For Taxes	500.00	250.00	250.00	
Amount of Interest Funding Bonds Issued Over Estimate	4.00			4.00
TOTAL CHARGES	\$ 1,867.36	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,613.36	\$ 4.00
CREDITS:				
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures				
General Fund	\$ 609.28	\$ 609.28		
Discount on Bonds Purchased	1,252.32			1,252.32
Bonds Retired	12,388.36			12,388.36
TOTAL CREDITS	\$14,249.96	\$ 609.28	\$ 1,252.32	\$12,388.36
SURPLUS—June 30, 1943	\$78,398.94	\$16,517.06	\$13,113.92	\$48,767.96

TOWN OF MURPHY, N. C. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1943 GENERAL FUND			
REVENUES:			
Tax Levy and Discoveries	\$12,236.69		
License Taxes	637.45		
North Carolina Intangible Tax	454.39		
Water Department Revenue	10,688.34		
In Lieu of Taxes — Electric Department	3,361.28		
Interest Earned	677.95		
Officer Cost	1,573.30		
Service Charge — Electric Collections	See Appropriations		
Miscellaneous Revenues	239.90		
Total General Fund Revenues	\$29,869.30		
EXPENDITURES — Shown In			
Appropriations Statement Hereto	29,260.02		
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 609.28		
DEBT SERVICE FUND			
REVENUES:			
Tax Levy and Discoveries	\$12,099.86		
Water Department Allocation	1,500.00		
Total Debt Service Revenues	\$13,599.86		
EXPENDITURES AND SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS	14,963.22		
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE	\$ 1,363.36		

TOWN OF MURPHY, N. C. BUDGET POSITION — JUNE 30, 1943 GENERAL AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS			
Source or Division	Budget	Actual	Surplus
GENERAL FUND			
REQUIREMENTS:			
1942 Taxes	\$12,214.91	\$12,214.35	\$.56
Tax Discoveries		22.34	22.34
Interest on Taxes	1,000.00	677.95	322.05
Privilege Taxes	1,200.00	637.45	562.55
Water Rents	8,600.00	10,688.34	2,088.34
TVA Tax Loss Refund	1,000.00	3,361.28	2,361.28
Court Costs	2,000.00	1,573.30	426.70
Miscellaneous	3,100.00	239.90	2,860.10
Intangible Tax		454.39	454.39
Total Requirements	\$29,114.91	\$29,869.30	\$4,926.35
APPROPRIATIONS:			
Administration	\$ 1,574.00	\$ 2,164.10	\$ 590.10
Street Department	9,400.00	8,754.43	645.57
Police Department	7,030.00	7,164.07	134.07
Fire Department	526.00	774.28	248.28
Library	750.00	773.32	23.32
Water Department	6,564.00	5,827.68	736.32
Miscellaneous	3,270.91	3,802.14	531.23
Total Appropriations	\$29,114.91	\$29,260.02	\$1,381.89
BUDGET SURPLUS - GENERAL FUND - NET			\$609.28
DEBT SERVICE FUND			
REQUIREMENTS:			
1942 Taxes	\$12,080.00	\$12,077.52	\$ 2.48
Prior Years Taxes		22.34	22.34
Water Revenue	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Total Requirements	\$13,580.00	\$13,599.86	\$ 22.34
APPROPRIATIONS:			
Bond Interest		\$ 7,950.72	
Principal Sinking Fund		7,000.00	
Advertising Bonds		12.50	
Total Appropriations	\$13,580.00	\$14,963.22	\$1,383.22
BUDGET DEFICIT - DEBT SERVICE - NET			\$1,363.36

TOWN OF MURPHY, N. C. BUDGET POSITION - GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1943			
Source or Division	Budget	Actual	Surplus
ADMINISTRATION:			
Mayor and Commissioners	\$ 444.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 94.00
Clerk and Auditor	1,200.00	1,323.85	123.85
Assistant Clerk	1,080.00	1,090.25	10.25
Extra	50.00		50.00
Total	\$ 2,774.00	\$ 2,764.10	\$ 14.00
Less Paid By Electric Department	1,200.00	600.00	600.00
Total	\$ 1,574.00	\$ 2,164.10	\$ 144.00

TOWN OF MURPHY, N. C. 1942 TAX LEVY AT JUNE 30, 1943			
Year	Uncollected Taxes	Tax Sale Certificates	Reserve For Loss
1942	\$ 6,615.94	\$	\$ 500.00
1941	1,192.16	2,089.23	500.00
1940	1,272.17	1,835.46	500.00
1939	1,575.35	1,726.73	500.00
1938	798.80	710.25	500.00
1937	1,258.68	463.43	700.00
1936	606.70	291.77	500.00
1935	422.48	361.82	422.48
1934	498.66	441.57	498.66
1933	409.94	382.84	409.94
1932	426.56	340.37	426.56
1931	595.06	380.94	595.06
1930	478.20	1,116.37	478.20
1929	779.47	408.64	779.47
1928	524.53	355.30	524.53
1927	540.41	271.44	811.85
TOTALS	\$17,995.11	\$11,176.16	\$8,646.75

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1942	\$ 6,615.94	\$	\$ 500.00
1941	1,192.16	2,089.23	500.00
1940	1,272.17	1,835.46	500.00
1939	1,575.35	1,726.73	500.00
1938	798.80	710.25	500.00
1937	1,258.68	463.43	700.00
1936	606.70	291.77	500.00
1935	422.48	361.82	422.48
1934	498.66	441.57	498.66
1933	409.94	382.84	409.94