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## Finances Of County Called Good

Arlington County finances are "in good shape," Laszco L. Ecker-Racz, chairman of the Northern Regional Fiscal Survey Committee, said last night.

Ecker-Racz addressed a meeting of the Arlington Committee of 100 at Evans Coffee Shop, Lee highway and Glebe road.

He said evidence of the county's good fiscal condition was to be found in the increase in total revenue from \$4,307,000 in 1946 to \$17,467,000 in 1954.

"Very few communities," Ecker-Racz said, "can match such an increase in less than a decade."

At the same time, he pointed out, the bonded debt rose from \$3,079,992 in 1946 to \$30,630,510 in 1954, a liability per household of \$750.

He told the group the county's indebtedness should be viewed in terms of the nearly 50 million dollar outlay for capital improvements during the same period, and termed the picture "a progressive and healthy situation."

Replying to a question about

the controversial proposal for a sales tax in Arlington, Ecker-Racz said the county does not have the authority to impose such a tax, and declared that a sales tax should only be considered as a last resort.

He said that a property tax reassessment expected in 1956 would "give the county administrators some elbow room."

