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... There is no issue of poverty involved... North Carolina has just as much money to spend for education as it wants to spend for education. —Edward Kidder Graham in 1916.

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DR. ANGEL SAYS— Blood Program Is Not Needed

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles discussing the proposed American Red Cross blood program as it applies to Macon County).

"It's not that I'm opposed to it, I just don't see the need for it here."

That's the stand Dr. Edgar Angel takes on the proposed participation of Macon County in the regional blood program of the American Red Cross.

Speaking officially as medical director of Angel Hospital in Franklin, he says his hospital will not support the program as it is now constituted.

An A. R. C. requirement is the blanket approval of all hospitals within a county cooperating.

Macon County's other two hospitals, Highlands Community Hospital and Angel Clinic in Franklin, have previously indicated their interest in the program. The Highlands institution recently applied for permission to participate in the blood program independent of the rest of the county. Dr. Furman Angel, head of Angel Clinic, while serving last year as president of the county medical society, personally endorsed the program as advanced by the local A.R.C. chapter.

As a private physician, the present head of the Macon County Medical Society, Dr. J. W. Kahn, supports Dr. Edgar Angel's stand on the issue. Moreover, Dr. Kahn thinks a vote among doctors of the county society would see the

majority oppose the county's participation in the blood program.

Defends Position
As the lone dissenter of the three hospitals, Angel Hospital, through its director, defends its position by calling attention to

Dr. Winstead Denied Pardon By Governor

A Franklin physician, Dr. G. Ashby Winstead, has been denied a pardon from a 10-year narcotics sentence in Florida, according to the United Press.

In refusing him a pardon, Gov. Leroy Collins granted Dr. Winstead a 60-day reprieve pending results of a trial here at the April term of Superior Court in which the doctor is charged with driving while under the influence of a drug or narcotic.

The UP account said Dr. Winstead was convicted in Panama City, Fla., in 1955, on charges of illegally prescribing narcotics for a young woman on whom he had operated.

It said: "The State Pardon Board refused to set aside Winstead's sentence in spite of the plea of his attorney, State Sen. Bart Knight, that the urological surgeon was the victim of a plot conceived by a woman he treated and his estranged wife."

Dr. Winstead, his two sons, and his mother, Mrs. Mabel Holmes, have been living here about two years.

A Superintendent To Be Named By County Board

id reports of a change, hiring a county school superintendent is expected to top the Macon Board of Education's business at its April meeting.

The present superintendent, Holland McSwain, is now ending his third two-year term. Under the law, the board must name a superintendent the first Monday in April (April 1), or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Bundy Gets P.-T. A. Job

Stephen A. Bundy, plant superintendent of Franklin Hosiery Company, was elected president of the Franklin P.-T. A. Monday night.

Other officers chosen were Mrs. Frank Martin, vice-president; Mrs. Bill Horsley, secretary; and Dan Stewart, treasurer. The officers will be installed at the next meeting, April 15.

Monday night's program was presented by a seven-student panel from the Franklin High School chapter of the Future Teachers of America. They were Max Gladwell, Miss Evelyn Joines, Howard Burch, Miss Mildred Burch, Jimmy Yeary, Gary Calloway, and Miss Mary Lee Howard. They held a roundtable discussion on the 100-year history of the National Educational Association.

Mrs. S. B. Moss led the devotional. About 40 people attended the meeting.

Juvenile Delinquency Has Slight Increase In Macon

There has been a slight increase in teen-age crime in Macon County in the last two years, including juveniles (under 16).

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas says most of the offenses are stealing, breaking and entering, and larceny.

Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn, judge of the Juvenile Court, says seven cases were tried in her court last year, five in 1955, and four in 1954. She pointed out that many cases are settled out of court, however.

Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, superintendent of public welfare, and whose agency helps handle juvenile offenders, says she has no explanation to offer for the increase in juvenile and youthful offenses. "I do know it's not caused by poverty; poverty doesn't make a juvenile delinquent. A poor home does, though."

Sheriff Thomas said some

sections of the county—he declined to specify which ones—produced many of the trouble-makers, "while there are some in which we've never had a single call."

In his opinion, idleness is responsible for a lot of the teen-agers' getting into trouble. He suggested three things to help counteract teen-age crime:

"1. Give the child work to do and some responsibility. There's always something to be done around the home he can take part in.

"2. Know where your child is when he's away from home. We had one case of a man whose son missed 13 days of school during the month and the father didn't know about it.

"3. Let there be some understanding between the parents and the child. They should talk together. The parents need to show an interest in the child."

Work got under way last week on a two-bedroom addition to the jailer's quarters. Living area vacated by the jailor and his family when they move into the new rooms will be used as juvenile detention space.

Little League Benefit Slated

A benefit basketball double-header, featuring former cage stars of Franklin High School, is set for tomorrow (Friday) night in the high school gymnasium.

At 7 o'clock, boys making up the 1953-54 Franklin High team will play the Clayton (Ga.) All-Stars.

Next on the program will be a clash between girls who played on the Franklin team that won the Smoky Mountain Conference championship in 1953-54 and the graduating seniors of Franklin's 1956-57 squad.

The proceeds are earmarked for the Little League.

A.R.C. Drive Reaches \$506.80 This Week

With only a few of more than 50 volunteers reporting, the annual American Red Cross fund drive this week had \$506.80 of its \$3,873 goal.

The chapter executive secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, said this week's total (through Tuesday morning) represented only seven reports. She still has not heard campaign results from any communities and she urged all workers to report contributions as soon as possible.

Nantahala Group Seeks School Tax

P.-T. A. Heading Drive For Special Election In Spring

In a move to meet pressing needs at Nantahala School, a group of citizens in Nantahala township is stumping for a supplementary township tax levy.

Meeting last Thursday night at the school, some 30 members of the P.-T. A. gave their unanimous approval to the tax proposal and are now carrying the facts before

Nantahala Job To Be Resumed

Work is expected to be resumed almost at once on the 5.29-mile state highway project from Feisty Branch Road to Nantahala School, according to C. W. Lee, district engineer.

Winter halted work on the job.

Mr. Lee this week said the contractor in charge of structures, C. E. Crouch, of Asheville, should resume work within the week. Grading probably will not get under way for about 30 days, however. Asheville Contracting Company has the contract for the road work.

Plans call for having stone down on the new road by September, the engineer revealed, so it can be used next winter.

The final link of three jobs giving the Nantahala section an all-weather highway from US 64 in this county to US 19 in Swain, the Feisty Branch project is costing \$358,231.40. Contracts for the job were let in July, 1956.

others in the township to gather support.

The proposal sets a maximum of 10 cents per hundred valuation. In the township the levy would bring in \$4,833.52 on the basis of Nantahala's present taxable value.

Preparing Petition
Meanwhile, the district school committee, headed by D. I. Owenby, Jr., is preparing a petition requesting a special township election to decide the issue.

One petition already has been handed the board of education, but it has been withdrawn because of some legal points and a new one is being drafted, according to School Supt. Holland McSwain.

From the board of education, the petition will go to the board of county commissioners, which will call an election for the township.

Spring Election

Jerry A. Hall, Nantahala principal, and Mr. Owenby say the petition will be ready for presentation prior to the April 1 meeting of the county boards. Both men hope to see the election held this spring so the school could derive some benefit from the levy next fall, if the voters approve it.

Nantahala Township's present tax standing is \$4,833.52. This amount, if the maximum 10 cents per hundred was used, would give the school \$4,833.52.

Carry Load

Carrying the bulk of the tax load would be Nantahala Power and Light Company, which has its Nantahala power facilities in the township. The company is listed on the township tax books at \$4,371,745, so its share of the extra tax levy would be \$4,371.74.

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Rioting Prisoners At Macon Camp Subdued By Tear Gas Bombs

As a last-ditch tactic, tear gas was used in the early morning hours of Monday to stamp out a boisterous riot that flared through the Macon Prison Camp for some four and a half hours.

As armed guards stood by, the gassed rioters — most of them teen-agers — stumbled blindly from the small brick prison where they had barricaded themselves Sunday night about 9 o'clock and then, in a burst of violent defiance, completely wrecked its interior.

Screaming, chanting, and cursing prison officials and spectators attracted to the scene by the noise, they smashed out more than 1,500 window panes with chunks of coal and soft

the youthful rioters pitched a bucket of paint on him from a window.

Capt. Lyday had been attempting to talk the prisoners into surrendering since he had arrived on the scene about 11:30 from his home in Hendersonville.

Gasp For Air
Gasping for air, their faces streaked by tears, the subdued rioters groped from the building through the back entrance and were quickly broken into groups and trucked to maximum security prisons in other counties by prison guards who had turned out to help quell the riot.

Twelve of the insurgents

landed in a segregation cell at the local camp.

35 Participate
Camp Supt. John E. Cutshall, who three times entered the darkened cellblock after the outbreak in an effort to negotiate with the leaders, said 35 of the camp's complement of 73 were involved in the riot.

All will stand trial for their participation, he declared.

Four of the rioters were honor grade prisoners.

Soon after the riot broke out, those who wanted no part of the riot were released from the prison building. Four others came out about midnight.

What Happened?
Supt. Cutshall said it is difficult to determine exactly what touched off the incident.

A guard's refusal to let a prisoner's mother hand him (the prisoner) money through the fence during visiting hours earlier probably precipitated it, he decided. He commended the guard's alertness and explained that the mother's gesture was against regulations "for obvious reasons."

Both the superintendent and Mr. Lyday said they thought the idea of a riot had been "brewing in their minds" for a couple of days as a means of protesting conditions at the camp.

Air Grievances
A list of grievances was turned

ed over to Capt. Lyday by the rioters.

It included demands for better food ("They're eating better here than they ever did at home," the captain declared); less overtime work; more time in the prison yard; removal of a fence which prevents prisoners from approaching the high fence surrounding the camp; and better mail service.

Smash TV Sets
They also asked for radios in the cellblocks. Ironically, during their burst of destruction, they smashed beyond repair two television sets valued at \$600.

In a statement from Raleigh, state prisons director, W. F. Balley, declared:

"Some of them seem to expect it, but we can't afford to turn the camp over to them."

He said there was no basis for most of their complaints, but he is sending a man here to investigate.

Offer To Help
Unsure of the extent of their jurisdiction, Franklin police officers, who brought tear gas with them to the scene, and Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and members of his department offered to use tear gas to break up the rioting in the early stages.

However, their offers were declined by Supt. Cutshall, who held that permission for such action had to clear through prison authorities in Raleigh.

Capt. Lyday brought tear gas bombs with him from Hendersonville.

Permission to use the gas on the rioters was finally obtained about midnight, but the prison officials on the scene chose to continue efforts to talk the men into giving up without having to resort to its use.

About 1:30, however, a paint-splattered Capt. Lyday turned talk into action by uncorking his tear gas bombs. The riot was soon over.

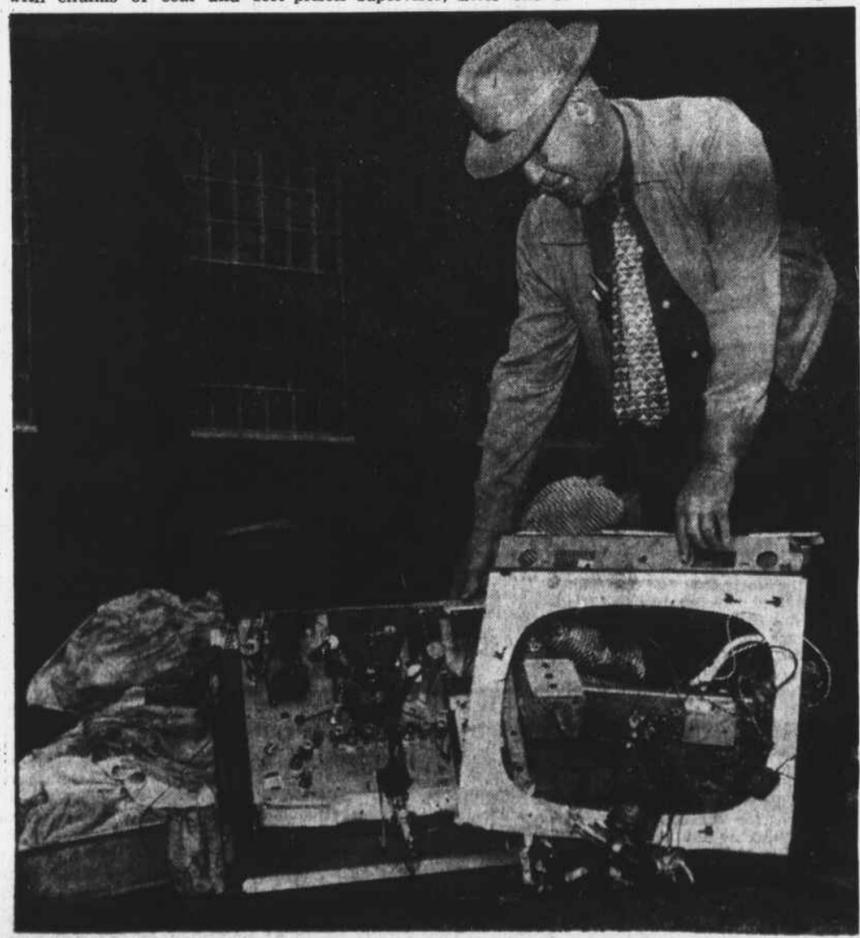
Dr. Angel Tries
Not long after the men barricaded themselves in the pris-

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The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., March 13	60	34	.01	
Thursday	67	45	.08	
Friday	71	46	.02	
Saturday	66	22	.00	
Sunday	69	23	.00	
Monday	62	37	.00	
Tuesday	63	44	.59	
Wednesday	—	37	.00	
HIGHLANDS				
Wed., March 13	62	32	.00	
Thursday	56	44	.22	
Friday	62	40	.04	
Saturday	70	30	.00	
Sunday	66	27	.00	
Monday	51	36	.00	
Tuesday	66	40	.00	
Wednesday	—	32	.00	
COWETA				
Weds., March 13	57	34	.03	
Thursday	68	47	.11	
Friday	72	46	trace	
Saturday	66	25	.00	
Sunday	69	24	.00	
Monday	56	38	.00	
Tuesday	64	42	1.09	
Wednesday	—	38	.00	



SMASHING THINGS UP was the order of the night Sunday when some 35 prisoners rioted in their cellblocks at the Macon Prison Camp. In the course of their rampage, they smashed out more than 1,500 window panes (above) with coal, soft drink bottles, and their fists. Camp Supt. J. E. Cutshall (left) and Capt. Dan R. Lyday, division supervisor, are counting broken panes. At left, Capt. Lyday shows the remains of two television sets smashed by the rioters. The TVs, one in each cellblock, were valued at \$600. The prisoners practically gutted the small prison, ripping out all the plumbing and setting mattresses and papers afire.