Lynching

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Mar. — Orange, Texas:

Frank Wilkes, who was likely to be freed of a charge of murder for which he was under a death sentence, was shot to death by white officers while being taken to Newton for trial. Although the officers declared they shot their prisoner when he attempted to escape, he wore handcuffs when his lifeless body was brought to Orange.

April 22-Picayune, Miss .:

Harold (Doc) Jackson was taken from jail by a band of 100 men and removed (from Poplarville) to Picayune where a rope was placed around his neck and he was forced to jump from a bridge, hanging himself. Jackson was awaiting action by a grand jury on charges that he had played a part in the slaying of 2 federal entomologists; he was also under indictment in connection with the murder of Mrs. Emaline Pearson in 1924.

26-Albuquerque, N. M.:

The body of Santiago Platero, Navajo Indian, charged with the murder of a government cattle inspector, was found hanging from a tree near the scene of the murder. A coroner's jury found he had come to his death "by hanging by parties unknown."

28-Brookville, Fla .:

"No trace of the body of Charles Davis, Negro, who was to go on trial for the killing of a deputy sheriff had been found today." The Negro was taken from the custody of the sheriff of Hernando County. "There were a score or more men in the mob and it is believed the Negro was hanged by them."

May 10-St. Petersburg, Fla.:

The body of Parker Watson, who was taken from two deputies on May 9, while being carried to jail, was found on a lonely road. A coroner's jury decided he had been shot by unidentified persons. Watson was accused of housebreaking.

11-La Belle, Fla .:

Henry Patterson, accused of attacking a white woman, was shot to death by a band of white men. The body was paraded through the streets and then hanged to a tree on the outskirts of the town. Although Patterson had been arrested on the charge of attacking the white woman, officers said they learned later that the woman had told friends she merely became frightened at the man's presence in her home and ran screaming from the house.

22-Yazoo City, Miss .:

Ike Jefferson, charged with entering the room of a white woman, was hanged and his body riddled with bullets, then thrown into a river.

26-Wilson, Arkansas:

Albert Blazes, charged with attacking an 11-year-old white girl, was taken from officers by a mob of several hundred persons and hanged.

June 15-Guthrie, Ky .:

Trimus Kirby was taken from officers, hanged, and a number of shots fired into his body. Kirby had shot one of the police officers who were attempting to arrest him for the murder of his wife. However, he was under arrest and was being taken to the county seat.

July 1-Kenton, Tenn .:

Tom Campbell, white farmer, who shot and killed a deputy sheriff while resisting arrest, was killed by a mob of 200. Campbell was a former inmate of an insane asylum.

6-Lyons, Ga .:

A mob of masked men entered the home of Willie Wilson and shot him down while his wife and children looked on.

11-Eau Gallie, Fla .:

An unidentified Negro was hanged by a group of about 15 masked men two and a half miles north of the business section of Eau Gallie. The man had been arrested on a charge of assaulting a white girl. He was being brought to Titusville by the chief of police and the sheriff who were overpowered by the mob.

(In reporting the above lynching the Vero Beach, Fla., Press, July 12, says: "Eau Gallie had its third lynching in two months last night when a Negro, accused of attacking a white girl was taken away from officers after his arrest and hanged to a tree here Sunday night. The N. A. A. C. P. has no record of the other two lynchings referred to.)

18-Lexington, Miss .:

Frederick Chambers, wounded in a fight with a police marshal, was slain by a mob in jail. Chambers, wounded and without medical attention, had been thrown in jail and the next morning his body was found under the cell and the walls of the building perforated with bullet holes from the guns of members of the mob.

Aug. 4-Lachute, La.:

John Norris, 24 years old, was surrounded in a cotton field and shot to death by a posse seeking him for an attack on a 10-year-old girl. He was reported killed while trying to escape.

12-Lewisville, Ark.:

Judge Powell, Negro, charged with killing a deputy sheriff was taken from two deputies and his body riddled with bullets by a mob of 500. The murdered deputy had served a warrant on Powell for wife-beating.

14-Palatka, Fla.;

Ed Chisholm and Willie Steen were riddled with bullets as they were bringing Minnie Pickney, an aged colored woman and Steen's mother, back to the city after the latter had been taken from her home and severely flogged. It was rumored that the woman dealt in the sale of whiskey. The mob consisted of about 15 men.

15-Wytheville, Va .:

A masked mob stormed the Wythe County Jail and shot to death Raymond Bird, who was being held on a charge of attacking a white girl. The body was then taken to the neighborhood in which the crime was committed and hanged to a tree.