

NO PROTEST IS OFFERED

The Negro was raised and lowered several times as the mob's shouts rose and fell. Finally the rope was secured and Williams was left hanging.

He was suspended for about twenty minutes, as the mob, constantly swelling, looked on. Then several men stepped forward, slashed the rope and picked up the Negro's body, shouting to the mob to follow them.

G. Murray Phillips, Wicomico county Sheriff, ordered the men to drop the Negro's body, but he was brushed aside by the mob, which had started to close in.

They dragged the body to a lot on Poplar Hill avenue, within easy view of scores of Negro homes, and, after drenching it with gasoline, set it afire.

CROWD GATHERS ABOUT PYRE

More than 2,000 persons, most of them members of the mob which had witnessed the hanging, but many new recruits, grouped about the pyre. Later the body of the Negro was rehanged by the mob at the lower end of Main street. It was cut down by the sheriff about 9 P. M.

The lynching spirit rose suddenly in the town a half hour before the hanging. Several men standing near the courthouse green, who apparently had been discussing the killing of Mr. Elliott, raised the cry:

"Let's lynch Williams!"

As they walked toward the hospital they repeated that cry, and scores of men fell in behind them; the mob

members appeared from stores, side streets, corners, and when the crowd reached the hospital there were about 300 closely grouped.

The crowd was orderly, and stood by without a shout or untoward movement while six men attempted to enter the front door of the hospital.

Police Chief N. H. Holland and Deputy Sheriff John Parks, guarding the entrance, refused to allow them to pass. The delegation fell back, considered the situation a moment, and