

13 More Lynchings in 1926 Than 1925

29 Persons, Including Two Women, Killed by Mobs

According to records compiled by Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research, there were twenty-nine persons lynched in 1926. This is thirteen more than the number of sixteen for 1925, thirteen more than the number of sixteen for 1924, four less than the number of thirty-three for 1923, and twenty-eight less than the number of fifty-seven for 1922.

There were thirty-three instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. Four of these were in northern States and twenty-nine in southern States. In twenty-seven of the cases the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented or other precautions taken. In six other instances, armed force was used to repel the would-be lynchers. In four instances during the year persons charged with being connected with lynching mobs were indicted. Of the thirty-four persons thus before the courts, nine were sentenced to the penitentiary, eight for terms ranging from four to twenty years and one for life.

Of the twenty-nine persons lynched, there were twenty-two Negroes, six whites and one Indian. Five, or less than 17 per cent. of those put to death were charged with rape or attempted rape.

The States in which lynchings occurred and the number in each State are: Arkansas, two; Florida, eight; Georgia, one; Kentucky, one; Mississippi, four; New Mexico, one; South Carolina, three; Tennessee, one; Texas, seven; Virginia, one.