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Posse Slays Berserk Man Who Killed 6

GREENWOOD, Miss. (AP)—A crazed man accused of killing six persons and wounding three was slain last night by a hail of bullets from a posse.

Sheriff E. R. Dogan said Wiley Crump, 67, was spotlighted on a house porch and cut down when he tried to raise his rifle.

The sheriff said about 125 men were in the posse, formed after Crump went on his shooting spree at Philipp, a delta community 20 miles from Greenwood in the northwest part of the state.

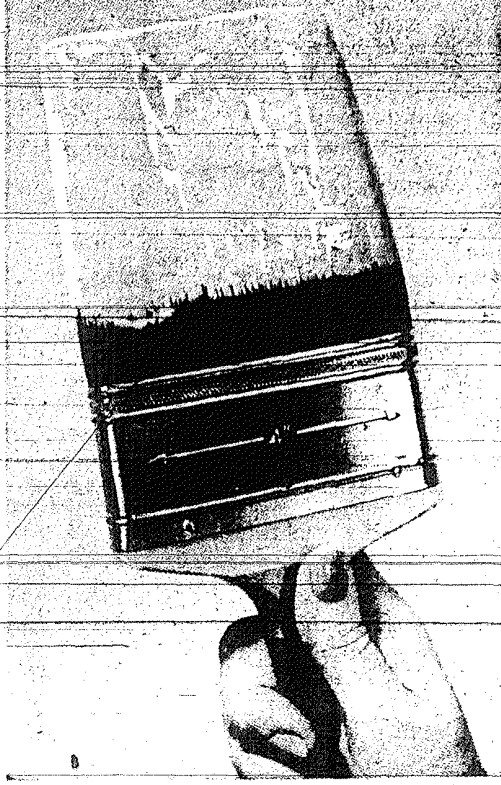
The six dead, all Negroes, included three women, one of them Crump's sister. Two of the wounded were white men, shot as they lifted the dead into an ambulance.

Dogan identified the dead as Mary Suttle, Mandy Griffin, John Trotter, Isaac Truell, Charles Johnson and Crump's sister, Effie Frankline.

No one had any idea what triggered the violence. Witnesses said Crump set fire to his house and then killed neighbors drawn by the flames.

The wounded white men were identified as Milton R. Severio, 20, of Livingston, La., hit in the chest; and Jm. Bedinfield, 39, of Oil City, La., hit in the hip.

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