

No Fear of Lynching on 'Shore Says Princess Anne Head

Principal T. H. Kiah Says Town is Calm After Mob Threat. Brands Armwood as Feeble-Minded and a Menace.

BALTIMORE, Md.—The Eastern Shore is calm, and there is no need for alarm or fear of lynching of George Armwood, who was returned to Princess Anne, Tuesday night, from Baltimore, Dr. T. H. Kiah, principal of Princess Anne Academy, told the AFRO Wednesday morning.

Armwood was arrested late Monday and rushed to the Baltimore City Jail for safe keeping, after an alleged attack upon Mrs. Mary Denston, 82-year-old white woman, when a mob of nearly 2,000 formed near Salisbury, intent upon lynching him. After being carried to the Baltimore jail, Armwood was returned under heavy guard to Princess Anne to be arraigned on the charge.

In a statement to the AFRO-AMERICAN, Dr. Kiah said that he had visited the City Jail in the town and was assured that no harm would come to the accused man, as a guard of thirty state troopers were at hand.

The presiding judge has set Monday for a grand jury hearing, and a speedy trial will be rushed through, he said.

"Armwood is considered by both colored and white to be a menace," Dr. Kiah added, "and is said to have committed a similar crime on a colored woman last year. If he had been dealt with at that time present situation would have been and properly incarcerated, the present situation would have been avoided," it is Dr. Kiah's belief. Armwood is generally believed to be feeble minded.

Armwood was reared by a white family, and charges will probably be brought against John Richard-

son, white, his employer, as accessory after the fact, because of the part he played in attempting to help Armwood escape, following the alleged attack.

Richardson, who is also being held in the Princess Anne jail is accused of having taken Armwood to the home of his brother for safe keeping.

From court officials it was learned that in the event Armwood is indicted, his trial will be held the next day.