Burned, Tied Body Of Negro Is Found
In Marion Vicinity

Marion, June 9 (AP) — The badly charred body of a Crittenden County Negro farmer was found chained to a tree near here yesterday.

The dead man was identified as Isadore Banks, 58, of near Marion. Coroner T. H. McGough of West Memphis ruled Banks was murdered by "persons or persons unknown.

The body, drenched with fuel oil and set afire, was so badly burned McGough said it was impossible to tell whether Banks had been killed or wounded before being linked to the tree.

Sheriff Cecil Goodwin, to reporters queries, said Banks' death was definitely a straightforward case of murder for unknown reasons—nothing else.