

Salisbury Paper Omits Story Of Lynching

The following editorial appeared today on the front page of the Salisbury Times:

"This paper is today omitting the details of the demonstration which occurred last night when Matthew Williams Handy, confessed slayer of D. J. Elliott, was hanged in the courthouse square for the very obvious reason that almost every reader of our paper has had an opportunity to learn of them first hand from eye witnesses.

"The facts which form the background for the demonstration and the direct causes are also well known and a repetition of them would be superfluous. The slaying of Mr. Elliott was deplorable as was also the mob scene.

"Every person living on the Eastern Shore, realizing the background, should use his best judgment, and pay little heed to the overdrawn pictures that will be painted by metropolitan newspapers who have no obligation to this peninsula and whose only purpose is that of so preparing news as to increase their own circulation. It becomes a contest among the larger papers to see which one can bring out new, excitable features of such a story.

"This paper is a part of the Eastern Shore, and always tries to serve the best interests of the peninsula. We at all times deplore violence, either of an individual or a congregation of individuals, but when violence is done it behooves every one of us to co-operate in the speeding up of a return to absolute normal and harmonious condition."