

SHOT FROM AMBUSH SEQUEL TO SLASHING

Fairfax County Man Is Near
Death After Gun Tears
Hole in Back.

ONE HELD AS HUNT ENDS

Marked by the slashing of two men, a family quarrel over the disappearance of a pocketbook in a Fairfax County farmhouse near Clifton Station Thursday night, culminated several hours later when one of the cut men was shot down from behind and wounded, possibly fatally.

Suffering from a gaping wound in his back made by a charge from a shotgun, Emmett Edwards, 55-year-old farmer and owner of the house where the incidents occurred, last night lay in a critical condition in the Alexandria Hospital where he was taken by his son, Floyd Edwards, 21 years old, who had been cut in the first affray.

Meanwhile, Sheriff E. P. Kirby and Deputy Sheriff Henry Magarity ended a prolonged hunt for the brother of the elder Edwards, Taylor S. Edwards, 47 years old, of Free State in Fauquier County, Va., with his capture in the dense woods about a mile from the home on charges of assault with a weapon in connection with the slashing, and for investigation in connection with the shooting.

Taken in custody a few yards from a cleverly hidden lean-to of brush and leaves, the man was lodged in the Fairfax Jail, pending the outcome of the brother's condition. He steadfastly denied knowledge of the crimes.

The altercation started at the house about 7 o'clock Thursday night when Taylor, according to police, suddenly drew a knife and slashed Floyd about the throat, the arms and back when he accused his nephew of stealing a

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pocketbook from him. Police said Taylor, a visitor at the house since last fall, then cut his brother slightly about the hands and face when he rushed into the room.

Seizing a shotgun, they declared, Taylor in making his getaway shouted a warning that if any report was made to authorities he would return and "kill both of you and Sheriff Kirby, too."

The two men, receiving medical aid at their home, summoned Sheriff Kirby and Deputy Sheriff Magarity, whose search of the section had proved unsuccessful.

About midnight, after both policemen had gone, Emmett was shot down from behind while completing his nightly tour of inspection of live stock on his farm. Police said the wound had been inflicted by a charge from a shotgun fired at a range of about 20 yards.

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