

Summers Leads Of- ficers to Remains of Man He Murdered

Bones and Clothing of Manning Ford Located in Woods Near Marietta—Confessed Murderer Eagerly Hunted Place—Says He Killed Ford With Axe in His Home and Dragged Body to Woods—Refuses to Tell Motive—Nothing Known at Marietta of Crime.

SUMMERS' WIFE SAYS HE KILLED FORD WHILE LATTER WAS ASLEEP IN THEIR HOME

Frank Summers, the confessed murderer of Manning Ford, today led Sheriff R. E. Lewis and a posse of officers to the place where he hid the body of Ford early in the morning of February 19, last. The body was not buried and only the clothing and larger bones of the murdered man remained to remove all doubt that Summers had actually committed the crime which he told Augusta, Ga., officials that he had committed. The body of the murdered man was left in a large body of woods, about 1 mile west of Marietta, and only a few hundred yards from the house where Summers lived at the time of the killing.

Summers had some little difficulty in locating the exact place where he had carried the man he killed and he sought the place as eagerly as one could. Leading the officers from place to place in the woods, they had become suspicious that the remains would not be located. The remains were left within 200 yards of the public road.

Although officers had kept secret the time when they were to take Summers to that immediate section for the purpose of showing where he had placed the body of the man he killed, several hundred people gathered and were present when the remains were found. There was no indication of violence to Summers, however.

The skull of the murdered man showed that he had been dealt a blow in the back of the head, a large hole having been knocked in the skull bone. Summers stated as he viewed the bones that he struck Ford on the head with an axe. He killed Ford in his home, he said, but refused to state why he struck him. After he had dealt the death blow, he carried Ford's body to the point where the remains were found today.

Nothing was known in the Marietta section of the killing until after Summers had told Georgia officials the story. Just prior to the time Ford was killed he had gotten into some minor trouble and when he disappeared his people and the public thought he had left the community because of this trouble.

Summers and his wife did not leave Marietta until about 7 weeks ago. After reaching Augusta, Summers' wife "gave him away," as he termed it today. He stated that he did not leave this county on account of the killing, however. After he was arrested by the Georgia officials he told them all about the killing.

An affidavit in the hands of the officers and signed by Summers' wife states that her husband killed Ford while he was asleep, that he told his wife he was going to kill Ford and while she had stepped out of the house her husband committed the deed.

Summers denied today the report that he and Ford had operated a whiskey still and said that nobody except himself had anything to do with the killing. Summers looks to be about 35 years old.

After being viewed by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county coroner, the scattered remains of the murdered man were turned over to his relatives.

Frank Summers Says He Killed Manning Ford at Marietta Last February—Confessed to Augusta, Ga., Officials and Was Brought to Lumberton Last Night—Ford Supposed to Have Joined Navy and Nothing Known of Murder.

Frank Summers, who early last week told Augusta, Ga., officials that he killed Manning Ford at Marietta, Robeson county, on February 19, last, was brought here last night by Rural Policeman J. H. Carper, who went to Augusta for the confessed murderer. When Sheriff R. E. Lewis was advised of Summers' confession by Georgia officials, he made an investigation and could learn nothing that would throw any light on the killing.

Later he learned that Ford, whose home was near Lakeview, S. C., just across the State line, had not been seen since the date that Summers says he killed him. Ford, who was about 19 years old, worked about Marietta prior to the time Summers says he killed him. His family thought he had joined the navy and nothing was said about his disappearance. Summers and his wife left Marietta some seven weeks ago and went to Augusta. Summers had been arrested on suspicion before he submitted, it is said.

Summers still contends that he killed Ford when Ford cursed him and that he can locate Ford's body. He

Elzie Hill Captured In Cumberland

He Escaped from Robeson Chain Gang Several Weeks Ago—Captured at Hope Mills and Brought Back to Gang.

Elzie Hill, young white man who escaped from the Robeson county chain gang some three weeks ago, was re-captured Friday in Cumberland county. This was the second time Hill had escaped from the "gang." He first escaped several months ago while serving a sentence imposed upon him in Hoke county. He was arrested soon after this escape and was found guilty of the larceny of a car here on the night of his escape at the July term of court. He was given a 6-months road sentence on the car larceny charge and 3 months for escaping by Judge Bond. This was in addition to the unserved term imposed in Hoke county court.

The following is taken from Saturday's Fayetteville Observer:

"Elsa Hill, a desperate man and escaped convict, is in Cumberland county jail. He was captured yesterday at Hope Mills by Sheriff N. H. McGeachy and a posse. Hill was caught near the house of his father, who lives just across the street from the Hope Mills graded school.

"The sheriff and some of his men entered the house to search there while the balance of the posse scoured the woods nearby. Shortly after the sheriff entered the house he heard a call from the outside. Going out, he saw officers approaching with Hill. They found him lying in the bushes near a creek.

"Hill has proved a dangerous and troublesome man. He was convicted for law violation some time ago, and in Hoke county jail he knocked Deputy Sheriff A. H. Watson in the head. He was put on the roads of Robeson county. He escaped after serving for some time. He stole an automobile from a man named Davis and robbed a hardware store at Rockford. He was recaptured in the town of Rockingham and put back on the roads.

"Not satisfied with his first experience, Hill made a second dash for liberty and got away. Sheriff McGeachy has been on the lookout for him, and nabbed him yesterday afternoon."

TEN PEOPLE POISONED BY ARSENATE OF LEAD IN BISCUITS.

Seven-Year-Old Boy Poured Poison Into Flour Barrel Thinking It Was Flour—All Have Recovered From Effects.

Ten people were poisoned Thursday at the home of Mr. J. W. Burns, Gaddy township, R. 1 from Fairmont, when they ate biscuits made from flour into which arsenate of lead had been poured by a 7-year-old boy, who thought it was flour. Drs. Michaux and Henslee were hastily summoned from Dillon, S. C., and all who partook of the poisoned biscuits have recovered from the ill effects.

An orphan boy who lives in the Burns home found what he thought was flour in a sack which he got from the commissary to use in picking cotton, so he emptied the contents into the flour barrel without mentioning it any one. Those who partook of the poison and were more or less effected were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burns and seven children, and Mr. Burns' father, Mr. J. R. Burns, Mrs. J. W. Burns was brought at once to the Baker sanatorium where Thursday night she gave birth to a boy.

Still and Alleged Bockaders Captured Near Red Banks.

Rural Policeman W. W. Smith of Maxton Friday captured a whiskey still near the home of William Lucas, who lives near Red Banks. Around 200 gallons of beer found about the still were poured out. Lucas and Alf Lowrey were arrested by Officer Smith and both made bond for appearance in court. The still was constructed of a large milk can, with a copper worm. Mr. Smith is a Lumberton visitor today.

Boll Weevil Speech at Court House This Evening.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, Mr. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, will speak on the boll weevil at the court house here this evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Bartlett has made a close study of the weevil and methods of combatting him and no doubt his address will be of interest to both farmers and business men.

Cotton Co-op Receiving Agent at Fairmont.

In publishing the list of receiving agents for the Co-operative Cotton Marketing association at various points in the county Thursday the name of Mr. W. N. Hubbard, who has been named as receiving agent at Fairmont, was inadvertently omitted. It was taken to Marietta this morning by Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy A. H. Prevatt for the purpose of locating the body of the man he says he killed.



NEW BRIDGE ACROSS LUMBER RIVER THREE MILES WEST OF LUMBERTON

This handsome bridge was opened to traffic Thursday of last week, 5 days earlier than the date announced by the foreman in charge. It is constructed entirely of steel and concrete, the floor being of steel and concrete with asphalt surface. The contract price was around \$20,000 and the bridge was constructed by the Roanoke (Va.) Iron & Bridge Works, T. J. Fraley being the foreman in charge. The bridge is located just a short distance up the river from the old McNeill bridge, the road being straightened at this point on the Lumberton side. The Wildcat highway has been hard-surfaced from Lumberton to the Maxton-Red Springs fork just beyond the bridge.

Smyrna is Vast Sepulchre of Ashes

Charred Bodies of Countless Victims and Shattered Walls of 25,000 Homes Tell Story of Death and Destruction Unexampled in Modern History.

Smyrna, Sept. 17. (Associated Press.)—Smyrna, which the Turks have called the eye of Asia, is a vast sepulchre of ashes. Only the shattered walls of 25,000 homes and the charred bodies of countless victims remain to tell the story of death and destruction unexampled in modern history.

The ruins are still smoldering like a volcano which has spent its fury. No effort has been made by the Turks to remove the dead and dying. The streets are full of the bodies of those who sought to escape, for the most part women and children.

Every building in the Armenian quarter has been burned, with the dead lying about. The bay, which covers an area of 60 acres, still carries on its surface the poor remnants of those who were massacred or sought to escape the ruthlessness of the fire. One water front holds

thousands of survivors who fear death at the hands of soldiery; there are no boats to take them off.

One ship captain declined to take any of the wretched sufferers, but in contrast to his indifference Captain Walters, of the American steamer Winona, rescued 1,800 and took them to Biraeus. American sailors of the destroyer Litchfield snatched 450 orphaned boys from the pier and carried them safely to Constantinople. The Jack Tars slept on the iron decks or under torpedo tubes while the youngsters occupied their bunks. In all the acts of gallantry by the Americans at Smyrna there was none more inspiring than this.

London, Sept. 17. (Associated Press.)—Near eastern developments are causing the British government increased anxiety. The cabinet has been sitting informally over the week-end at Chequer's court, the country residence of the prime minister. Austin Chamberlain, Lord Birkenhead, Sir Robert Stevenson Horne and Winston Spencer Churchill have been Mr. Lloyd George's guests there, and all through Sunday the telephones between Chequer's court and the foreign office in Lon-

don have been humming with consultations with the various government departments.

MRS. CUTLAR MOORE PAINFULLY CUT ON CAR WINDSHIELD

Cut on Neck But Wounds Not Considered Serious—Car Struck Stump Covered With Grass and Weeds in Columbus County.

Mrs. Culter Moore was painfully cut on the neck Thursday afternoon when a Ford roadster in which she and her husband were riding struck a stump in the public road in Columbus county, near Ivanhoe. Mrs. Moore was thrown against the windshield, pieces of which inflicted cuts. She was rushed to the James Walker Memorial hospital, Wilmington, where the wounds were dressed. Mr. and Mrs. Moore arrived here Friday evening. While Mrs. Moore bled profusely as a result of the cuts, it is not thought the wounds are serious. Mr. Moore says the stump was covered with grass and weeds and he struck it when he drove out of the ruts. The car was badly damaged.

MILLION AND HALF POUNDS TOBACCO SOLD ON LOCAL MARKET

Auction Market Closed Friday—Co-op Warehouse Is Still Open.

The Lumberton auction tobacco market closed Friday. While it has not been learned what the exact amount of tobacco sold here at auction was, it is said the sales totaled about one and a half-million pounds. The co-operative warehouse here is still open for receiving tobacco from members of the Co-operative Marketing association.

39 Weevils On One Cotton Boll.

Having destroyed all the young squares, the boll weevils have now turned their attention to the grown cotton bolls, according to those who are keeping a watch of the situation. One grown boll brought to town Friday by a farmer had 39 adult weevils on it.

—Mr. W. C. Johnson of Bladen county, who is a student in the high school here, has accepted a position as clerk at the Lorraine hotel during hours he can spare from school work.

—Mr. Theodore Pope of Lumberton, who is a patient at the Charlotte sanatorium, is improving.

much as they were a few weeks ago. It is understood that one warehouse will close next Friday but the other auction house will remain open some time longer, provided there is more tobacco to be marketed.



SECTION OF WILDCAT HIGHWAY NEAR LUMBERTON

Above is shown a section of the Wildcat, or W. C. A. paved highway between Lumberton and the Maxton-Red Springs fork 8.3 miles west of Lumberton.

Contract Let For New School Build- ing At Fairmont

Building Will Contain 19 Rooms and Auditorium and Will Cost \$60,185—To be Completed by Next May—Tobacco Market Remains Open.

By H. V. Brown

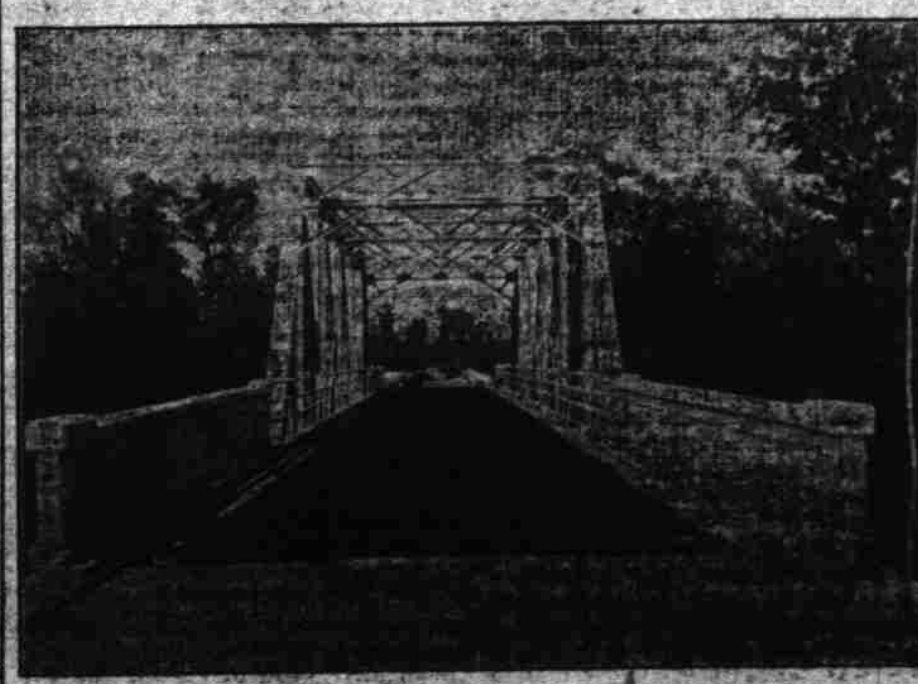
Fairmont, Sept. 16.—Contracts for the Fairmont high school have been awarded, or at least the contract for the erection of the building, which was given to The Darlington Construction Co. of Darlington, S. C., which offered a bid of \$60,185. This does not include the lighting, heating and seating. The building will be a most modern structure and will contain 19 rooms with an auditorium which will seat 800 people. The contract calls for the building to be finished and ready for occupancy by May 1st, 1923, and it is understood that the work will begin on the building within the next few days. The school this year is being run under very great difficulties, especially for room, the teachers having very little space in each room and the auditorium being used for recitation rooms. The old school house and property have not as yet been disposed of but it is understood will be sold at a very early date as the committee have some fairly good offers for the site.

The condition of Mrs. O. I. Floyd, who has been critically ill at her home on Trinity street for the past few days, is greatly improved. Mr.

E. Fisher, who also has been seriously ill for a few days, is reported as being much improved.

Tobacco Market Still Open

The Fairmont tobacco market has not closed and according to statements from warehousemen will not close until the last bit of tobacco has been marketed. However, the sales have begun to show a slight drop-off and the co-ops are not receiving as



VIEW APPROACHING NEW BRIDGE FROM LUMBERTON

Above is shown a view of the new bridge across Lumber river 8 miles west of Lumberton, on the Wildcat highway.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Harrington
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 20 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—Mr. Ira B. Townsend has opened a shop for painting automobiles in the McLean building, South Elm street.

—Born, Saturday night, to Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Stephens of R. 1, Orrum, a son.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Elon McD. Byrd and Talmage Graham, both of the Tolarsville section.

—Mrs. W. T. Jenrette of Marietta had her tonsils removed Saturday by Dr. R. S. Beam. The operation was performed at the Thompson hospital.

—Dr. E. A. Branch and family have moved from Norwood to Garner. Dr. Branch is a son of Mr. J. A. Branch of Lumberton and is well known here.

—Miss Helen Kate Akin of Murphy is a new stenographer in the law offices of Messrs. McLean, Varner, McLean & Stacy. She began work Thursday.

—Miss Annie Ferris Powell has resigned the position, she held for some time as cashier at the 5 and 10 cent Store and has accepted a position with the telephone company at Red Springs.

—Mr. D. P. Buie of Philadelphia was a Lumberton visitor Friday. His daughter, Miss Annie Belle Buie, returned last week to North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro to resume her studies.

—Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, and Messrs. F. P. Gray and D. D. French attended in Maxton Thursday night the formal opening exercises of Carolina college.

—Little Miss Jean McAllister, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister, had her tonsils removed Saturday at the Baker sanatorium. Her condition is favorable.

—All members of the Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school are requested to meet in the Sunday school auditorium Thursday evening of the week at 8 o'clock.

—W. E. McNeill, who was tried before Recorder David H. Fuller last week on the charge of cursing on the public highway, was found not guilty instead of guilty, as reported in Thursday's Robesonian.

The condition of Mr. J. M. McCallum, who is undergoing treatment at the Charlotte sanatorium, is reported to be rapidly improving. Mrs. McCallum returned home last night from Charlotte after spending three weeks with her husband and expects to return to Charlotte Wednesday morning.

—Air getting into the water mains when cut in connection with the sewer and water improvements being made is causing the water to become milk-colored, according to Mr. J. L. McNeill, superintendent of the local light and water plants. This does not affect the purity of the water, according to Mr. McNeill.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. Badger McLeod and Mesdames Lizzie G. Proctor and Geo. B. McLeod left Saturday night for Waynesville, making the trip in Mr. McLeod's auto. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod are expected to return home today, while Mesdames Proctor and Geo. B. McLeod will spend two weeks in the mountains.

OVER THOUSAND CHRISTIANS MASSACRED IN SMYRNA

Among Alleged Turkish Outrages Was Carrying Off of Girl Pupils of American College.

London, Sept. 15. (Associated Press.)—From 1,000 to 2,000 Christians had been massacred in Smyrna by the Turks before the fire which swept the Armenian and other quarters of the Asia Minor seaport recently evacuated by the Greek army, it is charged in semi-official and other Greek messages from Athens received here today.

Among the Turkish outrages was the carrying off of many girl pupils of the American girls' college, it is alleged.

The Greek belief is that the fire was set by Turks to conceal the traces of their alleged misdeeds.

A considerable share of the property loss from the fire, the total of which is estimated in Greek quarters at one billion francs (about \$75,000,000 at present exchange rates for the French franc), fell upon American firms.

SPECIAL FAIR EDITION

The special publicity edition of THE ROBESONIAN on which work is being done will not be issued before the Robeson county fair, which will begin the 10th of next month, but the fair will be featured in an issue that will be published on the 2nd or 5th of October. Advertisers will please take notice and turn in advertisements for that issue as early as possible. This will in no way be connected with the special publicity edition.