

# Fatally Shot

## Lonnie Dills Wounded by New York Police

Lonnie Ellis Dills, 36-year-old native of Macon county, died Thursday in Nassau hospital at Mineola, Long Island, from wounds received on January 27 in a pistol battle with New York policemen.

Dills, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Dills of the Cartoogechaye community, was reported to have left the county about 10 years ago after skipping bond on a liquor charge.

Press dispatches from New York said that Dills, who had been employed as a gardener, shot his estranged wife, Charlotte, 28, in January after she had refused to return to his home in New Hyde Park.

Officers who went to investigate the shooting found Dills in a garage and he fired at them when they approached, wounding two policemen, Christopher Wyer and Sgt. Charles Snyder. The policemen recovered.

Dills was seriously wounded and his death cheated Nassau county authorities of an opportunity to try him on a charge of attempted murder.