

There's supposed to be nothing new under the sun, but Bonnie Bill Lytle of the Bonnie Brass course has started work on a seventeen-year-old "new" golfing idea. Ray Howe explains it in Here's How on the sports page.

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FATHER AND SON IN WELL NEAR GY

Double Tragedy Strikes



WELL WHERE FATHER, SON DIED—Scene of a double tragedy and heroic, unsuccessful rescue efforts in this deep well at Jeff Sloan's home on Cedarwood Farm, ten miles from Char-



BODY RECOVERED FROM DEATH TRAP—This photograph shows the sheet-covered body of Houston J. Sloan being carried to ambulance after recovery by Charlotte's Assistant Fire Chief Mike Franklin.

Address In Brazil

Marshall Voices Plea For Unity

QUITANDINA, Brazil—(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall told the Inter-American Conference today that Europe's economic recovery is vital to the Americas and takes precedence because of its urgency over needs of the Western Hemisphere.

Further, in a plea for unity among the 20 nations drafting a hemisphere defense agreement, Marshall said New World unity is "as vital to the future of the Old World."

EXAMPLE TO WORLD

"The results of our labors will demonstrate to all the world that peoples, and nations, who really want peace can have peace by living in an atmosphere of increasing co-operative action and good will," he said.

Responding to proposals for a "Marshall Plan" for the Americas, the Secretary said the United States has assumed "unusually heavy burdens" in a determined effort to meet minimum requirements of war-devastated areas in Europe and Asia "now threatened with starvation and economic chaos."

"In assuming this burden we have not lost sight of the economic problems of the Western Hemisphere. As a matter of fact the economic rehabilitation of Europe is vital to the economy of this hemisphere."

"My Government will continue to take up economic questions with its sister republics and seek a sound basis for practical co-operation for peace in an indirect reference to totalitarian systems of government."

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Yanks Stay On In Italy

LEGNORH, Italy—(AP)—What is left of the American Army in Italy expects to spend the Winter here.

Departure of the remaining Allied occupation forces hinges upon Russia's ratification of the Italian Peace Treaty, already approved by the United States, Britain and France. The troops are to be withdrawn within 90 days after the effective date of the treaty. (Associated Press)

That mission, Lee defined as the execution of American commitments in the area under wartime agreements, especially guarding the western side of the Morgan Line dividing the Allied Zone A and the Yugoslav Zone B of the Italian territory of Venezia Giulia.

Activities indicating that the Army is digging in for the Winter—and Lee and his staff make no bones about them—include: Preparations to install central heating in requisitioned Summer resort hotels in Viareggio, a search for more space in the Leghorn area, preparations to winterize temporary barracks and sidewalk tents.

A trainload of stores shipped to Leghorn from the Morgan Line area has been shipped back.

The ban imposed on further shipments of dependents of soldiers to Italy, imposed when the Army believed it would be out by June 30, has been lifted and the "first new troops the theater has received since February—500 men—are due Aug. 31.

The Italian Government, biggest buyer of surplus American war supplies here, has been told the Army may want to buy some of its staff bulk.

Two Others Injured In Effort To Save Them

Pair Apparently Killed By Gas

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A father and son were suffocated and two other men narrowly escaped death in a tragedy at the bottom of a well on Cedarwood Farm, near Charlotte, between 9 and 10 A. M. today.

The dead are:
Houston Sloan, 38, father, who lived near Matthews.
Clayton Sloan, 15, son, who lived with his parents.

The injured are:
Walter Morris, resident of that area, resident at Charlotte's Memorial Hospital, suffering from after-effects of gas poisoning.
Leon Ray, resident also of that area, who recovered; the youth's body, taken to his home in a condition near collapse.

Memorial Hospital reported later that Mr. Morris recovered rapidly, soon was released from treatment and was sent to his home.

Members of the Charlotte Fire Department, called to the scene of the tragedy by the Mecklenburg County Police, brought out the body of the elder Sloan. This crew was under command of Assistant Fire Chief Mike Griswold.

NEAR CITY

Cedarwood Farms is located on Mountain Road, about 2 1/2 miles off Providence Road and about ten miles from Charlotte. Norman C. Guthrie, Charlotte cotton waste dealer, whose residence is at 1350 Harding Place, owns this property.

Members of the crew which assembled around the top of the well reported that Mr. Morris was directing the cleaning and repairing at the bottom of the well at the home of Jeff Sloan, a brother of the ill-fated Houston Sloan.

W. G. Williamson, a neighbor, for one of the first men who called at the well in response to frantic calls for help.

Mr. Williamson gave a reporter for The Charlotte News this account of incidents in the tragedy:

Mr. Morris first went into the well, but smelled a strange odor that he suspected was poison gas. He called to the Sloan, father and son, to pull him up, which was done immediately. The elder Mr. Sloan was lowered into the well by ropes and sent up a bucket filled with water and mud, continued Mr. Williamson.

CALLED FOR HELP

Almost immediately, however, he called that he was weakening and asked for a rope. He evidently collapsed, and fell into the gas-filled pit. He succeeded in attaching a rope to the body of Clayton Sloan, which was pulled to the surface.

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Principals In Kings Mtn. Slaying



CHIEF SHORT, who went down in a hall of bullets from the patrolman's revolver last night.



MRS. GEORGE LUBIANESKI, daughter of Chief Short, was riding with her father before he resisted arrest by Trooper Dayton. (All request photos by Don Martin of the Tom Franklin Studio).

Patrolman Exonerated At Inquest Held Today

Homicide Ruled As Justifiable

By TOM LYNCH
Charlotte News Staff Writer

KINGS MOUNTAIN—While Cherryville Chief of Police Albert Carl Short lay dead on a slab at the Harris Funeral Home this morning with five slugs in his body, a coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide, thus exonerating Highway Patrolman Haroldotis Dayton from blame for slaying Short last night when he resisted arrest for "weaving down the road" and started a fight with the officer.

The shooting occurred shortly before 10 P. M. last night on the York, S. C., road about one-half mile from Kings Mountain. The patrolman was driving a 1946 Buick when he was struck by a slush in his left arm inflicted by Short just before the shooting. He said that the Cherryville chief of police showed definite signs of being drunk when he resisted arrest.

DAYTON'S STORY

Patrolman Dayton testified that he spotted a 20 Ford coupe speeding down the York road just before 10 last night. He traced the car and finally stopped it just beyond the town limits. He said that both he and Short got out of their cars and that Short had to hold on to his car for support.

The patrolman asked Short for his registration card and driver's license, but he was unable to produce them. He then told Short that he was under arrest and would have to get in the patrol car.

Short unknowingly produced his own fate when he growled, "Well, I'll die before I give up a chief of police at Cherryville."

Dayton testified that when he attempted to apprehend Short to put him in his car Short struck him with his fist, hit him back with my blackjack," Dayton said, "and he reached for a knife."

Short apparently did not have the knife in his hand after he withdrew it from his pocket the first time. But a few seconds later he brandished Dayton with the knife and succeeded in cutting a deep gash in the officer's arm.

It was then that Dayton drew his gun and fired four or five times at Short as the enraged Cherryville chief rushed at him investigating Commission and its subsidiary group in Greece were "liquidated" now.

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Recession 'Postponed'

Business Slump Is Not In Sight

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Ewan Clague, director of Bureau of Labor Statistics, said today there is no business recession in sight with a predicted Summer business slump "postponed indefinitely."

Referring to peak employment which remained above 60,000,000 in July for the second consecutive month, Clague told a news conference:

"From my vantage point of viewing employment and construction I don't see any weakness yet. Nothing looks starting and I don't see anything that will topple us over."

The director commented that only a "complete collapse" of the current high export levels could reduce present peak employment. Even if exports "fell off drastically," he added, there would not be a corresponding drop in employment because "we have a very urgent domestic demand."

This demand, he said, could "absorb a large part, if not all, of the jobs lost abroad."

ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Clague gave this explanation in reply to a question whether the Marshall Plan for aid to Europe is being counted on to keep exports, and thus business, at a new high level, adding:

"Exports are now exceeding imports by a very large volume. Obviously this great excess of exports over imports can't be kept up without some form of loan abroad."

Asked what happened to the predicted slump for this Summer, Clague said, "Some people scheduled a recession for July, saying it would be because of a very urgent domestic demand."

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Balkan Body To Continue

LAKE SUCCESS—(AP)—Trygve Lie, secretary-general of the United Nations, took sharp issue today with a Russian contention that the Balkan Investigating Commission and its subsidiary group in Greece were "liquidated" now.

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For the New Shape in Fall Dresses, see Thursday's Fashion Pages on the Woman's Pages of

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

WEATHER

Clear to partly cloudy and pleasant today. Scattered afternoon thunderstorms.

Temperature at 3:00 today: 78. High today: 84. Low today: 68. Breeze tomorrow: S-SW. More Weather Data on page 3-A