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SLOGAN FOR WAYNESVILLE.

Editor:

Realizing the great future of our little city, I think it only fitting and proper that we should adopt an appropriate slogan for it. The leading resort cities of the country have long since seized upon the idea with obvious results. As an advertising scheme it is unequalled.

I should like to offer the following suggestion as a slogan, and I think for mysterious appeal and entrancing beauty, it cannot be surpassed:

"Waynesville, Where the Blue Begins."

Of course the blue always recedes as we advance, but being the highest town of its size east of the Mississippi who can assert a better claim to Christopher Morley's happy title?

Yours very truly,
JOE E. JOHNSON, Jr.

DEATH OF DOCTOR GEORGE WHARTON, A. M., D. D.

At his home, Mars Hill, N. C., Dr. George Wharton departed this life at 5:50 o'clock Saturday morning. Dr. Wharton has been a prominent figure in Baptist affairs of the South for many years.

He was born in Nixabee, County, Miss., Dec. 25, 1850. He was the son of A. S. Wharton, M. D., Cliftonville, Miss.

At the age of sixteen he entered Summerville Institute, Nixabee, Miss., where he remained three and one-half years, graduating with honors. Then he entered Mississippi College, Clinton. He graduated with first honor. During his junior years he was assistant professor of mathematics. He continued his training in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, then located at Greenville, S. C. He was then called to the chair of Greek in his alma mater. Later he taught nine years in Central Female Institute. He gave up his work there for further training in Rochester Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. He was for a while president of Lancaster Academy in Texas.

He came to the Bible department of Mars Hill College in 1915. All these years he has proved to be a wise and safe instructor. He was director-eritic for the Ministerial Association here. Both in the college and in the church he was greatly loved and appreciated by both the old and the young; and he made many lasting friendships among the students here as they have come under his tutorage and influence. It was with much regret that we gave him up last spring when the doctors told him that he must not teach any more.

Dr. Wharton was converted and joined the church at 16. Later feeling called to preach, he undertook the training mentioned above. He was pastor of Shuqualak and Summerville churches in his native state; also at Corinth. He was pastor at Waynesville, N. C., for four years; also in other fields. In all these he did useful and lasting work.

On July 1, 1883, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Menger, the oldest daughter of Prof. Emil Menger, of Central Female Institute. From this union there are the following children: Mr. Charles L. Wharton, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. Lindsay Wharton, Evansville, Ind.; Mrs. C. L. Reed, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. E. M. Ramsey, Barboursville, Va.; Mrs. J. F. Ponder, Wheeling, W. Va.; Miss Harriett Wharton, Mars Hill.

A great and good man has gone; may we all seek to profit by his life and teachings. May our Good Father in Heaven be very near to the bereaved ones. Our loss is his eternal gain.

DR. JOHN A. POOL,
PROF. JOHN W. HOFF,
ELLA PIERCE,
ETHEL GREGG,
Committee.

VETERAN IS GOING BACK TO FRANCE.

Unwittingly Waynesville Man Reveals Story of Great Self-Sacrifice

Richard Hager, World War veteran, of Waynesville, his romance shattered and persistently beset by an adverse fate, was in Charlotte this week, preparing to return on an errand of love and mercy to the battlefields of France, where first he went bent on carnage of destruction.

This veteran of the 105th Engineers, a North Carolina famous National Guard organization, admits he has lived a "hectic" existence since the end of the World War, but, out of all that cloud of gloom which has enveloped him, there has come to him a ray of hope.

He is going back to France as a worker with the Methodist relief organization, he said, and he regards the offer of this position as a definite fulfillment for him of the Biblical statement, in Ecclesiastes 11:1—"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days."

Saves Minister in Gas Attack.

When the North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee troops of the Thirtieth Division were engaged, September 29, 1918, in their memorable adventure, which resulted in the first piercing of the Hindenburg line, Hager gave his gas mask to a Methodist minister. Clouds of poison gas was floating toward the North Carolinians, and the minister was forced to don the mask. He escaped injury; Hager was badly gassed he spent eleven months in an army base hospital.

A few days ago to Hager came an unexpected letter offering him a place with the relief organization this minister, Rev. Mr. Scott, is directing at Chateau Thierry. Hager said this letter gave him a new hope, as it came at one of the darkest hours of his life.

His spirit weakened under the steady bombardment of adversity and worry during the past five years, Hager came Tuesday into the office of a stranger who had befriended him a few weeks ago, and asked that stranger friend's advice regarding the advisability of again returning to France, this time on an entirely different adventure.

Heroism Wins Reward.

"How did it happen that you were offered this work with the Methodist relief organization?" Hager was asked. "I buried Rev. Mr. Scott my gas mask when we were going through the Hindenburg line. He was not gassed. I was, and I spent eleven months in a hospital recovering from that gasping. Mr. Scott wrote me a letter from Chateau Thierry and offered me this job."

The modest World War veteran dropped his head, as if ashamed of himself for telling the true reason why the American minister, working in the far-away former battlefront region, should have known him.

Regrets Telling Why.

"I ought not to have told you that," wrote me," said Hager, a shadow of worry and doubt coming over his face. He thought he had made an immodest statement for a moment, added a few more seams in the face of that man, who though young, bears unmistakable marks on his face of mental, as well as physical, suffering he has endured.

"If you write anything about me, don't say anything about me giving Mr. Scott my gas mask," implored Hager. But, he finally withdrew his request.

CONTEST FOR STATE COMMANDER OF AMERICAN LEGION.

(By M. L. Shipman.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 31.—The contest for State Commander of the American Legion is waxing warm, with Manning, of Raleigh; Stevens, of Warsaw, and Williams, of Dunn, the lead-candidates. John Hall Manning, who was last year the campaign manager of Frank Grist for Commissioner of Labor and Printing is having to answer the charge of bringing the Legion into politics, while Mr. Grist has seen fit to deny the charge of campaigning for Manning while ostensibly out on a tour inspecting mines. Ralph Steele, a well known Legionaire, has taken up the cudgel for Williams whom he says is in the fight to the finish.

The part taken by the Legion in the political campaign last year was displeasing to many of the members who now feel that a repetition of the tactics then employed should be set upon good and strong. Mr. Steele puts Captain Williams above petty politics and thinks he would be the right man in the right place. In a recent statement he had this to say:

"Reports circulated to the effect that Capt. J. R. Williams of Dunn is not a candidate for Department Commander of the American Legion are false. At a meeting held in Dunn this week of representatives from the Legion posts in Harnet county plans were laid for bringing Williams' name before the posts of the state and before the delegates at the Fayetteville convention. Since his candidacy was made public a few days ago numerous letters and telegrams pledging support have been received by his friends, and it appears that when the delegates arrive for the convention at least thirty or forty votes will be pledged to Williams, which will constitute a balance of power and the nucleus for a majority on a later ballot. Two hundred to two hundred and fifty votes are expected to be cast.

In putting forth Williams his backers believe that he is the one man who can restore peace and harmony within the Legion and that is the sole reason for his candidacy. For the past two or three years bitter factional fights have developed at State conventions and their effect has been detrimental through the year. Already serious disruptions are reported in posts at Raleigh and Washington. Williams has never taken part in these scraps, but has worked quietly and efficiently in the interest of the Legion and the ex-service man, to the exclusion of things political."

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