A. R. McDaniel

In the death-last Saturday of A. R. McDaniel, Calhoun lost one of her foremost citizens, one who, during much of the first half of this century, was a potent factor in the business, political and civic life of this city.

Because of declining health he had not been active in community life during the past several years, but at the end of World War I and for many years thereafter Mr. McDaniel wielded a powerful and constructive influence in the development of Calhoun from a country village to a modern young city, and if ever a list of the "Builders of Calhoun" is compiled his name will be well toward the top.

It was while Mr. McDaniel was serving as Mayor in 1919 that the first streets were paved in the city, a bond issue of $23,000 having been voted for that purpose. Thus his administration could take credit for literally getting the town out of the mud.
It was his activities in the business world, however, that will be best remembered perhaps. For more than a quarter of a century the commercial empire of A. R. McDaniel & Company, with headquarters in Calhoun, extended into every section of Northwest Georgia, with department stores in all the leading towns in this section. A number of Calhoun's present-day department store operators and executives got their training under Mr. McDaniel and his able associate and assistant, the late Henry Dorsey. Among these may be noted Clyde Evans, Warren Fite and Trammell Chitwood.

A. R. McDaniel left the mark of his personality and genius indelibly upon the institutions of this city and served well his day and generation.

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