

Thousands Attend Funeral Of Mr. Tom Stamey, Key Citizen Of Upper County

ter, Mrs. John Parker of Lincoln.

His 42 Years As a Merchant.
Mr. Stamey was the son of Joseph Stamey and in 1887 he and a brother Henry Stamey entered the mercantile business at Henry, Lincoln county. After a number of years, his brother decided to go into the ministry and Mr. Tom Stamey and his brother Mr. Clarence Stamey came to Fallston and opened a business in March 1890 with small capital. By industry, frugality and honest dealing, their business steadily grew until it was one of the largest and strongest firms in the county at the time of the death of the senior Mr. Stamey. In 1920 Mr. Clarence Stamey retired from the firm and the faithful clerks were taken in by Mr. Tom Stamey as partners in the new firm of The Stamey company which operates stores at Fallston and Polkville. A few years ago after a disastrous fire, a new brick building was erected with all the features of a modern department store. From a wide radius of territory the firm drew a wonderful trade and the business was built to a quarter million dollars annually.

At the time of Mr. Stamey's death, his business associates were Everett Spurlin, T. A. Lee, W. F. Hamrick, Ellis Hoyle, Tom Stamey, Jr., Sloan Elliott and Lloyd Hamrick.

Wide Acquaintance.
Mr. Stamey was a man of uncommon common sense and was always looked to for business, religious and political advice. He was perhaps personally acquainted with more people than any other man in the county. In all of his business dealings he was never known to overcharge a customer or oppress a creditor.

A Bank Official.
He was a close student of human nature and built his business on fair dealing. He was a vice president of the Union Trust company and made the loans for the Fallston branch of this institution.

In all of his public relations he was interested in the welfare of his community and his county. He was loyal to church, school and all progressive measures, one pride of his life being the completion of highway 18 through Fallston from Shelby to Morganton.

Pall and Flower Bearers.
Active pallbearers were: C. S. Young, Craig Harrelson, Henry Dixon, Herman Beam, Talmadge Lee, Sloan Elliott, Everett Spurling, J. D. Elliott, all members or former members of the Stamey company.

Honorary pallbearers: Messrs. Julius Smith, John Dover, George Blanton, Chas. C. Blanton, J. H. Quinn, Forrest Eskridge, Judge J. L. Webb, Chas. L. Eskridge, Paul Webb, Dr. Ben Gold, Dr. Tom Gold, R. E. Campbell, Chas. Doggett, of Shelby, Messrs. R. A. Lackey, Ves Royster, Prof. Gary, of Fallston, Mr. E. B. Hamrick, Bolling Springs, Jno. F. Schenck, sr., Lawndale, Will Porter, Belwood.

The flower bearers were Mesdames G. B. Lovelace, Ladd Hamrick, A. Pitt Beam, B. O. Stephenson, Casey Morris, Robert Doggett, Latham Mills, Mrs. Gary, Ves Royster, Lloyd Hamrick, E. G. Spurling, A. A. Lackey, Misses Ruth Mundy, Elizabeth McBrayer, Millicent and Caroline Blanton, Mary Adelaide Roberts, Ruth Moore, Rhea Lattimore, Pearl Jolley, Marie Hamrick.

Dr. Wall read the following tributes by prominent men who knew Mr. Stamey for many years:
His Wisdom and Counsel.
When I returned to Cleveland county from Texas, nearly thirty-five years ago, one of the young firms in Cleveland county was Stamey brothers, composed of Thos. A. Stamey and Clarence Stamey. I soon formed their acquaintance and a friendship, both business and personal, was established which has been cemented and augmented by the association in business and personal life throughout these years, and in the passing of Tom Stamey I have sustained the loss of a friend, whom I valued most highly. During the years we have been associated as banker and patron, and then as co-burglers and fellow-officers in the Union Trust company, I have learned of his wisdom and the value of his counsel and advice. His integrity was of the highest and I have never heard in all his years of business experience one instance of his taking a mean advantage of his fellow-man. He had a keen insight into human nature and was a most excellent judge of men and values. I know of numbers and numbers of times that he has given advice to young men, to the poor and unlearned, to those debt-burdened and to those struggling to get a foothold on the rung of financial independence, which has been of great assistance to them. He believed in honesty, debt-paying, living within one's income, and above all right-living. Back of all of his business acumen was a fine Christian character, a private life without reproach, a level head, good common sense, and a heart without guile. These qualities made Tom Stamey a great success.

The state, the county, the Fallston community and the business world of Cleveland county have lost

a good and useful citizen. So many of us have lost a valued friend and his family, who have my heartfelt sympathy. A wonderful guide on the highway of life, who loved them devotedly.

I shall miss him greatly.
CHAS. C. BLANTON,
Community Leader.

In the passing of Brother Tom Stamey, God has called to rest one who never tired in serving his community, his church and his friends. For forty years he was a leader in every movement for the betterment of his community, which during that time grew from a desolate country-side to North Carolina's most prosperous rural section.

The people he served both loved and respected him and would have given him official positions of honor and trust but he chose a crown of good deeds as a private citizen among the people he loved. A devoted and beloved husband and father he leaves an affectionate wife and a large family of children who will emulate him and carry on in his stead. Our deepest sympathy goes out to them.

O. M. MULL,
From Governor Gardner.
Our heart goes out to you and the family in this hour of your deep bereavement you have lost a devoted husband, your children a loving father, the county one of her finest citizens and we have lost a true friend.

MAX AND FAY GARDNER.
Wise Builder and True Friend
In the death of Bro. Tom Stamey the rural section of North Carolina has lost one of its wisest builders and truest friends. He, like Lincoln, came from the country, and he loved and gave it the best he had, and by so doing had a large part in making Cleveland county one of the greatest in our nation. We shall greatly miss him.

ZENO WALL,
Rich in Usefulness.
The sad intelligence of the death of my life-long friend, Thomas A. Stamey, brings a deep sense of personal bereavement to me. His life has been rich in usefulness, broad in sympathy and full of good works. His love for his family, his loyalty to his friends, his devotion to all worthy causes, his unselfish spirit of helpfulness to everybody, his patriotic service to his county and state, and his abiding reverence for, and unflinching faith in God, combined to make him indispensable to his community. My deepest sympathy to all his loved ones.

CLYDE R. HOEY,
Always Steadfast.
Tom Stamey was a true man, and I weigh my language when I use the word "true". You could put your hand upon him in the dark and know that he was there. He was steadfast. He was one of our country's very best citizens—public spirited to a high degree, and generous too.

He loved his friends, and never turned his back on them. His passing is a distinct loss to the whole of Cleveland county. As his life-long personal friend, I shall miss him probably as much as any man in the county.

He was a good man, and I know he has gone to a good reward. My heart goes out in tender sympathy to all of his loved ones. Let them remember that

Thomas A. Edison Going South



Thomas A. Edison, electrical wizard, is shown as he appeared in the Pennsylvania Railroad waiting room in Newark, N. J., and boarding the train for his winter home in Fort Myers, Fla. The aged inventor is taking precautions against the cold journey from the bleak northland to southern climes. In warmer climes Mr. Edison will resume experiments on the extraction of rubber from weeds.

**"God hath led their dear one on
And He can do no wrong."**
B. Y. WEBB,
Patriotic and Progressive.

The death of Tom A. Stamey has cast a gloom over Piedmont Carolina. He was my life-long friend. I valued his personal friendship beyond the power of words to express. He was an outstanding successful business man in this state. As a merchant he assisted more dependent people than any other man of his time.

He was patriotic and progressive and withal he loved his fellow man. He contributed in every way to the upbuilding of his county and his interest in public education, his phenomenal success with his private affairs made him the most outstanding man in the community.

B. T. FALLS,
Fair Dealing, Honesty, Charity.
The death of Tom A. Stamey grieves me very much. My deepest sympathy goes to his friends and family. Cleveland county owes much to him. Fair dealings, honesty, kindness and clarity were a few of his many virtues. Never too busy to advise and help. He will ever be remembered as one of Cleveland county's great builders.

J. B. NOLAN,
Faithful Friend to Man.
The death of Mr. Tom Stamey removes one of the most valuable citizens of Cleveland county—a prince of a merchant, a faithful friend to men in all walks of life, a public spirited citizen whose interest was always with those causes and movements that made for a finer community and a greater county. His success as a merchant was based and built on honest dealing.

LEE B. WEATHERS,
Editor Cleveland Star.
PERSONALS
Messrs. Lloyd Lutz and Melvin Peeler, students at Duke university spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lutz.

Potato Reveals A Face Of A Mummy

Nature plays some strange pranks at times and a recent work is the formation of the face of a mummy on an Irish potato. Jack Yates, popular salesman for the Chickasaw Thread company of this place brought the potato from Winder, Ga., a few days ago. It was found in a sack of potatoes by W. E. Hardegree, a well known Winder merchant. The potato is not only shaped like the head of a mummy or monkey, but has the eyes, nose and mouth placed in due proportion. The potato is an exhibit at The Star Office.

Oh, What A Surprise!
A fair lady with frost-bitten legs visited the local doctor and was handed a prescription. Without a glance at it she hurried to the village drug store, and to her astonishment was advised to have this particular prescription filled at the ladies' outfitting stores.

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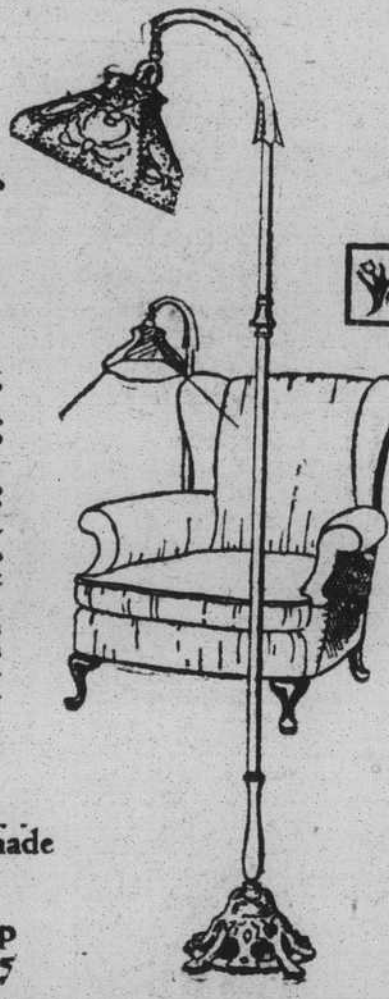
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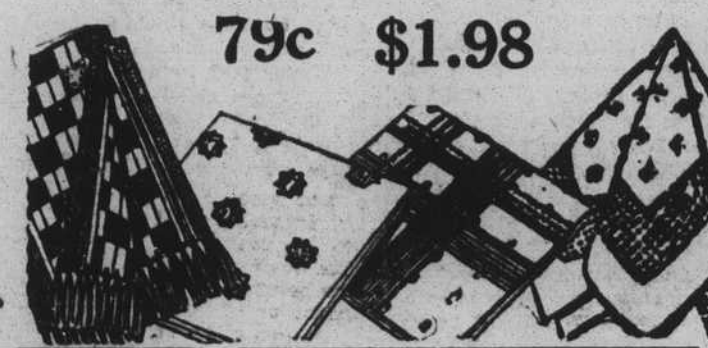
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Why not give him a smart new cap attractively boxed, for Christmas? These are especially good looking and well made with satin linings.
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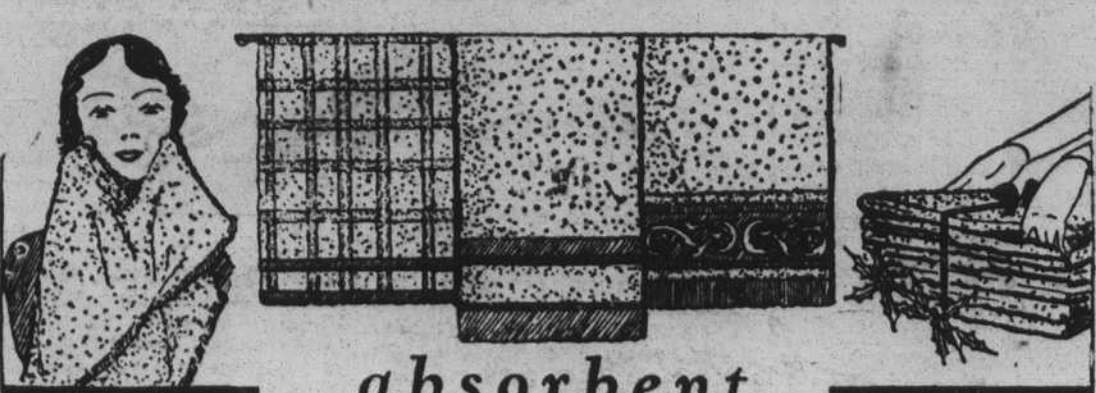


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Auto Equipped With Radio Hits Shelby; Model To Be Sold Here

Here's the latest—and it is very late—a car equipped with a radio. One was in town this morning, the speaker turned on, with some bird up in New York telling the world.
The car was a Dodge, brought to town by Mr. A. A. Roberts, who told The Star that beginning the fifteenth of this month and on sale the first of the year, all Dodge Brothers cars will be so equipped.
Listen while you ride, may be the slogan; or something like that.
Mr. O. B. Mauney, of Mauney Brothers, piloted Mr. Roberts to

The Star office. The parked car, with the radio on, attracted a crowd, and comments were numerous and varied. The set was a six tube affair, with the aerial in the top, and the mechanism under the hood, the dials being affixed to the dash. After the first of the year, you can travel to Charlotte—that is to say in a Dodge, and know when you get there that a prison riot has just been squelched in a New York prison, or that old man Henderson has bought a Christmas present in a chain store.
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