



NEWS STORY ABOUT MONTEVALLO could be the type being checked in the office of the *Montevallo Times*, owned by Mayor W. M. Wyatt, right, who shows City Clerk R. H. Tibbs, left, the mechanics of newspaper make-up.

Montevallo's Welfare Close To Heart Of Mayor W. M. Wyatt, Editor-Official

Whether it's in his newspaper shop where he edits the tabloid *Times* or in the swank air-conditioned offices of the new municipal building, Mayor W. M. Wyatt is always glad to take time out to discuss a subject close to his heart — Montevallo.

He's been writing about Montevallo in the weekly *Times* since 1935, when he came from Clanton. He's only been in the City Hall for nearly four years but he and his five councilmen have completed several municipal projects, such as:

The \$195,000 natural gas system which is municipally owned; the air-conditioned, modern municipal building; the low-cost housing project now under con-

struction; the recreation program carried on during the summer; the construction of a bridge, or the street paving projects.

The new \$15,000 bridge is a link in the highway system through the town joining Highway 25 with the Siluria Road, and giving a shorter and more direct route through Montevallo to Birmingham and Mobile.

The new (municipally-owned) \$195,000 natural gas system started operations last year and serves approximately 260 domestic consumers.

Municipal officials are justly proud of the City Hall building. Here are spacious quarters for the council sessions, offices for water and gas departments and the city clerk.

Construction is in progress on a 20-unit low-cost housing project for whites and a 32-unit project for Negroes.

The city has grown, too. Approximately 80 acres and 100 more citizens have been added since the federal census was taken in 1951.

Harry Kendrick, former city clerk, is Police Chief and Mitchell Young heads the volunteer fire department.

The city fathers have also purchased a new truck and street sweeper for the Street Department.

The council has plans for a new sewage disposal plant.

A new accounting system was set up for municipal records, supervised by City Clerk R. H. Tibbs, who has been in office for over a year. The billing, meter reading, installation and application procedures were reworked for the gas system. Councilman Sam Klotzman is in charge of utilities.

Council members are F. P. Givhan, insurance agent; M. P. Jeter, employed by a Birmingham aircraft firm; Sam Klotzman, merchant; Dr. M. L. Orr, dentist, and L. W. Wooten in the real estate business.

Mayor Wyatt is editor and publisher of the *Montevallo Times* and the *Calera Herald* and operates a printing plant for commercial printing.

A public accountant by profession, Clerk Tibbs was employed during the construction period of the Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge, Tenn. He has been in Montevallo for three years.

The Montevallo water system serves 687 customers, more than 100 of them added in the past year. Miss Beatrice Fancher is clerk and members of the board are R. E. Whaley, furniture dealer; John Foshee, attorney, and W. P. McConaughy.

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