

A Statement From the Publisher of the Montevallo Times

In assuming the ownership, management and operation of The Montevallo Times this week. I wish to say to the people of Montevallo and surrounding communities that I am happy at the opportunity to serve you in the many ways I hope will be afforded me through the facilities of a good weekly newspaper and printing plant.

From an experience of more than twenty-five years in the country newspaper field, I believe I have a right to claim some knowledge of how to conduct such a business as The Montevallo Times. It is not a new adventure for me. My experience has taught me many things that should be done and can be done by a newspaper as a constructive and progressive agency in the community.

Likewise, I have learned by experience many things that should not be done or attempted by a newspaper that would be the exponent of community progress and civic righteousness in a community.

To enumerate these things would take much space. I will mention only one; and I choose to mention that one because in so doing I will doubtless answer the one question that will be asked first by most people:

My conduct of the poli-

cies of the Montevallo Times will be without the color of politics. I want to make this newspaper an institution devoted to and capable of properly and fully serving you as a constructive community institution. To do so I shall not be handicapped and shackled by political alignments.

If you are interested in politics, that is all right with me. We shall have no arguments about that. But, regardless of politics, every citizen should be ready and willing and able to render his just portion of faithfulness and devotion to the interests of his community.

I hope to make the best newspaper this community is capable of supporting. To me, and to you people of Montevallo, I want it to be the greatest and best newspaper in the world. That is purely a spirit of community pride – the same spirit in which I believe every citizen and business man and institution should want his business and his community to be the best.

Mechanical facilities of the printing plant of The Montevallo Times will be expanded and improved as rapidly as possible. A competent, efficient and experienced personnel will be maintained to carry out my policies and to serve you.

We want to publish the

news of the town of Montevallo and surrounding communities. We want to take our part in the social, civil, educational and religious life of the community. We come here prepared to take such a part in these things as is the duty of any and all citizens and community institutions.

We know that if we would expect you to sustain us in our efforts, we must first prove to you that we are willing and able to do our part. From here as a beginning we set out confident and determined that we shall convince you of the sincerity of our purposes, and our honest desire to be a constructive community force.

The location of The Montevallo Times will remain the same. The telephone number is the same. We will call to see you in person as soon as we can. We will be busy for a time. Meanwhile come to see us. Tell us what we can do for you and for Montevallo. Tell us anything you want printed in the paper. Help us make The Times a paper worthy of the town and the people of Montevallo. It is your paper, your own institution, dedicated to the interests of your community.

Yours to serve for the best for Montevallo.

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