

Next Week May Be The Last “Times”

From present indications it appears that next week will be “the end of the Times” until after the war is over.

The most regrettable step on the part of the publisher seems unavoidable on account of the impossibility of replacements of workmen who have gone and will soon go into our country’s service.

This is Jim’s last week with us. He goes to Nashville next Monday to take up his training as aviation cadet. Travis will most likely go into the army within the next few weeks. There is no possibility of securing trained men to take their places, and there is, therefore,

no alternative other than to curtail our business operations so we can get along without them.

We will continue to carry on our printing business, which will include printing *The Alabamian*, the college newspaper, and various jobs which we do for the college and other customers.

We regret the necessity for this action but there is nothing else we can do. After the war is over if there are enough of us surviving, we shall hope to get back together and resume our normal function of producing a newspaper devoted to the interests of our community.

W. M. Wyatt,
Publisher.

(Jim, who is referred to in the story, was James Alexander Wyatt, W. M. Wyatt’s oldest son. He became a fighter pilot flying P-47’s for the U.S. Army Air Force and was wounded by German bullet fragments while in a dogfight over northern Germany in 1944. His plane was disabled by enemy fire and he lost his radio, but he was able to limp back to RAF Woodbridge Air Base that had a runway specially equipped for landing aircraft that had been damaged in air-to-air engagements. As a result of his valor in air combat and being wounded in action, Jim was awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Purple Heart. After the war he returned to Montevallo and resumed his involvement with the newspaper and Times Printing. He left the business in the mid-1950’s and went on to become a successful and prominent Sales Manager and CEO for several major printing companies from Columbus, OH to Florida.