



MONTEVALLO GAINS A MODERN SHOPPING CENTER IN 1964

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Walk behind Montevallo First Baptist Church to the parking lot. Look across the street and you will see the side of CVS Pharmacy.

But if it were 1964, you would see what is in the photograph. You would be looking at the new Whaley Shopping Center.

Do you remember the Moss Food Center? When I was a child, my mother would wait in our Ford 1962 Galaxy 500 while I would go in to get a few things she needed. I could not spell the five or six items, so I would draw pictures for my shopping list. I could draw a bag of Red Diamond coffee or jar of Bama apple jelly with no problem.

The Shopping Center opened in several stages. The first occupants in 1961 were the Moss Food Center and the Alabama Power Company store.

For the shopping center to expand, Mr. Whaley had to purchase and tear down the large Victorian Reynolds home (see photo) and several other buildings. By April of 1964, the shopping center was complete and occupied and a "grand opening" was held.

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