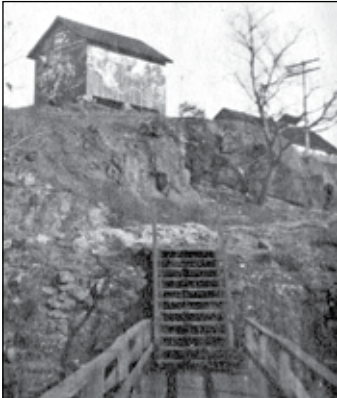


MONTEVALLO
Main Street
Memories

MONTEVALLO CITY HALL

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We know that Montevallo's first jail was located on the bluff over Shoal Creek and that the seat of city government has been on this property ever since.



Montevallo jailhouse (1915) atop the bluff overlooking the foot bridge over Shoal Creek.

The Montevallo Times advertised for bids for a new city hall in 1949 and within a year or two, the building you see below was constructed and opened to the public. In addition to the jail and city council chambers, the building housed the city clerk's office, the police department, the fire department, the city's water and gas boards, and the public library, which today we know as Parnell Library.

The photo (above right) was taken on Sunday,



In the mid-1950's, a single patrol car seemed to get the job done for the town's two-man police department.



Pictured left to right are: Milton Jeter (member), Harry Klotzman (member), Joe Meyer (member), Mr. Drake (Birmingham Civil Defense), Clay Nordan (11 year-old visitor on back of truck), Bill Pendleton (Chief), Dudley Pendleton (member), Harvey Rochester, (City Council), Mike Mahan (member), Cooper Shaw (member), and Clarence Chism (member). Others pictured at right: unidentified visitors.
 Photo by Pat Wyatt.

March 6, 1960, when the Montevallo Volunteer Fire Department held an Open House to celebrate the delivery of its new white Ford fire truck. The fire station and emergency siren at that time was located at the city hall building and adjacent to Montevallo Motor Co. The city's only firefighting equipment until then had been the vintage 1938 Peter Pirsch-built fire truck on a Chevrolet chassis which today's fire department in 2023 still owns and keeps running for use on special occasions.



The cramped and obsolete Montevallo City Hall as it looked just prior to its demolition to make way for the newer, more functional building that took its place in 2015.



The handsome new City Hall as it looks today brought a much needed expansion for conducting city business. Parking and access is much more generous while the council chamber and offices have created a more practical and professional atmosphere.

Veterans Wreaths will be laid this year at Montevallo City Cemetery on December 16, 2023. Order your wreaths now for \$17 each at WWW.HISTORICMONTEVALLO.ORG

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