

When They Try To Point This Out And Ask For Fair Stories To Be Printed About Them, They Are Denied. There Are Town Officials Who Decide What Newspaper Is Going To Be The Official Organ, Showing That This Is Not A People's Paper. This Is An Official's Paper, And Thus, All The Articles Are Going To Be In Favor Of The Officials, Or The Paper Will Lose Its Exclusive Position In Eatonton As The Official Organ, Meaning It Will No Longer Have Total Authenticity To The Public Servants That The People Elect? This Sounds Backwards Right? That's The Point. The Official Organ, Or Any Paper Should Cater To The People, (And We Don't Mean The People The Officials Control) How Many Pairs Of Shoes Can One Person Fill At One Time? How Can You Do Your Job That You Were Elected To Do Properly In Putnam County And Have Your Foot In All The Doors Of The County Jobs Such As The Building Inspector's And The Newspapers?

This Is Because It Is All A Network. Everybody Knows That The Media Is A Powerful Tool And Can Sway Or Influence The Public, Could This Be The Reason Why He Has His Foot In It? The Building Inspector's Office Can Influence What You Can And Can't Do On Your Own Land With Their Many Ordinances. Could This Be The Reason Why His Foot Is In This? The Sheriff's Department, Being The Law, Has Influence Over Both Of Them, Could This Be The Reason Why His Foot Is In This?

Was *The Eatonton Messenger* The Official Organ Before Sheriff Howard Sills Came Into Office? Think About It. Who Initiated Picking An Official Organ Of Putnam County? Was This Control Premeditated? This Is Clearly Showing You That It Is Time To Get A People's Paper That Is Controlled By The People And Not By Government Agencies. We Strongly Advise People To Stop Buying *The Eatonton Messenger* And *The Union Recorder* Until They Start Printing Fair Articles That Aren't Biased And In The Favor Of Their Friends And Associates.

And We Repeat, It Is Your Right To Investigate Their Staff And Find Out Whether There Is Fair And Equal Employment Of All Races. If Not, You Should Not Put Your Hard Earned Money Into Such An Institution. In Fact, We Should Create A Newspaper-A Newspaper That Does Not Need To Be Approved By Officials, But Rather A Newspaper That Works In Accordance With The First Amendment, Freedom Of Speech, So That The Voices Of The People In Eatonton, As Well As Putnam County Can

Be Heard. Where Those With Complaints Or Situations, Can Have Their Side Heard Without Having Their Words Twisted Or Edited.

The Cases That Go On In These Courts That People Feel, They Got Unfair Treatment And Those That Directly And Indirectly Affect Everyone's Lives Can Be Heard. People Need To Be Informed About The Changes, Especially The Laws. For Instance, A New Law Stating That If You Don't Pay \$35 To Register A Business, You Are In Trouble. Where Do You Get The Authority To Charge A Citizen For His Means. Show People Documents From The State Of Georgia That Says You Have The Right To Do This, And People Should Not Be Intimidated Or Fear Asking Who Is Behind This? And Who Gave Them The Authority?

We Need A Fair Paper, Not One That Just Puts Forth The Request Of The Authorities In Town. We Need A Paper That Tells You Of The Successes Of Not Just Eatonton, The Whole County. We Need A Paper That Tells Not Only Of The Failures And The Crimes But Of The Joys And The Plans For The Future. We Need A Paper That Alarms The People Who Were Not At The Meeting, Pertaining To The Closing Of The "Strip", How It Was Denied By The People Who Disagreed With Mr. Sills And His Desire To Control The People Of Eatonton Through Curfew And Strict Enforcement. We Need A Newspaper For, Of And By The People.

With All Of The Negative Media Play That You All Tried To Give Them, It Didn't Work. Because The Number Of Tourists Coming To **Tama-Re** Are Rising Daily. Someone Opened The Door With All Of This Media Attention Hoping That Skeletons Would Fall Out And It All Backfired. The Skeletons Are Falling Out Of Their Closets. Instead Of Turning People Off, You Opened Their Minds. Some People Never Knew That A Beautiful Egyptian Oasis Even Existed In The Heart Of Georgia And Now Everyone Is Coming To Visit, Meeting The Nuwaubians And Realize That What The Media Is Reporting Are Lies.

For All The People Who Hate The Nuwaubians, And Have Made This Possible By All The Negative Media Stories, They Would Like To Say Thank You Because They Couldn't Have Paid For This Much Advertisement.

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IS THE MEDIA WORKING FOR OR AGAINST THE NUWAUBIANS?

The Initial Articles That Were Written About The Nuwaubians By Local And Neighboring Newspapers Such As *The Union Recorder* And *The Eatonton Messenger* Were Negative And Non-Factual Articles. Their Articles About The Nuwaubians Were All One-Sided Stories With Assumptions, Rumors And Heresy. Journalists Such As **Judy Bailey** And **Jena Frazier**, Who Both Seem To Be In Cahoots With Sheriff Howard R. Sills, Did Full Page Articles, Big Bold Lettered Headlines And Colored Pictures Just To Draw The Public's Attention To The Nuwaubians. And It Worked. However, Contrary To What They Were Hoping For, The Public Responded In A Positive Way. People From All Around The Country And From Many Different Walks Of Life, Have Come To **Tama-Re, Egypt Of The West** To See Exactly What All The Hoopla Is About.

Other Newspapers Have Written Positive Articles That Are A Drastic Change From The Slanderous And Libelous Articles By *The Union Recorder* And *The Eatonton Messenger*, For The Better. There Have Been Dozens Of Articles In Newspapers Such As *The Augusta Focus*, Written By Journalists Such As **Regina Lynch-Hudson** And **Malik Russell** Who Have Sought Out The Facts, Can See The Big Picture, And Are Printing Positive Articles And Combating The Lies And Racism.

Now Instead Of The Articles Saying That The Nuwaubians Are Some Kind Of Crazy Cult, The Headlines Are Now Reading *Independent Blacks Battle Against Racism In Georgia* (*Call And Post*, Cleveland, OH), *Nuwaubians Face Nay-Sayers In Putnam County* (*Georgia Informer*, Macon, GA), *Black Moors Struggle To Survive, Racism In Georgia* (*The Metro Courier*, Augusta, GA), *Cult Or Cultural Refuge-Eatonton's "Little Egypt" Source Of Tension* (*Augusta Focus*, Augusta, GA), *Independent Blacks Battle Against Racism In Georgia* (*Philadelphia New Observer*, Philadelphia, PA), *The Battle Against Racism-United Nuwaubian Nation Of Moors Battle Against Racism In Georgia* (*New Pittsburgh Courier*, Pittsburgh, PA).

