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Summer Classics Moves to Consolidate U.S. Operations

MONTEVALLO, ALABAMA



Bew White.

Summer Classics is attempting to consolidate its Montevallo, Alabama, operations - a warehouse, cushion plant and distribution center - to Pelham, site of its 46,000 sq. ft. showroom.

A vacant 430,000 sq. ft. building, called the Moore-Handley building, may be the solution. It sits on 22 acres and is on the market for \$4.5 million. Plans call for the city to purchase the property, then sell at least a portion to Summer Classics, which would allow it to place all of its Alabama operations under one roof.

Company president Bew White has asked the city to help finance his purchase. which is presently on the market for \$4.5 million.

Other company details published in an article in *The Birmingham News* include: Summer Classics presently has 360 dealers; it employs 200 people in the U.S., 160 in the Birmingham area; its two-year-old interior furniture line called Gabby will do an estimated \$6 million to \$7 million this year.