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## Fryar leaves Morris, joins American Hometown Publishing

After 30 years of working for Morris Newspaper Corp., including 25 years as publisher of the Southern Standard, McMinnville, W.R. (Ron) Fryar has taken another job.

He has accepted the position of senior vice president of operations with American Hometown Publishing (AHP) of Nashville. The company owns five newspapers. Fryar's responsibilities



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will be to oversee day to day operations of those papers as well as aid with the acquisition of newspapers in the Southeast.

"From the time I came on board as publisher at the Standard in March 1980, I'm very pleased with what we've been able to accomplish," Fryar said.

He began his career as an advertising representative with The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro, in 1976. In 1978 he was promoted to retail advertising manager.

In 1980 he became publisher of the Southern Standard, and in 1992 he was

promoted to regional vice president of Morris Newspaper Corp.'s Tennessee properties.

Of his new job, Fryar said, "This is a good fit for me. I've had job offers in other towns that would have required me to leave McMinnville, but that's something I didn't want to do. I didn't want to uproot my family. This allows me to stay in this community...."

Fryar's last day at the Standard was Dec. 16. One of his first duties with AHP was to meet the publishers at the five newspapers owned by AHP.

During his tenure at the Standard, Fryar has held a number of leadership roles with the Tennessee Press Association, including his current one as president of the TPA Foundation. He is a past president of TPA, past president of the Tennessee Press Service and past state chairman of the National Newspaper Association.