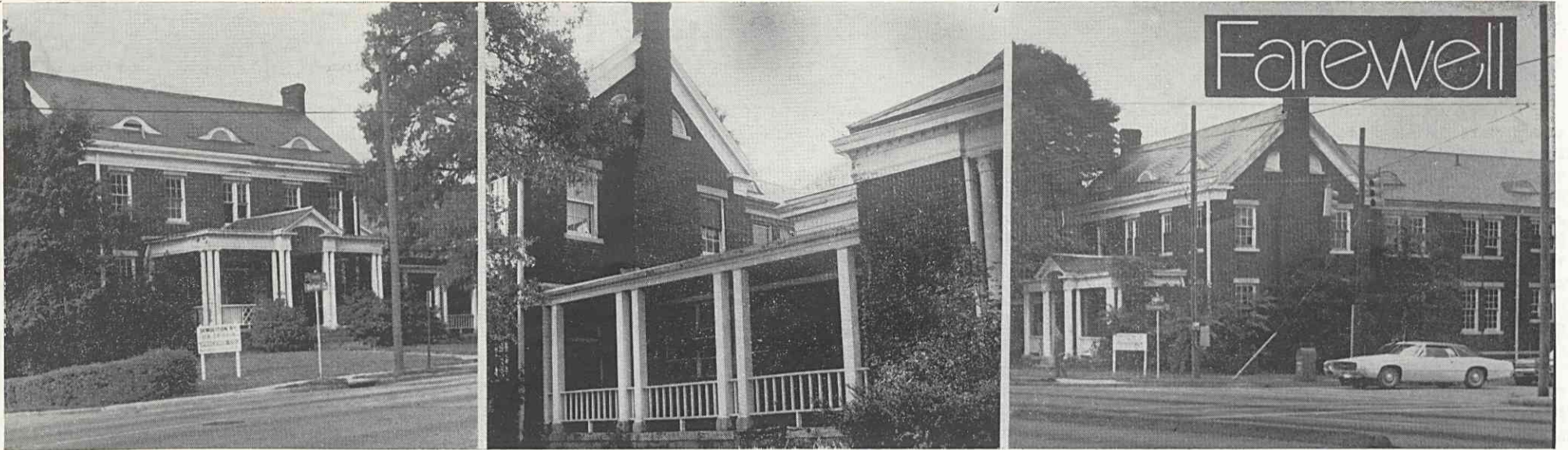


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FINAL PHOTOS as demolition began, show east and west wings and center portion. It may have been the last of employee dormitories at a textile plant.

PEOPLE STOPPED TO WATCH AS . . .

The Old Dorm Came Down

The pigeons must have known the end was coming. They disappeared long ago. So departed the squirrels in recent months. They used to romp and work in their vast sanctuary of hickories and overhanging willow oaks, slate roof and rugged walls.

Last to go were the vandals and vagabond-derelicts who invited themselves in and out among the echoing walls. It was the old Firestone Dormitory building which for more than a half-century stood on a whole block along Franklin Boulevard, between Firestone and Dalton.

Time took its toll. The Firestone Foundation decided to have it razed.

"I SAW IT RISE as a fine structure back as the 'Roaring Twenties' came in. But I never dreamed I'd see it come down," said Ben Davis, retired from the Firestone plant industrial relations department.

"... A shame and a scandal

to tumble it," lamented another bystander, watching as the powerful machines went about the business of wrecking the once-elegant landmark.

He, and maybe others, must have sneaked a bit of satisfaction at the old building's reluctance to yield. (The huge dozer broke more than one giant cable while pulling down a

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Textile School Plans Addition

A three-story addition to the present building is planned for North Carolina Vocational Textile School at Belmont. When completed, the new unit west wing and its equipment will be valued at more than \$500,000.

A recent state appropriation of \$270,000 confirmed the projected addition. The new wing, with some 12,600 square feet of floor space, will enable the school to add a two-year program in the Associate of Applied Science Degree, in Dyeing and Finishing Technology.

PLANS for the added wing include five laboratories and two classrooms. Labs will be for dye processing of yarn, woven and knitted goods, with appropriate chemistry and testing equipment; electrical controls and instrumentation; fabric-testing and evaluation; textured yarn, and fiber identification.

It is projected that it will take a full year of comprehensive planning, curriculum development and equipment selection before final plans can be completed for the new program.

With at least a year for construction of the unit, it will be the fall of 1973 before students are accepted in the added pro-

gram of study. NCVTS has already begun teaching short courses in the field of dyeing and finishing.

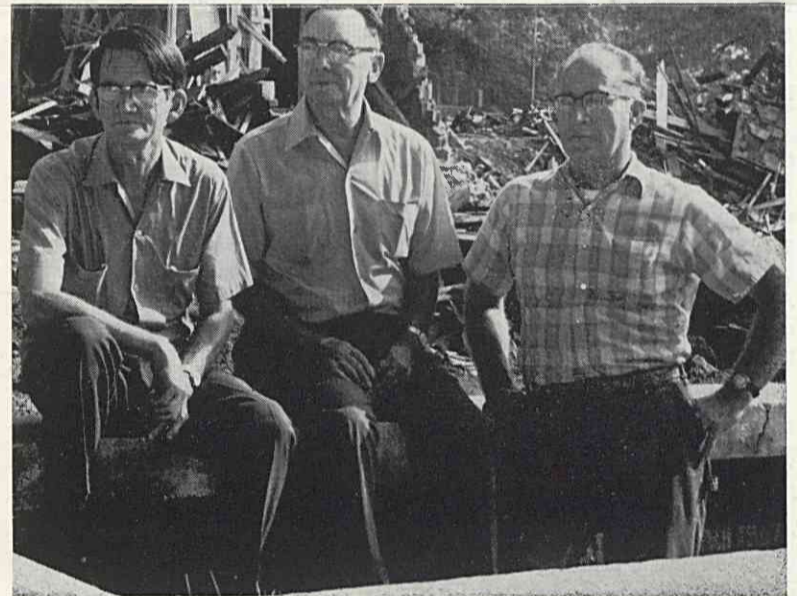
In requesting construction money from the state, the school's advisory committee and board of trustees pledged to match the state appropriation by furnishing equipment for the new facility.

Warp & Filling

Sign on door of Gastonia discount store: "IF YOUR THING IS SHOPLIFTING—DON'T DO IT HERE!"

Noted in a Franklin Boulevard cafe these hand-lettered signs: WE HAVE CHILLY CON CARNIE and ICE CREAM SAND WITCHES.

One youngster, back from summer church camp, said he took a study course entitled "How to Cope in the Space Age Without Coming Unplugged."



LAST TO MOVE • Watching as the old dorm was reduced to rubble in August (from left): Harley Brockman of TC twisting; Troy Jones, retired from shop; and Harold Freeland, spinning. They were last tenants to move when building was closed as a dormitory 15 years ago.



Cindy AND HER TROPHY

•• Cynthia (Cindy) Dunlevy was named "Junior Miss Fourth of July" in the City of Gastonia playground and parks recreation program during the summer.

Cindy won the preliminary title at Firestone Playground, taking the trophy at the Rankin Lake finals in which seven playground winners competed.

Cindy is in fourth grade at Clay Street Elementary School this year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seamon Dunlevy. Her mother works in chafers weaving at Firestone.

In the "Little Miss" category, Sherri Hutchins was preliminary winner at Firestone Playground, and went on to be first runner-up at Rankin Lake. Sherri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hutchins. Her father works in TC twisting.

Gaston United Appeal Will Undergird 33 Services

Almost 1,000 volunteers will devote their time and effort to the Gaston United Appeal this fall, toward raising a record \$566,819 to undergird 33 community services during 1972. As in past years, many of the volunteer workers will be Firestone people.

James B. Call, Firestone Textiles Company president, and John V. Darwin, administrative assistant to the President, are on the 46-member board of directors of United Community Services of Gaston County. UCS operates and administers United Appeal programs in all of

Gaston County except Belmont, Bessemer City and McAdenville. These towns have their own United Appeal campaigns.

THE COUNTY UA PROGRAM this year represents a campaign population of 109,521, said D. Gary L. Levinson, campaign president. Herbert Price

is general campaign chairman.

The Gaston United Appeal this year will be conducted Oct. 5 through Nov. 9, with the slogan "If You Don't Do It—It Won't Get Done."

Each year, the in-plant drive at Firestone is in October. It is the only general campaign of money solicitation at this plant during the year.

Pledges made are payable through payroll deduction, with the contributor choosing the plan of payment.

Throughout the 19-year history of the UA program in Gas-

ton, Firestone people's pledges have made up a major portion of the total goal sought in each campaign.

This year's largest-ever goal is an almost \$54,819 increase over the figure last year. The increase is called for because of such reasons as need for improvement of the standard, coverage and scope of services in 1972, and inevitable rising costs of providing such services through the 33 member agencies.

With the larger goal this year, campaign workers urge more
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