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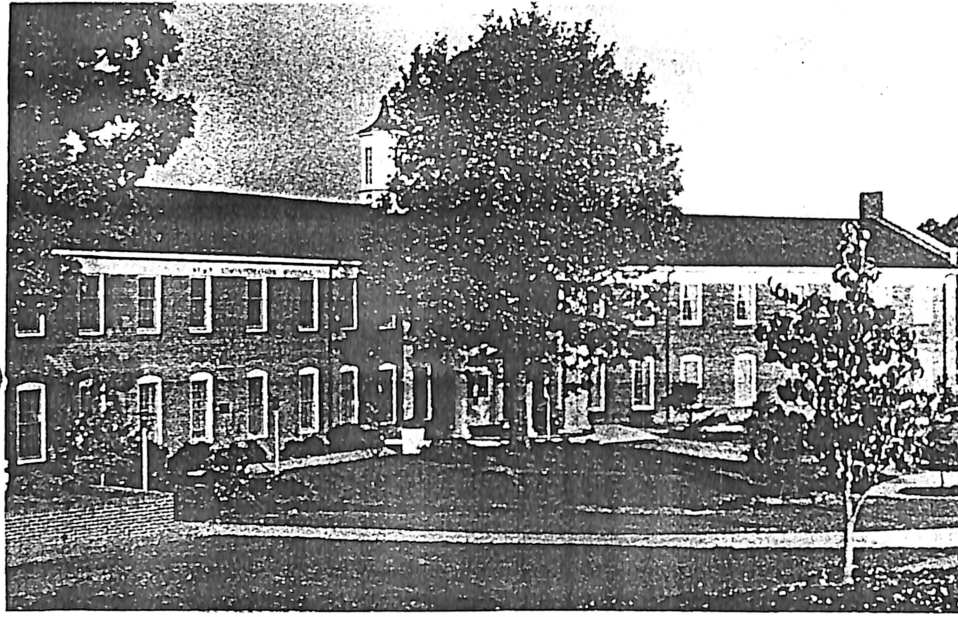
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WEBB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING EXPANSION
... shaded by fall-colored trees.

WEBB
ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING

Building Addition Dedicated

An addition to the Webb Administration Building on campus was presented and dedicated during a Founders Day luncheon on Homecoming Day Oct. 20.

The building has been doubled in size at a cost of approximately \$250,000. This addition, designed to complement and balance the architecture of the original structure, provides the space for all of the college's administrative offices to be housed in one building, for greater efficiency and clearer communication. In the past, administrative offices have been scattered in several buildings over the campus.

The Webb Administration Building was erected in honor of Mrs. O. Max Gardner, born Miss Fay Webb; her parents, Judge and Mrs. James L. Webb; her grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. George M. Webb; and her great-grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. James M. Webb. The beloved "Miss Fay" was the wife of the former North Carolina governor and benefactor of the college, which bears their family names.

Ralph Gardner, of Shelby, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, presented the building to the college at the dedication ceremony. Two of their grandsons, O. Max Gardner III and John Mull Gardner, were special guests.

Other special guests were Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Hendrix of Trinity, Mr. and Mrs. Fred West of Gastonia, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rice of Greenville, S.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Grindstaff of Forest City.

THE WEBB 10/73

New Administration Building To Be Erected

The college trustees are expected to let contracts February 26 for erection of the Webb Administration Building, to be built on the site of the old "barn" — dormitory for men since 1923.

The new building is made possible by a gift of \$75,000 from the O. Max Gardner Foundation and the Gardner family. It is named in honor of Mrs. Fay Webb Gardner and in memory of her parents, Judge and Mrs. James L. Webb; her grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. George M. Webb; and the Rev. James M. Webb.

Shown on the front cover of the QUARTERLY the administration building will be a two story structure of architecture conforming to other new campus buildings. The ground floor will house the president's office, board room, and offices for the business manager, dean, and registrar. The second floor will contain offices for the vice-president, public relations department, publications, church development, alumni, and records.

The building will face the corner of West College Avenue and South Main Street, known to all alumni simply as "the crossroads." The "barn" has been evacuated and is to be razed as soon as possible. Someone has said that tearing it down should be a simple matter as it is in such a sad state already.

Occupied by men from its erection until 1948, it was then used as emergency housing for women students for three years. Since 1951 it has served as the music building. The Fine Arts Department is now quartered temporarily in the McMurry Wing of HAPY Dormitory until the Webb Administration Building is completed and Fine Arts can be housed permanently in the E. B. Hamrick Building.

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