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SITE OF CIVIL RIGHTS PROTEST TO BE DEMOLISHED

Although newspaper attention was brought to the site by County Commissioner Bob Rackleff and the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation added the site to its “Watch List,” downtown Tallahassee seems about to lose three more of its 1930s commercial buildings, and ones with historical association. The Seminole Tribe has obtained a permit to demolish their buildings at 220, 222, and 224 South Monroe Street. These buildings, at one time, made up the southern portion of McCrory’s Department Store, which along with Woolworth’s were sites of the 1960 Civil Rights boycott and picketing to desegregate the business’s lunch counters. The northern portion of McCrory’s, however, may still be standing behind a new façade. Unfortunately no comprehensive survey of downtown’s early 20th century commercial architecture has previously been completed (see article below) and, other than the buildings in the Park Avenue Special Character District, none are listed on the Local Register of Historic Places.



Pickers in front of the portion of McCrory’s slated for demolition