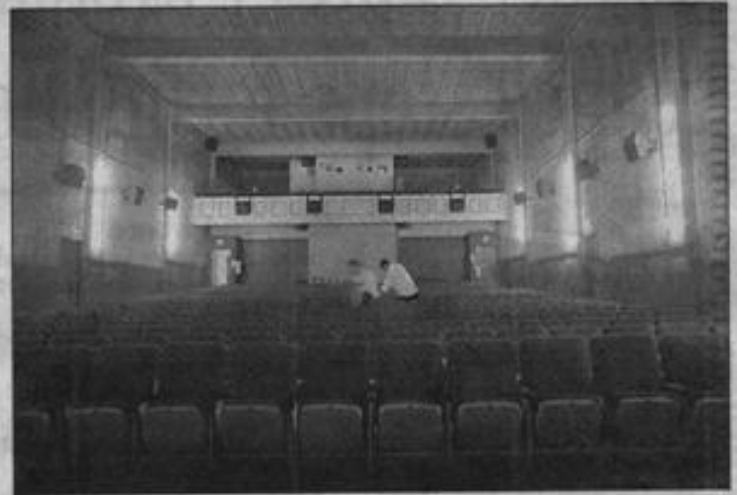


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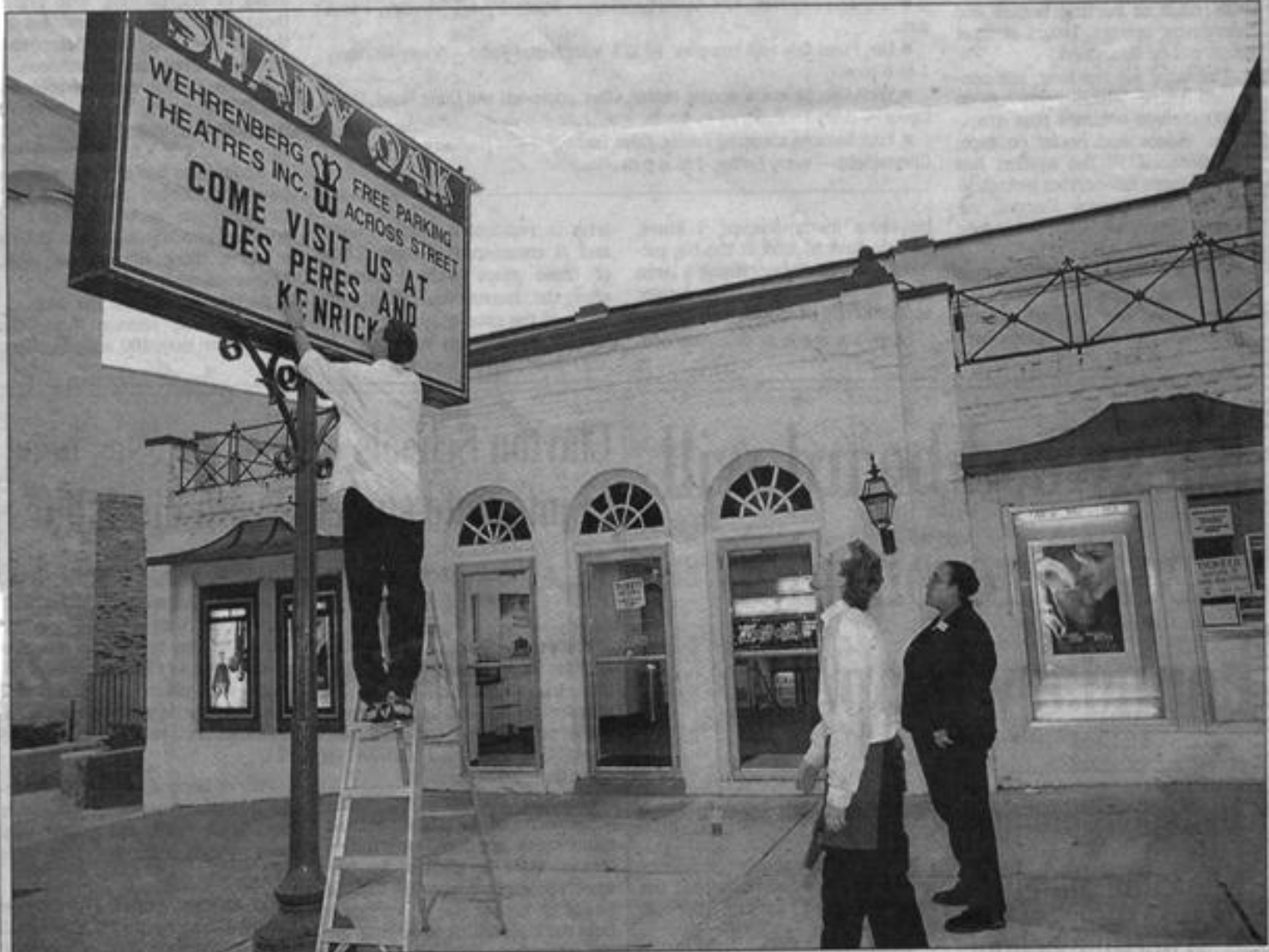
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After nearly 70 years of operation, the Shady Oak movie theater in Clayton closes its doors after showing "Autumn in New York." The theater opened May 3, 1933. Here manager Sabrina Preston (left), concession worker Craig Goodman and concession crew chief David Kirk spell out the last message for the marquee.



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Kirk (left) and Goodman sweep up in the auditorium before seating 57 patrons for the last show. Lifelong Clayton resident Rosemary Pickle, who attended with her husband, Bob Pickle, said, "We came to bid adieu. It doesn't matter what is playing, it's the last show and we want to say goodbye. We had to have the last popcorn, buy the last mugs."



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Goodman puts the last message on the marquee while Kirk and Preston look on.