

Mall Almost Finished; Dedication to Be Thursday

Only a few finishing touches remain before dedication of the new downtown mall Thursday night.

More than 100 volunteers worked over the weekend transforming a block-long section of Paint Street — between Main and Second Streets — into a garden-like mall, including a fountain and playground equipment.

Dr. W. C. Rutledge, chairman of the mall committee, estimates 900 to 1,000 man hours went into the construction.

A total of 2,020 plants and trees went into the mall area. This included 10 large moraine locust trees, 1,550 chrysanthemums, 50 small trees and a variety of shrubs.

There are about 200 chrysanthemums left for a series of narrow sidewalk planters which will be installed from 6:30 to 8:30 Tuesday evening, Dr. Rutledge said.

There also is enough money left to purchase eight shrubs for the ends of the mall and alley intersection.

\$5,000 Project
The entire project was financed by donations totaling some \$5,000.

Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Co. was scheduled to connect power for the fountain, located near the alley, Monday morning.

The city electrician will install temporary overhead spotlights on existing poles over the next couple of days, Dr. Rutledge said, and off-duty city firemen are building a decorative wooden shelter for the bus stop on Main Street.

The Chillicothe Telephone Co. also is planning two extra phone booths for the mall, Dr. Rutledge said.

Dedication Thursday
Mayor Charles H. Fair is expected to be back from his vacation in time for the mall dedication at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, the chairman said.

Downtown stores will close at 8 p.m. and the Adelphi band is scheduled to start a concert in the center of the mall about that time.

The dedication program is the first of a series of special events planned during the 30-day mall trial. Calter Eldon Piltengen and a group of dancers will stage a western square dance demonstration next Monday night.

Other events tentatively planned include a sidewalk art show and organ, choir and band concerts.

The mall is a total community effort, Dr. Rutledge said. He encouraged groups to use it for civic events.

Volunteers worked until 10 p.m. Sunday putting "polishing touches" on the mall, Dr. Rutledge said.

Most of the heavy work was completed Saturday.

Chillicothe Jaycees were responsible for six planting areas and the order of DeMolay, two.

Dennis Nordeman, Monty Roggow, Herbert Friedman, Byron Kent and Warren Engel were in Central Pharmacy donated refreshments for the volunteer workers.

The Business and Professional Women's Club, assisted by a number of volunteers, was responsible for planting the chrysanthemums.

Work was supervised by city Safety Director Charles Dearth; architect Gene Swartz, the malling traffic problems.

Last Buoy Vanishes From City Park Lake

The lone remaining buoy on the Yocetage Park lake shore disappeared over the weekend.

Service Director Edmund L. Hamburger reported Monday.

A total of 25 buoys have been stolen since they were installed this spring in compliance with a pond-fencing ordinance.

The buoys, including 100 feet of rope, cost about \$18 each.

The last buoy lasted almost four months — since vandals made off with 16 in one swoop the weekend of April 22-23.

City Council has not appropriated the money to replace the buoys. Mr. Hamburger did receive an anonymous \$80 donation for replacement of the buoys last month.

Piketon Crash Kills Man; Injures Three

PIKETON — Hubert M. Craft, 38, Columbus, died here early Sunday in a single-car crash on Route 23.

Three companions were injured, two of them seriously.

Paul Barrett, 33, Columbus, was driver of the auto. Other occupants were Richard Aitken, 46, Columbus, and John Farris, Obetz.

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Jerry Lute, Piketon deputy marshal said the auto was trav- elling at a high rate of speed and

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