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and Mrs. Eugene Swartz. Mr. Swartz was architect for the project. (Gazette Photo)

Snip of a Ribbon Marks Mall's Official Opening

More than 500 persons were on hand Thursday night as Mayor Charles H. Fair snipped a ribbon officially opening the downtown mall.

Assisting the mayor as he cut a ribbon across Paint Street at the Main Street end of the mall were Sandy and Cynthia Swartz, 9-year-old daughters of designer Eugene Swartz.

Speakers during the brief dedication program praised the many individuals who contributed time and talent to make the mall a reality.

Mayor Fair pointed out that men, women and children from all sections of Chillicothe worked in the mall's construction.

"One thing better than the addition of the mall is the knowledge that people put their shoulders together to build something fine for the community," he said.

"We are searching for ideas," he added, "and I hope this will motivate more improvements."

The mayor said if the mall had been designed and planned by salaried planners and built by paid labor it would have cost in the neighborhood of $20,000 to $25,000. "This mall has cost the taxpayers nothing," he commented.

Dr. Robert Swank, president of the Chillicothe Area Chamber of Commerce, said, "The real benefactors of the mall will be the people who use it."

Progress only earns its name "when we gain more than we lose," Mr. Swartz said during his remarks.

Dr. W. C. Rutledge, master of ceremonies and chairman of the mall committee, recognized individuals and organizations that played key roles in the mall.

Individuals included Kenneth Melvin, chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee, which developed the mall plan; Charles Dearth, city safety director; Warren Ingle, procurement and installation chairman; Rod Stewart, finance chairman; John Terry, special events chairman; Police Chief George Rice; and Harold Strausbaugh, who took photos of the mall from the air.

Organizations were the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Civil Air Patrol, Jaycees, DeMolay, Lions, Toastmasters, Kiwanis, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and St. Peter's Church.

Businesses contributing materials, equipment or labor were Basic Construction Materials, Mead Corporation, Southern Silica, Brewer and Brewer Sons Inc., Herrnstein Hardware, Eastern Avenue Lumber Co., Chillicothe Lumber Co., Sterling Vault Co., Central Pharmacy and Heiby Funeral Home.

Dr. Rutledge said the Chillicothe Telephone Co., plans to install two phone booths in the mall and the electric company is making long-range plans for underground wiring and appropriate lighting for the mall area.

The Adelphi Band provided music before and during the program.

The Very Rev. Msgr. Julius Klinec gave the invocation and benediction.

$1.75 Million In Last Half Taxes Noted

Treasurer Russell Friend reports $1,751,691.92 has been received in last half 1966 real estate tax collections and assessments. That amount has been certified to Auditor Orville J. Barrett for distribution.

The collection, Mr. Friend said, brings to $3,887,273.54 the amount collected in 1966 property taxes and is higher by $207,927.11 than the 1965 tax receipts.

A breakdown of the latest collections shows $1,744,510.49 comes from real estate and $7,181.43 from assessments.

Amounts collected in real estate tax from the various taxing subdivisions and according to townships are:

Buckskin — Adena School District, $707.79; Greenfield School District, $39,785.77, and South Salem, $1,989.88.

Colerain—Zane Trace School District, $19,146.59, and Adelphi, $3,762.45.

Concord — Adena School District, $65,071.51; Miami Trace School District, $697.14, and Frankfort, $15,132.18.

Deerfield — Adena School District, $26,109.93; Unioto School District, $652.08, and Clarksburg, $5,804.58.

Franklin — Scioto Valley School District, $43,719.37, and Waverly School District, $4,905.17.

Green — Zane Trace School District, $79,168.16, and Kingston, $22,362.90.

Harrison — Scioto Valley School District, $9,197.93.

Huntington — Huntington School District, $41,249.93.

Jefferson — Scioto Valley School District, $33,838.51.

Liberty—Scioto Valley School

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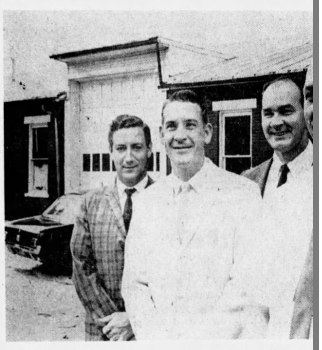

ORGANIZE NEW FIRM — These four men are organizing Redi-Bilt Gar ufacture pre-constructed garages. Standing outside their manufacturing are, from left, Glenn Price, vice president; Vernon Boler, president; Ea tary-treasurer; and Charles Eldridge, chairman of the board.

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