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**'Bonus Days' Shoppers**

Taking advantage of "Birmingham Bonus Days" bargain items at Muhlolland's last Friday were (from left) Mrs. Hugh Brady, Mrs. Vincent Madison, Mrs. E. D. Parmenter and Miss Catherine Noone. At far right is Lucy Leigh, saleswoman. "Bonus Days" was a two-day sale sponsored by the Retail Merchants Division of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

**B'ham's Mall Is Gone;  
City Withdraws Approval**

By KEN WEAVER  
News Editor

Birmingham's mall has been removed—and our face is red.

On page 8-B we have a story written last week and not updated saying that no one knows the future of the mall at Maple and Henrietta in the downtown business district.

That was the situation last week when The Eccentric checked with various individuals; no one seemed to know just what would be done. Monday night, however, city commissioners withdrew approval.

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of the experimental mall.

And Tuesday, employees of the parks and forestry department removed it, lock, stock and barrel—or rather, trees, shrubbery and barrels.

AFTER SOME controversy over the matter, commissioners voted 5 to 2 Monday to withdraw the permission they had given the Central Business District Development Committee in December to install the mall.

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at the intersection.

Police Chief Ralph Moxley is to report next week on police department statistics based on its study of the effects of the mall.

Page said he thought the commission as a matter of courtesy should wait for a report from the CBDCC before taking action.

Mrs. Willett thought it would be wise to "wait for both the traffic and CBDCC reports."

RENFREW countered with, "That might take some time." Mrs. Willett replied, "Let's ask for it to be set a time."

Renfrew contended that it was a "courtesy to the merchants to remove the mall now; the commission should wait until the experiment is completed."

Roberts, stating that many people—including merchants not members of the CBDCC—had spoken to him in opposition to the mall. "Public reaction is opposed to it now," he declared.

Page, saying he felt the commission should wait another week or two before making its decision to allow time for the CBDCC to complete its experiment, asked: "What's the big rush?"

CITY PLANNER Herbert Herzberg, when consulted, told the commission, "The mall has served its purpose. The traffic study is completed."

He added that it would be well to study "what happens after it goes out" to determine what the results were after removal of the mall.

A compromise seemed in the offing when Commissioner William H. Burgum suggested amending Commissioner Carl F. Ingram's motion to withdraw permission by adding the words: "Without prejudice to future plans."

Mrs. Willett and Page said they felt that those words would take "the sting" out of the commission's arbitrary action.

BUT WHEN it was pointed out that a motion already passed could not be amended, but would have to be reconsidered, no one made the necessary motion.

And there the matter ended.

Art Educators Show at BAA Opens Sunday

Oakland County public school art teachers will exhibit their creations in prints, pottery and paintings at a show beginning Sunday at the Bloomfield Art Association, 361 North Woodward, Birmingham.

The teachers, who formed the Oakland Art Education Association in 1958, have termed the exhibit a chance to stimulate their individual growth as artists, aiding their instruction techniques.

THE EXHIBIT at the Bloomfield Art Association will open, for members only, at 8 p.m. Gallery hours for the public are from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Special tours or groups can make special appointments by contacting the BAA office.

Howard Matlock of the Birmingham Public Schools and Harold Jaslow and Leo Dworkin of the Oak Park Schools are cooperating in the organization of the show.

AREA ART instructors participating in the show at the BAA show include Maggie Nichols, Dotie Rosser, Phil Savaggio, Helen Meyers, Faye Geyman, Lillian Clawson, Ray Hickerson, George Landino, Carolyn Switzer, Ken Wynsma, Ella nor Smith and George Crane.

Employee Grievance Procedure Adopted

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night adopted a grievance procedure for City employees containing time limit for the various steps involved.

Commissioners set a limit of 30 days for each step employees must take in seeking action on any grievance they might have toward the City. Previously, there had been no time limit.

**Troy News  
Briefs**  
Sheriff's Dept.  
Conducts Course  
For Skin Divers

Oakland County Sheriff's Dept. is organizing an auxiliary unit of qualified skin divers to assist in water rescues.

A special course conducted by the department has an enrollment so far of 25 divers. All are volunteers who have had previous skin diving experience. They completed qualifying tests administered by the department.

The special course came about following a search earlier this winter by skin divers from throughout southeastern Michigan for the body of a diver at Green Lake.

DEPUTY MEDWARD Tessier, a diver with three years of underwater rescue experience, is instructor of the special course.

Said Tessier of the Green Lake incident: "We became aware that many of the volunteers were not well trained in underwater techniques and posed a threat of further drownings at the time."

The 25 trainees will back up the sheriff's department one qualified deputy-skin diver.

The course is open to other skin divers who can qualify, Tessier said.

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**Municipal Court  
In Birmingham**

Before Judge John C. Emery, Jr.

Friday  
Nate Thompson of Detroit fined \$50 for simple larceny.  
Ted P. Schallman of Farmington fined \$10 for assault and battery.  
Ozell Jones of Detroit fined \$10 for simple larceny.  
Leonard Buffing of Detroit fined \$25 for simple larceny.  
Wednesday  
Alexander Bunby, 58, 327 S. Woodward, Birmingham, fined \$50 for driving under the influence of liquor.  
Cameron E. Gill of Detroit sentenced to five days in jail for drunk and disorderly.  
Elijah Thomas, Jr., 24, of Detroit sentenced to six days in jail for speeding.

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