

# Mall Construction Forging Ahead

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Sutter Hill's multimillion-dollar shopping mall on 41st Avenue in Capitola is forging ahead steadily, with work slated to begin Wednesday on a 75,000 square foot Mervyn's department store.

Michael Couch, company vice president in charge of the project, said Friday:

"Our expectation is that Mervyn's will open on Feb. 27 next year."

Couch said that at this time the project is not feeling the effects of a cement truckdrivers' strike but that "there is no doubt the project will feel effects if the strike goes on for months."

Mervyn's will be anchor store of a huge project expected to include some 40 to 45 stores in a carefully designed and landscaped mall setting near Sears.

Expectations are that the shopping mall will be a regional center for many years to come.

Couch said that about 32 per cent of the available space has already been signed for and that negotiations for about 45 per cent of the remaining space

"are now in progress.

"We are planning to open the mall in March," Couch said,

Dwight Bryan Gorton as mall manager."

The mall construction by the

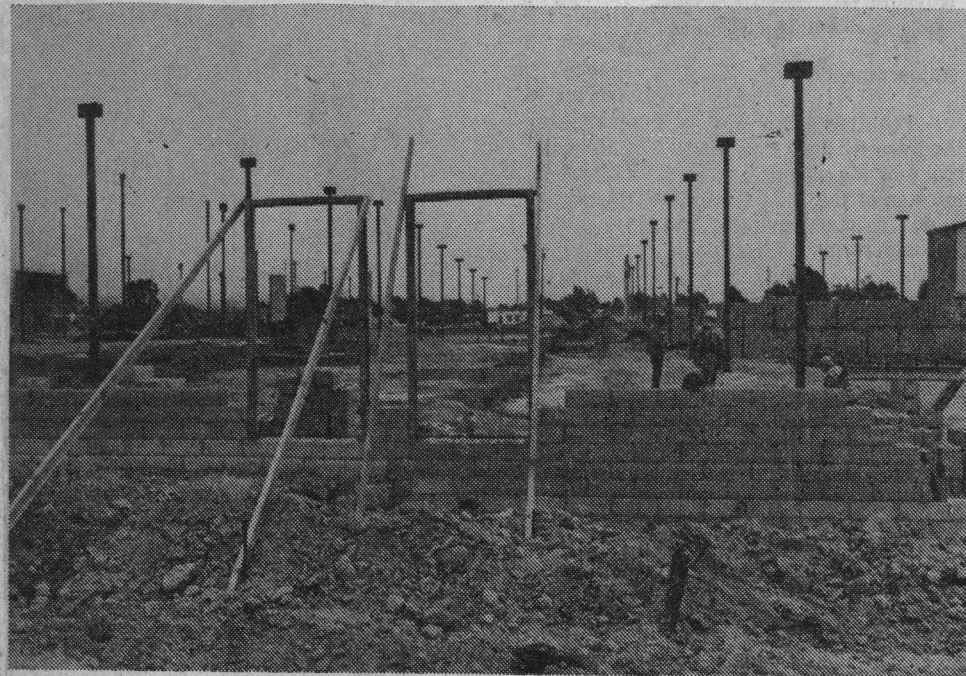
Johnson and Mapes firm of Palo Alto is now in progress.

Site preparation is by the

Ernest Hahn Construction Co.

Bids were received from five contractors Friday for construction of the big Mervyn's store, but an award will be held in abeyance pending analysis of the materials submitted, Couch said.

Royce Wilson, the company's representative at the site, said the work is proceeding smoothly, with some walls and support columns for the mall already up and with other progress on schedule.



The beginnings of the great Sutter Hill shopping mall on 41st Avenue look like this, and you may wish to put the picture in your scrapbook to show your grandchildren one day what the area looked like before the Mervyn's department store and some 40 to 45 other stores were built on the site. The walls are supports for the mall, with the columns shown slated one day to support the deck according to Royce Wilson, on-site representative for the developer.

## Plane Crash

VICTORIA, Canada (AP) — The bodies of a California couple missing since Friday on a flight from Seattle to Victoria were found Saturday afternoon, searchers say. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Elkins of San Dimas, Calif., were killed when their single-engine Cherokee Arrow crashed when Elkins attempted to make an instrument landing in poor weather at Victoria International Airport.

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You are looking through a cement pipe that will be a ceramic-covered planter at the Sutter Hill shopping mall now under construction at 41st Avenue in Capitola. That backhoe in distance is digging hole for the planter to sit in to add special touch of beauty. The regional shopping center will be landscaped and otherwise beautified to give patrons esthetic pleasure as well as bargains.



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These shear walls will tie construction together at the Sutter Hill shopping mall now under development at 41st Avenue in Capitola. The mall is scheduled to be opened next March, while Mervyn's department

store is expected to open Feb. 27 next year. Mervyn's will have 75,000 square feet of offerings for its patrons, according to Michael Couch, Sutter Hill vice president and project manager.

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