

Clock Town Clock *8-3* **Is Working, But Not Toll**

A new part has been added to the Old Town Clock at the head of the Pacific Avenue Garden Mall so it's keeping time again, just as it did at the turn of the century, for the city's downtown area.

And with any luck at all, the Old Town Clock will begin bonging the hours early next week, according to Robert Darrow, chairman of the Old Town Clock Committee.

Gene Corriden, horologist and one of the hardest working committee members Darrow says he has ever met, worked through the heat of last Friday, then on Monday and all day Tuesday to install the new part: an electric rewind motor that cost about \$1,000.

In the past, Corriden has had to go up weekly in a "cherry picker bucket" (that's a truck with a crane-like arm and bucket) to wind the old clock. The clock then had to be stopped for a while so that the new part could be obtained and fitted in.

Now the clock will be rewound electrically and Corriden's weekly trips to the top of the tower will be a thing of the past.

After the striking mechanism is working, that is.

Darrow said the project is nearing another longsought goal. Only about \$10,000 more needs to be collected from community minded people to meet the obligations assumed when the Bicentennial year project was undertaken with the approval and cooperation of the city.

Want to make the old bell ring?

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