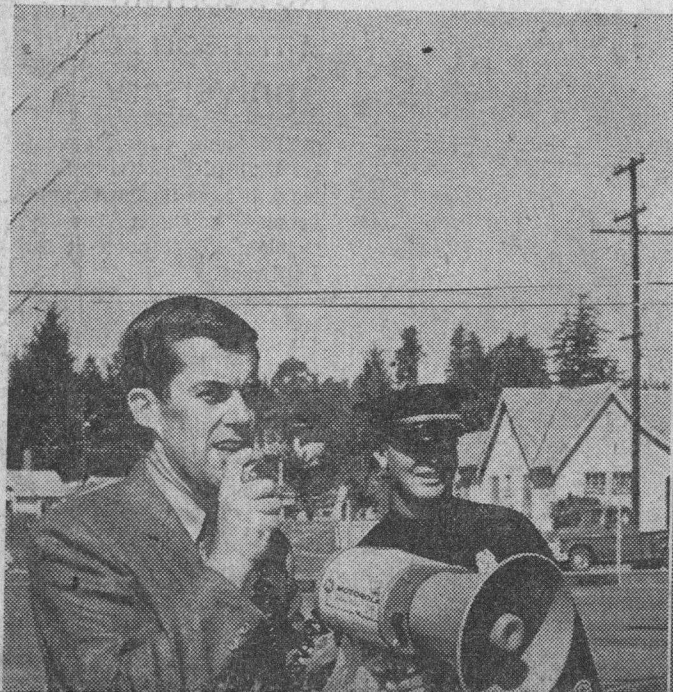




Mark Ewald, Bay View fifth grade student, was selected as a five-minute fireman during Tuesday's initial demonstration. Mark is wearing the gear of Fire Captain Bill Reedy of the West Santa Cruz station (left).



# Still A Thrill

Members of the Santa Cruz Fire Department last week conducted a series of demonstrations on modern fire-fighting and rescue techniques at the city's public and parochial schools in commemoration of National Fire Prevention Week.

The shouts and squeals and enthusiastic applause that greeted the firemen's efforts proved that the drama and excitement that have thrilled generations of youngsters (and oldsters) continue to amaze and delight in today's more sophisticated age.

Coordinated by Fire Inspector

Bob Armstrong, the programs included three major demonstrations. The first was held Tuesday at Bay View School, where these pictures were taken, and was for the benefit of fifth graders from the city's four westside schools as well as all of the pupils at Bay View. A similar demonstration was presented Wednesday for eastside fifth graders and students of the Branciforte Elementary School. The third major program was given Thursday at Holy Cross.

In addition, a number of 15-min-

ute programs were conducted at the individual elementary schools.

Armstrong, who this week assumes new duties as battalion chief in charge of fire prevention at Milpitas, combined his explanations of equipment and techniques with urgings that students "study hard, listen to your teachers, and do your home work so that you too may be a fireman some day."

He explained that the demonstrations would help the children learn what to expect if a fire broke out at their school or at home. He hopes the programs will become an annual event.

*Text By Mel Baughman*

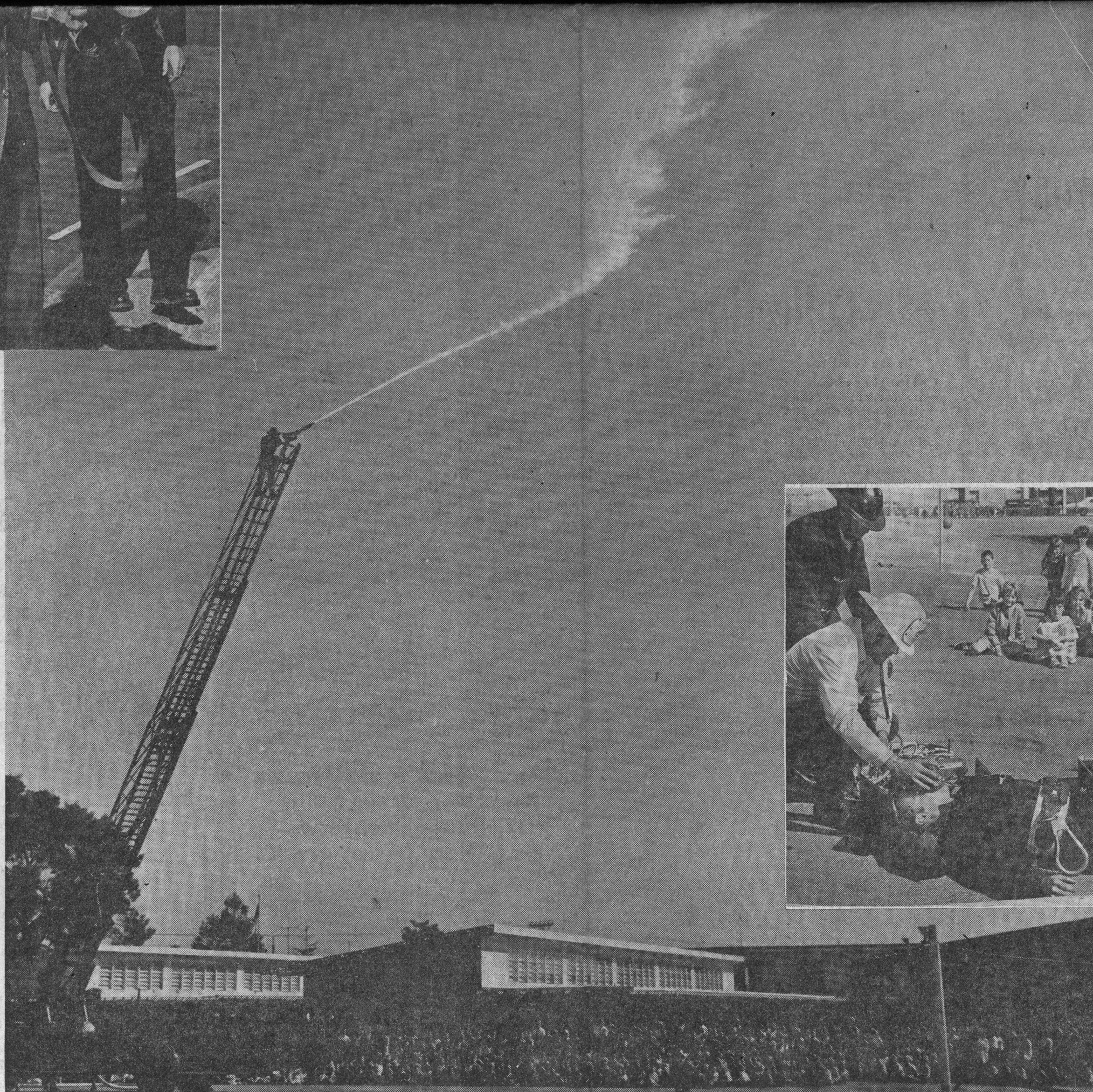
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Gerald Towner, principal at Bay View, talks with students at the end of the demonstration which was coordinated and narrated by Fire Inspector Bob Armstrong (right).



Sometimes firemen are overcome by smoke, and when that happens their comrades come to the rescue with special equipment. Here Bill Bare, above, helps Forrest Linderman to the ground in a simulated rescue from the top of the 75-foot aerial ladder that soared into the sky over the Bay View playground area. Once Linderman was safely on the ground, Captain Reedy, below, demonstrated the use of the department's emergency resuscitation equipment, which, Armstrong noted, "has saved many lives in Santa Cruz."



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