

# Town Clock To Get 'Topping'

Santa Cruz' historic Town Clock will get its top on, Wednesday, according to Robert Darrow who heads the fund drive for the restoration and replacement.

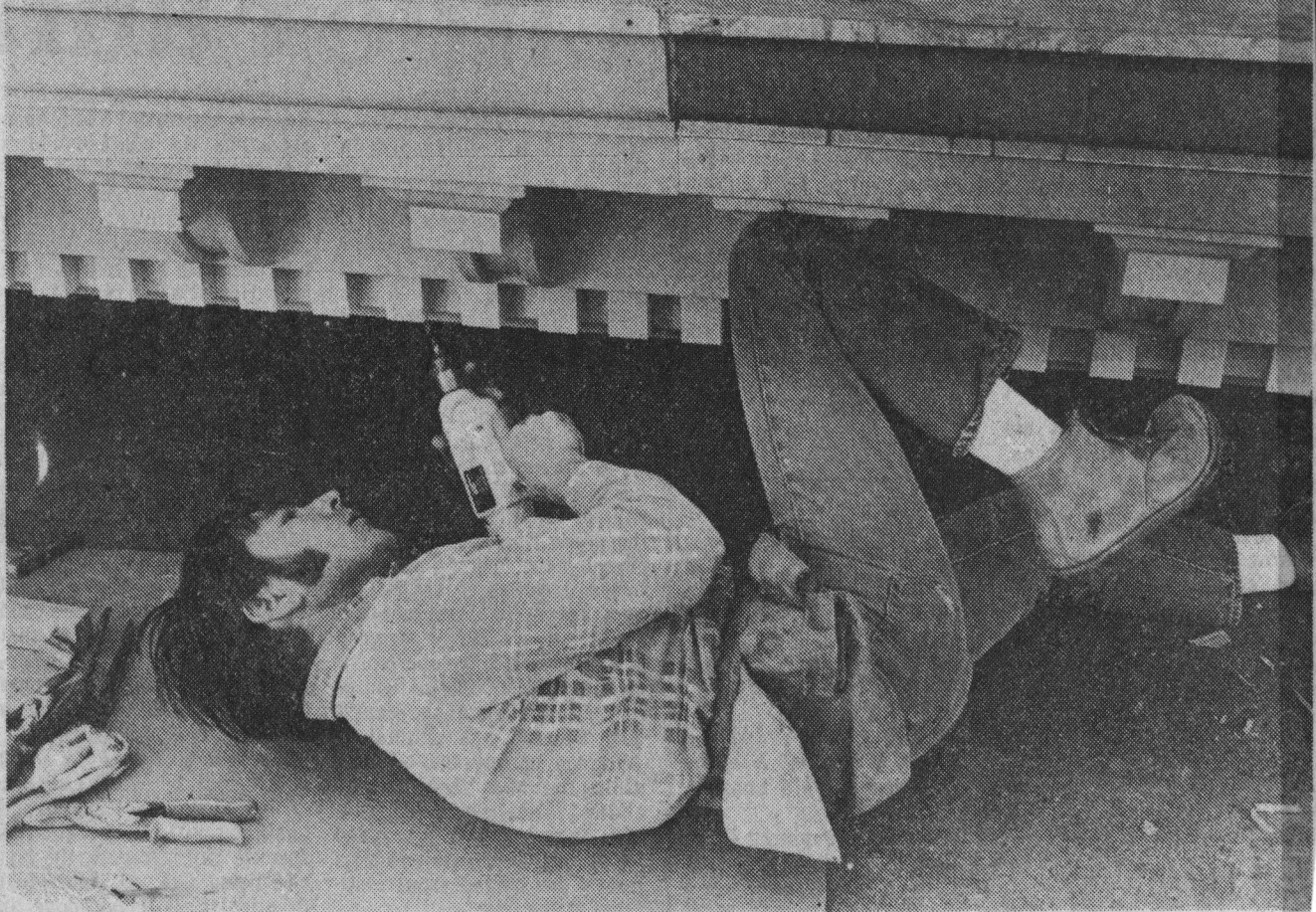
The top includes the actual clockwork, the cupola, a bell, the roof section, then the flagpole. The flagpole, which has been sitting atop the unfinished tower, will be removed, then replaced as the final touch, completing the top.

When all in place, the clock tower will measure 75 feet from the ground to the tip of the flagpole, according to Tom Reese of Reese Construction which will direct the final steps in completing the long-awaited tower.

The completion will begin Wednesday morning with a crane to lift the finished sections with city workmen assisting workers from Reese. The crane has been rented from Bogaard Construction.

Bogner Sheet Metal was responsible for the unique sheet metal work which entailed much special hand casting. The cupola was constructed of wood by Reese, then completely covered with galvanized sheet metal by Bogner, with even the decorative spindles, railings and pilasters done in metal. This is expected to go up in the early afternoon.

The shingles atop the roof section were hand-molded



Workman at Reese Construction puts final touches on the cupola of the historic Town Clock which is to be completed Wednesday. Entire top sections were first

by special craftsmen of fiber glass, using a lattern taken from the original tin shingles which were beyond salvaging. Sand molds were made for some of the more

ornate decorations on the cupola.

A bell will be mounted in the cupola and the clock works will be installed with

constructed of wood, then covered completely with intricate sheet metal work in faithful reproduction of original.

Frank Carroll doing the electrical work and George H. Wilson the sprinkler system hookup.

Final paint touchup will be performed by Schaefer's

Painting Service.

"If all goes as planned, the clock tower should be completed by tomorrow afternoon," Reese stated.