



Preparing one of the giant treads which will move the crane along is Greg Nycz. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

Giant skeleton graces the sky in Farmington

It plays around the bell tower of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington with the grace of Quasimodo chaffing with the gargoyles of Notre Dame.

Temporarily holding the title of the highest point in the city, the 160-ton crane used to lift the pre-fabricated walls of Farmington's senior citizen apartment building has raised the eyes of passers-by who notice the contraption.

Parked on the site formerly occupied by Farmington Junior High School on School Street and Grand River, the crane is operated by Greg Nycz and Fred Hutchinson.

While Hutchinson operates the controls inside the crane's cabin, called the train house, Nycz is the other, the person responsible for watching that the

crane's outside operation is smoothly completed.

IT TOOK three days to assemble the machine which arrived on the site in late February in 11 trucks. The assembly began on Feb. 29 and was completed March 3.

Used by Forest City Dillon for the Farmington construction job, the crane was hauled to the city from its last site in West Lafayette, Ind.

There are two booms which are used in the crane's operation. The main boom is 165 feet high and has an auxiliary boom of 130 feet high.

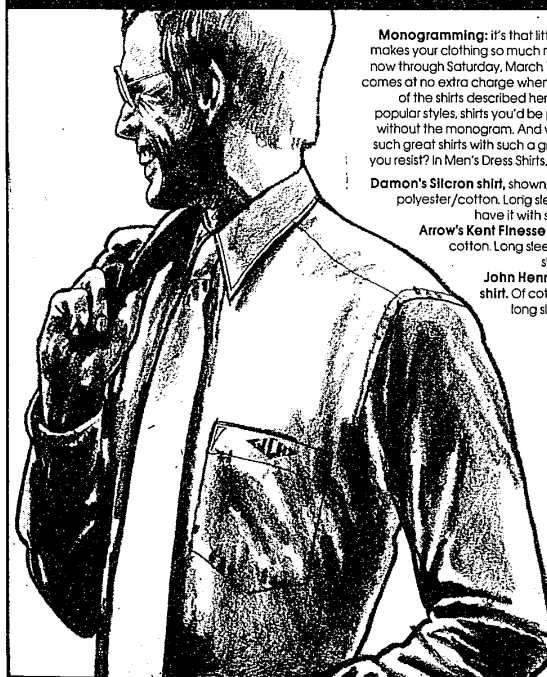
The diesel engine powered machine has a 12-ton weight to the rear of the train house which counters the affects of the boom's weight during operation.



Fred Hutchinson has the seat of honor when it comes to operating the big crane.

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