

Fire station addition provides elbow room



Fireman Art Krieger makes use of the new kitchen.

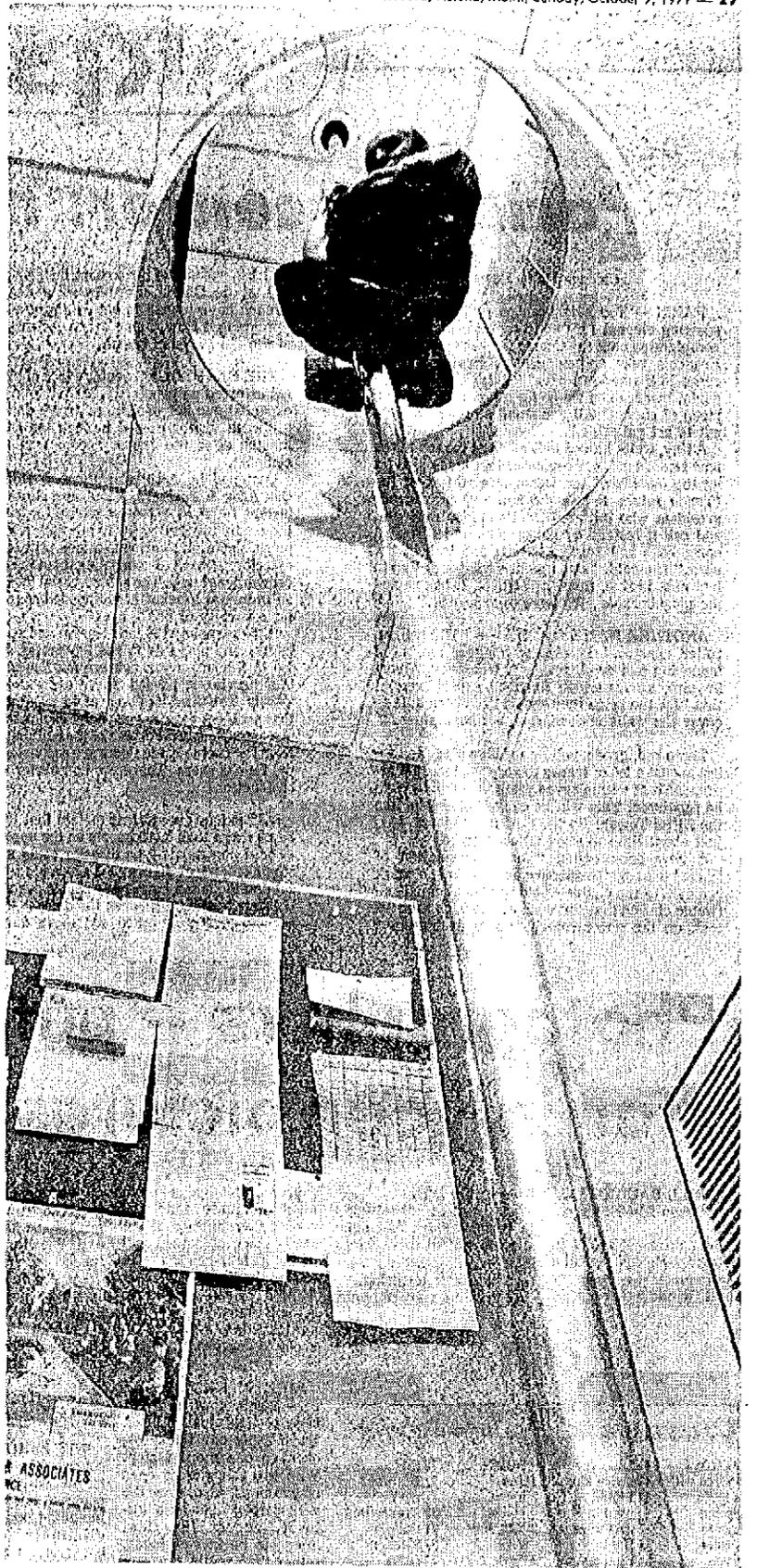
There's a new look to Helena's old fire station in the Civic Center. Work has been completed on the \$318,000 addition. And for the first time in years, firemen have adequate room to store equipment, work, train, exercise and live during the long hours that often separate fire calls.

The three-story addition on the tennis court side of the Civic Center allows for the enlargement of equipment bays on the main floor where fire trucks, including the huge new ladder truck, have been fighting for space.

The addition also includes four new offices, a training area and reception on the main floor. On the second floor are the dorms, a kitchen and ready area, lockers and showers. The basement will be used for storage and some training.

But not all is new in the new addition. Between the second and main floors is the shiny brass fire pole that was in the old fire station beneath Fire Tower Hill and hasn't been used since 1937.

Architects for the addition, constructed of brick to match the Civic Center, were Crossman, Whitney & Griffin of Helena. The general contractor was Joe Reber.

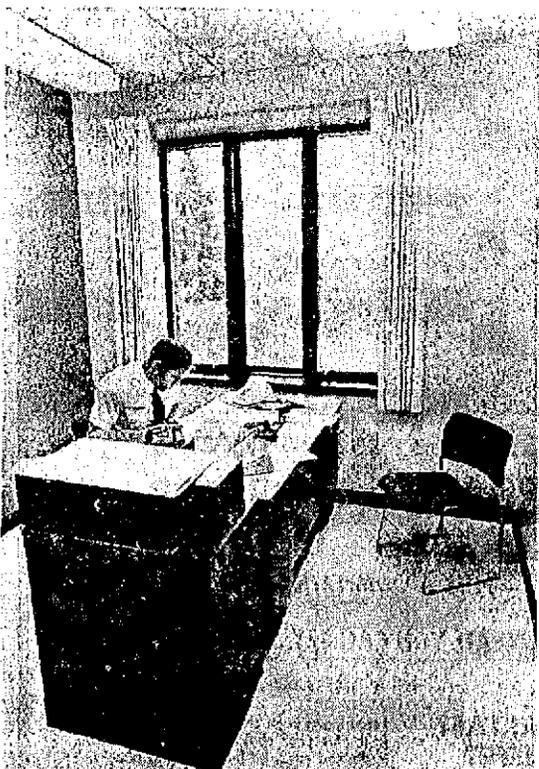


Fireman Bob Pare makes a quick descent on the brass fire pole.

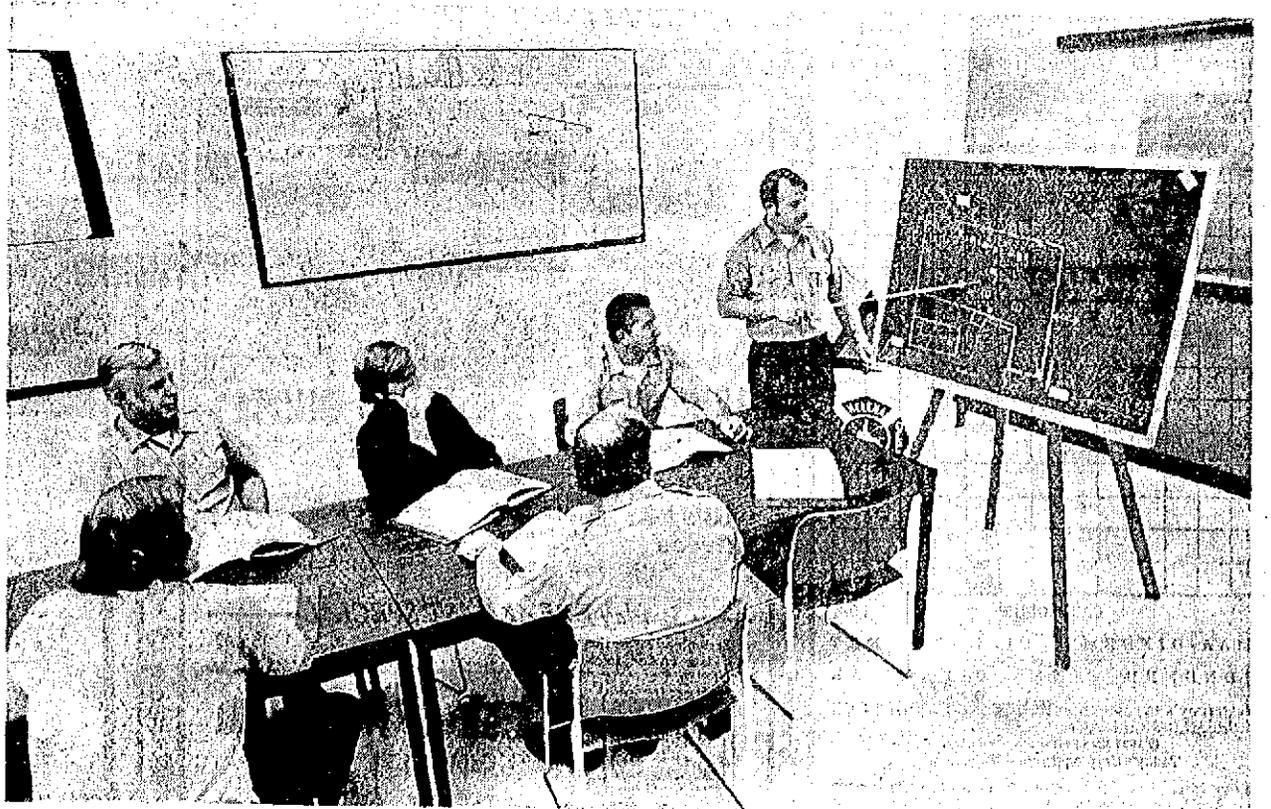


Dorm provides place to sleep for on-duty firemen.

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Assistant Fire Chief Norm Gray occupies one of the new offices.



Fireman Doug Duncan conducts a class in the new training area.