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SAN JOSE EVENING NEWS

Amateur Radio Group Drills

Local amateur radio operators are ready for an emergency if one arises, on the basis of a week end of field operation just concluded, according to Leonard Scarpelli, who was chairman of the event.

Some 30 "ham" operators pitched camp on Mt. Hamilton near the Lick Observatory and put in 30 hours of continuous operation under conditions similar to those in an emergency. Power was largely supplied by a 5½-kilowatt gasoline generator unit mounted on a truck and furnished by Bob Mason, director of communications for Santa Clara County.

Ten transmitters were in operation, and 713 contacts were made with other amateur stations throughout the United States, Alaska and Hawaii.

An interesting feature in this year's test was the use of equipment operating on a wavelength of about a quarter of a meter. With it, San Francisco and Sonoma were contacted.

'Hams' Train For Disaster

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San Jose area amateur radio operators ended a week end of field operations Sunday, and Leonard Scrapelli, chairman for the event, said they are ready to go into emergency operation.

Thirty radio "hams" camped on Mt. Hamilton near Lick Observatory and put in 30 hours of continuous operation under simulated emergency conditions.

Power for 10 transmitters in use was supplied by a 5½-kilowatt gasoline generator mounted on a truck. Power supply was supplied by Bob Mason, Santa Clara County communications director.

Operators made 713 contacts with other amateur stations in the U.S., Alaska and Hawaii. San Francisco and Sonoma were contacted on equipment operating on a wave length of about a quarter of a meter.