

Schoharie Fire Truck Makes Trial Runs

SCHOHARIE — A new truck, called the "Chevy" by the fire boys has been out on several trials the past few days. It is replacing the "Henney," Schoharie's rural fire truck which was officially retired about midnight of March 22. All the equipment on the old truck was removed and mounted on the new truck which was recently purchased by members of the fire department from funds received from the people of Schoharie and the surrounding area.

The new truck is equipped with a booster tank holding a ton of water for immediate action in the event there is no water available at the scene of the fire. Carrying more hose than the old truck, the new truck has available the much sought after inch and a half hose, desired by firemen because of the small size, easier handling and the need for less water. All hose lines are equipped with the latest combination fog and straight stream nozzles. For combating grass fires and incipient type of fires, several Indian Pumps have been added augmenting the foam type extinguishers.

The old truck had served since 1937 when it was purchased from B. J. Farquher who had used it as a hearse. Fritz Rolfe and Thomas Vroman were instrumental in rebuilding the hearse into the fire truck and since then it has answered all local calls as well as all out of town calls except those to Central Bridge, Middleburg and Cobleskill where the large La-France fire truck was used instead.

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