

Oneonta Safety Board Accepts Bid Of \$19,890 for Rural Fire Equipment

Actual Cost to City \$12,752 Due to Civil Defense Grant

Binghamton Press Bureau
 Oneonta—Board of Public Safety officials in Oneonta have accepted the bid of an Ohio firm to furnish the city with a rural fire fighting apparatus at a cost of \$19,890.

The bid, submitted by the Seagrave Corp. of Columbus, Ohio, was the only one received by the board during its regular meeting at City Hall last night.

In accepting the bid, however, Chairman Milton H. Henderson and his colleagues noted that the board's action is subject to approval by the Citizens Council, which the apparatus can be purchased.

Acting City Clerk Bertha Clark received the bid from Thomas A. Crosson, 715 Main street, Oneonta, area representative for the Seagrave Corp.

Identification called for the truck, which is especially designed for fighting fires in rural areas, to be made available at a cost not exceeding \$20,000.

The apparatus was described in the bid as a Seagrave Model 800, with a 700-gallon pumping engine and a compact cab with a capacity of seven men.

Delivery date of the truck, which will have a 100 horsepower V-8 motor, was set at 10 days after the order is received by Seagrave in Ohio.

Although the price is listed at \$19,890, the actual cost of the apparatus to taxpayers, if purchased, will be only \$12,752.

Early last week, Mayor Roger C. Hughes was notified that \$12,000 purchase of the vehicle will be made available to the city through the Civil Defense program.

The apparatus would be used to fight fires in the newly formed fire protection district in the Town of Oneonta which has a three-year fire protection agreement with the city at a total cost of \$17,500.

Chief Seaton Tells Board Of 3 Minor Arson Cases

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 Oneonta—Fire Chief Joseph M. Seaton of Oneonta has been confronted with three minor cases of arson during the past few days. It is disclosed last night.

In a report to the Board of Public Safety, Chief Seaton revealed that three minor fires in the community have been traced to the activities of two small boys, between the ages of 10 and 12.

The incident was in a storage barn in Hunt Street, leased by the Oneonta Contracting Co., shortly after midnight last Thursday, when Chief Seaton estimated the damage at about \$400.

A second fire started by the boys was in an oil drum near Compton's Grill in South Main Street, while the third was near the Grand Union Supermarket in Main Street.

One of the boys was described by the chief as "a pure or mental case," who had recently been released from an institution in regard to a violation at his home in Oneonta. He has since been returned to the institution.

The second boy was visiting in Oneonta from Brooklyn, and he, too, has been returned to his home.

Chief Seaton said that within 48 hours after the happening of these fires, the boys were picked up for questioning in city police and admitted their guilt.

Turning to Chief of Police Robert J. Siemens, Chief Seaton said he wanted to commend the Police Department for doing "an outstanding job."

Single-edged cut for special patrol by the fire chief were Sgt. Raymond Cudde, and Patrolmen Lathen Turner, John L. Cook, Alphonse Pizzo and Alvin H. Nichols.

Tax Operators Make Plea For Increase In Rates

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 Oneonta—An increase in tax rates appears imminent for Oneonta today, as a result of what the operators describe as the mounting costs of maintaining their fleet.

All of the operators' preliminary approval of the Board of Public Safety last night to increase their taxes, but action on the request was deferred pending a conference with City Attorney Anthony DeAngelis.

Edward Tinkley, a spokesman for the operators, said he had been informed that the matter was one for the board to decide, but Chairman Milton H. Henderson and his colleagues had not yet made a decision to be determined by the Common Council.

In seeking the board's approval of what he called a 20 per cent increase, Mr. Tinkley pointed to the ever-increasing costs now being borne by the operators.

Among those, he explained, are the cost of insurance, cost of new cars, and the cost of repairs, as related to their own and company's vehicles.

Paul Klidas, another operator, said the last time the rates were increased was in 1941, when the price was upped from 20 cents to the present 10 cents.

The new rates being sought by operators would be 40 cents a call, with 10 cents for each stop on route, and 10 cents for each stop off the route.

In addition, the operators hope to charge 20 cents for each call for 25 cents for additional charges over time, pieces, and 20 cents for grocery orders carried with passengers.

The request lists the operators of Mr. Klidas, operator and Van Deuren's Taxi, Mr. Tinkley, owner of Oneonta Cab, Myron E. Stanley of Blue Cab, and Frank W. Haddock of Terminal Taxi.

Board Favors Revocation Of Cab Driver's License

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 Oneonta—Oneonta, Illinois driver today faces loss of his license for a 30-day period for running around the law.

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As an additional punishment, the Board of Public Safety last night recommended that his license be revoked for a 30-day period.

The board's recommendation was given to the Common Council for consideration, before official action is taken.

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His companion, police said, was Joseph Ford, 18 Eighth Street, and Richard Page, 7 Park Avenue.

At Police Headquarters, Deha and one of his companions were said to police to have damaged the wall and a chair in the sergeant's room, as well as punching in the sergeant's rest room.

All three were fined similar amounts, given 10-day suspended sentences, and Deha and his companion ordered to pay for the damages.

Overloader Pays \$15 in Oneonta Retired Farmer Is Dead at 79

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Walkout Cripples Linn Coach Plant



FRONT—Employees of the Linn Coach & Truck Division of Great American Industries, Inc., in Oneonta parade near the front entrance yesterday as they walked out in support of their demands for salary increases averaging 25 cents an hour. They are members of Local 922 of the International Association of Machinists.

Left to right, with their wives, are Donald Blinn, John Vasek, and Arden Jackson, all of Oneonta.



AND REAR — As the picket line in front of the small plant continued, other employees established a similar line at the entrance to the plant's parking lot. Linn products especially designed trailers for the Air Force.

Firm Silent on Pay Hike Plea, Defense Work to Be Halted

Binghamton Press Bureau
 Oneonta—Striking employees of a small defense plant in Oneonta continued picketing today, as the company remained silent on their demands for wage increases averaging 25 cents an hour.

The strike at the Linn Coach & Truck Division of Great American Industries, Inc. in Oneonta is in support of a 25-cent pay raise for the 100 employees who are working on the plant's production line.

The union, Local 922 of the International Association of Machinists, has been picketing the plant since last week.

The company has refused to meet with the union to discuss the demands.

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Firemen's Parade Feature Of Walton Fair Tonight

Walton—Paul G. Williams, secretary, announced the following schedule for the annual Delaware County Agricultural Fair and Horse Show which opened at noon today and will run through Saturday at the Walton Fairgrounds.

9 a. m. — Opening of the fairgrounds.
10 a. m. — Parade of floats and bands.
11 a. m. — Opening of the fairgrounds.
12 p. m. — Lunch and refreshments.
1 p. m. — Parade of floats and bands.
2 p. m. — Opening of the fairgrounds.
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4 p. m. — Opening of the fairgrounds.
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3,000 4-H Exhibits Vie For \$3,400

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30 on Grand Jury Panel In Chenango

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Civil Service Group to Meet

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Wrist Broken in Fall

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Bondholder Plan Will Split O&W

New York—A group of bondholders of the Oneonta and Walton Railway Co. has filed a plan to reorganize the railroad into two separate entities.

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