

October 12, 1983: Vehicle Day: Teaming up with Schoharie Central School, 23 business people and their work vehicles came to the village for elementary students to learn about occupations.



DISAPPEARING ACT — Pete Von Linden, right, wowed Schoharie elementary youngsters by making garbage disappear into his truck during Vehicle Day, a career-oriented program sponsored by Schoharie Elementary School and the Schoharie Promotion Association, last Wednesday. — S&J Photo.

Schoharie hosts Vehicle Day

More than 700 Schoharie Elementary School youngsters had an opportunity to learn about careers last Wednesday, when the school administration and the Schoharie Promotion Association (SPA) cooperated to produce Vehicle Day.

The day's activities brought 23 business people with their work vehicles to the streets of the village, and students walked downtown to see and learn about occupations.

"New regulations from the state Education Department mandate that we teach about careers in elementary schools," said elementary Principal Helen Maxwell, who helped organize the day. "This is our kickoff event, and the idea is to interest and motivate the students.

"Nothing seems to pique the interest of a young boy or girl than a great, big shiny truck," she added.

Mrs. Maxwell said the SPA contacted the 23 business people, who each agreed to talk to one classroom of students, find a vehicle to represent his occupation and

bring the vehicle to Vehicle Day.

"We wanted to get the Promotion Association involved because they have the expertise and knowledge about occupations," Mrs. Maxwell said.

"The response was beautiful," she continued. "The Promotion Association helped us a lot, and the people who came were willing to give up two days of work to come."

Grades kindergarten through six, led by the 80-member elementary band, paraded from the school to the downtown area to start the day. All 730 students took part in the event.

Mrs. Maxwell said Vehicle Day was the first in a series of career-oriented studies at the elementary school. "Hat Day," when each student wears a hat representing an occupation he'd like to hold, will be held later this fall. Students will be required to talk about their chosen occupation to their class.

Other activities about careers are scheduled for later in the school year, Mrs. Maxwell concluded.

