

# ENDWELL SEEKS TO BE DESIGNATED AS FIRE DISTRICT

Taxpayers Sign Petition to  
Supervisors Asking That  
Territory Be Set Aside

## TO TAKE OVER APPARATUS

Johnson City, Jan. 3. — Preliminary steps toward the organization of a fire district to coincide with school district 2, the center of which is Endwell, were taken last night when about 40 taxpayers in the district signed a petition at a meeting held in the Endwell fire station, requesting the Board of Supervisors to designate the section in question as a fire district.

If the plans are completed, a board of three or five fire commissioners will be elected by the taxpayers to administer the affairs of the present firehouse and apparatus, provided the taxpayers, at a special election to be held after the board of fire commissioners is named, approve a bonding issue to meet the cost of buying from the O. E. Davis fire company, the property and apparatus the company now owns.

The O. E. Davis fire company places the value of its property and apparatus at about \$8,500 on which has been paid, about \$4,000. The fire company will donate the amount paid in on the property and apparatus to the district, so that the fire commissioners would be obliged to raise by a bond issue about \$4,500.

Figured on a basis of nine \$500 bonds refundable at the rate of \$500 a year, the cost to each property owner, would average about \$1.25 a year additional taxes, George Burt, chief of the fire company, explained last night.

The organization of the fire company has effected a saving in insurance costs in the district. The rate of old line companies has been reduced from \$1 to 75 cents on each \$100 of insurance and of mutual companies from \$1 to 65 cents, provided the property insured is within 500 feet of a hydrant. Much of the district is laid out with hydrants.

The proposed fire district extends from the Endwell village line east to Gray's crossing and from the Susquehanna river north to the Horton farm on the Oak Hill road.

If the proposition as submitted last night is carried the fire company will continue to act as a volunteer company but the administration of the firehouse and apparatus will be in the hands of fire commissioners.