



Answering an emergency call, the Greenbrier fire wagon rolls from the Menasha fire station. Addition of the wagon to the city's fire truck fleet presented no space problem—it can be parked in a small area between the two main doors of the station.



Portable generator, which powers a smoke exhaust fan, is placed in wagon by fireman Cyril Gunther. Masks worn by the "smoke eaters" are stored in kit under window.



Fire-fighters wearing metallic, heat-resistant suits test extinguishers. Other emergency equipment carried by the Greenbrier includes a resuscitator, oxygen bottles, tarpaulin, blankets, heat-deflecting masks and gloves, and grappling and drag hooks.

On the job, the wagon stands by while firemen keep a blaze under control during the planned burning of two houses condemned to make way for a new park. Doors of the Greenbrier are kept open, to permit easy access to emergency equipment.

MENASHA, WISCONSIN, FIRE-FIGHTERS SAY

Their Sports Wagon Is A Work Wagon

Smallest but most versatile of the four vehicles in the fire department of Menasha, a community in the Fox River Valley of Wisconsin, is a Greenbrier Sports Wagon stocked with special fire-fighting equipment. The compact, maneuverable Greenbrier, able to weave its way through downtown and rush-hour traffic snarls with far more ease than the two pumpers and 85-foot-long ladder truck can, rushes to every fire and emergency situation in the area. (In its first three months of operation, the wagon made more than 100 fire and emergency runs, in addition to many fire inspection trips.) Both Mayor John Klein and Fire Chief Edward J. Heim are enthusiastic about the wagon's performance. Chief Heim says: "The Greenbrier has most of the equipment we need to handle emergencies, and since it can get through heavy traffic much faster than our larger, more expensive trucks, we can use it for every call. This means our big stuff doesn't have to make every run." Some of the more unusual equipment carried by the Greenbrier includes a furniture dolly, which firemen wearing fresh-air masks use to carry heavy objects from a building, and a portable hydraulic press unit, which is mounted on a wall of the wagon and which can be used to help free a person caught in machinery. In addition, two litters can be put aboard the fully loaded wagon, so it can serve as a standby ambulance.

