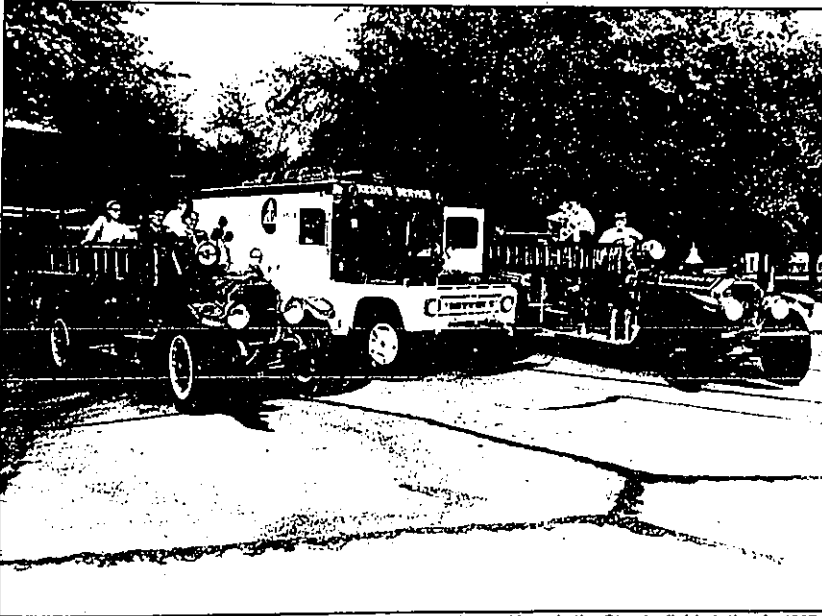


Highlights of last 50 years



Construction began in 1954 on two new city fire stations. Pictured here is the Chesterfield station in 1967.

How far back into Birmingham's 50 years as a city does your memory stretch?

Can you remember:

- 1935 — Local businessmen meet to plan the first Halloween parade with prizes and refreshments.
- 1942 — Forty area women with sons in the armed services have organized the third Michigan unit of the MOMS of America Inc.
- 1946 — The City Commission votes to take over the responsibility for maintaining Greenwood Cemetery after 64 years of community support by the Ladies Cemetery Association.
- 1947 — Articles of incorporation are signed for the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.
- 1952 — \$3.3 million school bond issue passes Birmingham district vote by 3-1 margin; two new grade schools to be built, six added to and five sites to be bought. New Birmingham High school was occupied for the first time, first graduating class.
- 1953 — Ground broken for the new Oakland County Hospital, later named William Beaumont Hospital.
- 1954 — Construction begun on two new city fire stations.
- 1955 — South Oakland County Water Authority delivers Detroit city water to Birmingham area residents for the first time.

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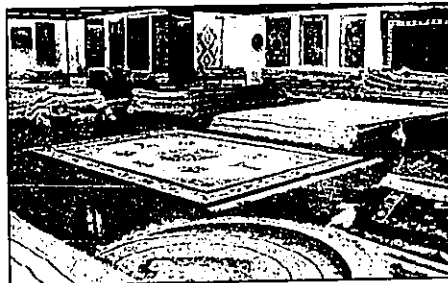
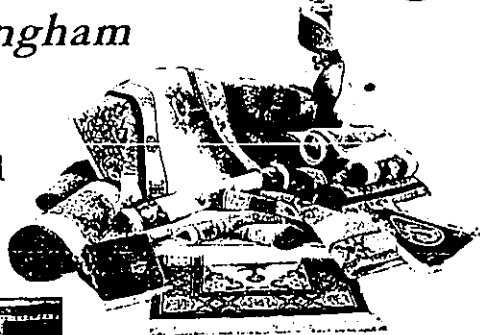
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