Taking a Tour of Birmingham’s Two New Fire Stations

**Keynote Modern Facilities At Chesterfield and Bowers**

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The move for modern living can be found in Birmingham’s two new fire stations.

There is a notable difference from the drab old fire halls of the past.

Walls are paneled in pastel shades, with plenty of windows to bathe the silhouetted figures in weary eyes with cheerful light. The dormitories in both stations can accommodate a total of 18 men, without counting the officers. In the former hall there were 16 beds crowded in a locked dorm.

**Living Quarters**

At the Bowers-Adams station are all on the second floor, while at Chesterfield, similar but smaller facilities are on several levels next to the fire truck crews.

A kitchen at Bowers hall is the housewife’s dream. Plenty of stove and refrigerator space with the sink in a fair-sized room, all of which can be seen from the sleeping quarters.

**AT THE Bowers Station**

The second floor was the home of the living quarters and another floor was the dormitory. The dormitory contained four dormitories and four bedrooms, each with a separate entrance. Each dormitory was divided into two sections, each with its own entrance. The dormitories were furnished with bunk beds and a small table and two chairs. The bedrooms had a single bed, a desk, and a closet.

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**Land Ho!**

Briarcliff Park, East Orange, New Jersey, the “new” U.S. Fire Station.

**New Home**

Into the new home at Bowers.

**Plenty of Bunk Space**

Plenty of room in the sleeping quarters at both stations. Each has a dormitory for 18 beds.

**CHOW TIME**

William McGhee cooked the first meal in the modern Bowers kitchen.

Here the crew feasts on the initial lunch in the dining hall.

**Lounging**

Relaxing in the Bowers lounge are (left to right) William McGhee, Jerry Trice, and Lt. C. G. Nunnally.

**East Side**

A two-story building, with spacious second floor living quarters, comprises the station at Adams at Bowers.

**West Side**

First of the two new fire stations at Chesterfield and it.

Mayor was opened in May. It is a two-story building.