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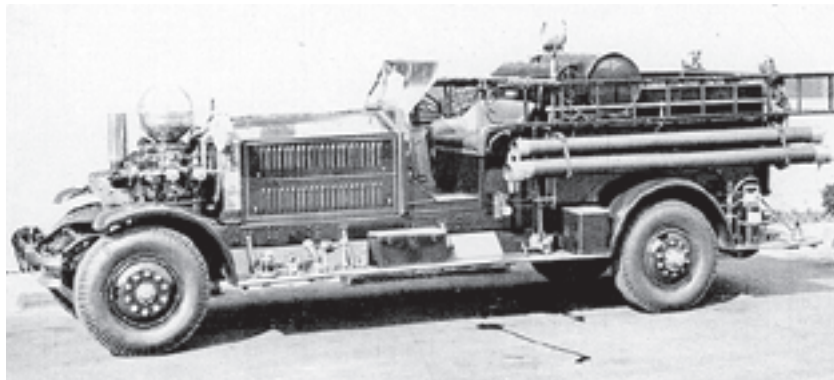
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## Fighting Fire: Before & After



A photograph of men in a fire wagon returning from a call, sometime in the late 1800s.

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A photograph of the 1930 Ahrens Fox Triple Combination Keene fire truck. This pumper replaced the 1883 horse drawn Amoskeag Steamer.

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### In The 1950s

Northwest Airlines and Mohawk Airlines offered flight services in and out of Dillant-Hopkins Airport starting in 1954 which include two daily flights to Boston, New York, Albany, and Lebanon.

In September of 1955, the first television cable service was established in Keene by Better TV, Inc. Also during this year, a development of 111 new homes were built off of Court Street known as Pako Park.

The year 1956 is marked down as the tearing down of the Central Junior High School on Winter Street. During this year Keene telephones went to a dial service, receiving the code name "Elmwood" and the 352 number.

On May 31, 1958, the last passenger train from Boston arrived in Keene with 23 passengers on board. This same year, Keene's first shopping plaza was built on West Street by Edward and Lester Fairbanks.

In 1959, the radio station WKBK was established by the Monadnock Broadcasting Corporation and the new YMCA was dedicated on Roxbury Street in Keene.

Also this year, Keene State College celebrated its 50th anniversary, the Keene Shopper News (now known as The Monadnock Shopper News) began publication, and a new state armory was built on Hastings Avenue.

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