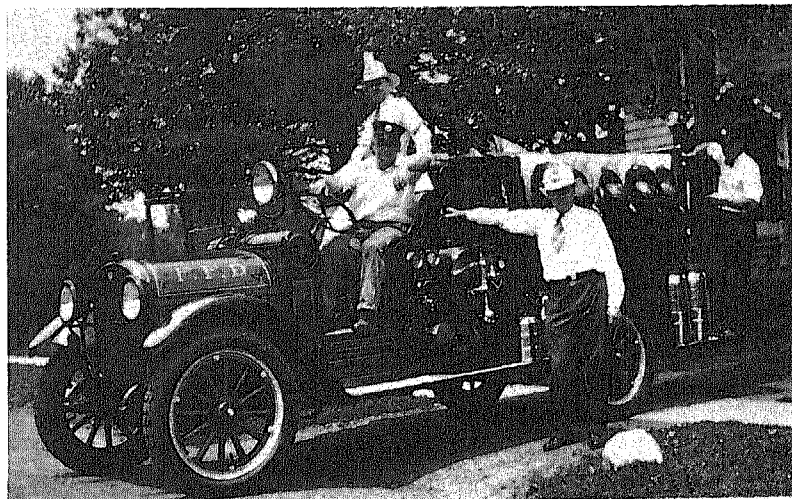
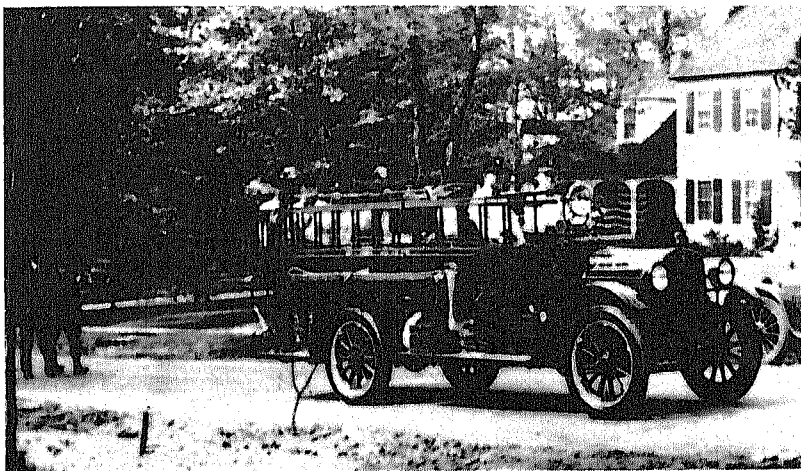


The firehouse had withstood considerable use until then. On May 16, 1922, the membership voted unanimously for the reconstruction of the building, the cost was not to exceed \$4,000.

The first motorized fire engine arrived on December 18, 1923. This was a Reo Speed Wagon, purchased from the Buffalo Fire Appliance Corporation at a cost of \$4,469.00. It was designated Engine 1 and served the borough until 1947. After much discussion between the membership and the borough council it was decided that the six members of the Fire Company who were licensed drivers be instructed in the operation of the engine. These members were placed in charge of the apparatus and alternated the duties among themselves. On December 25, 1923, the engine was used for the first time at a fire at the home

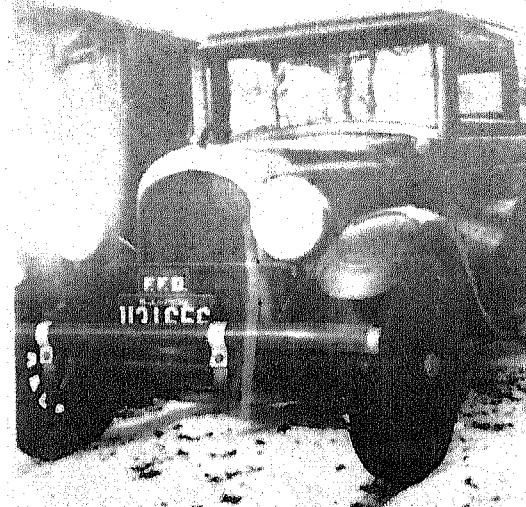


*The six members of the fire company who were licensed were instructed in the operation of the REO Speed Wagon.*



*Fanwood's REO Speed Wagon was used in the Memorial Day Parade when not in service fighting frequent house fires.*

of T. G. Campbell, on the corner of Midway Avenue and Russell Road. The fire occurred at 4:45 A.M. and is believed to have been caused by the faulty electric lights that decorated the



*Even before there were personalized license plates, a fire fighter in 1932 had special Fanwood Fire Department tags.*