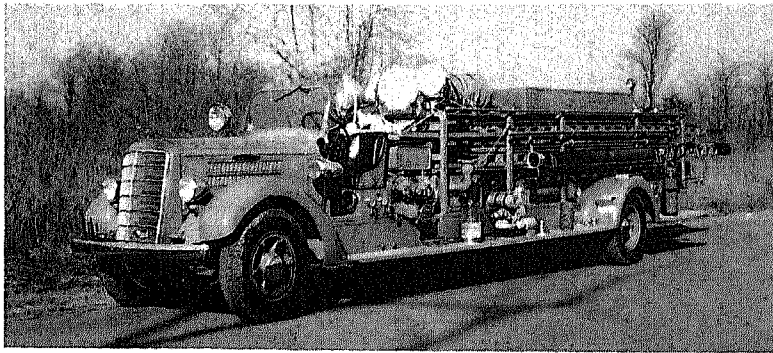


A service flag and honor roll was presented to the borough by the Fire Company on March 18, 1943. The presentation was made to honor all citizens of Fanwood serving in World War II. The flag was hung from the firehouse across Watson Road. The number of men in the service was shown in numerals in a circle of stars.

A Mack triple combination truck, type 45, was ordered in 1947 to replace the twenty-four-year-old Reo speed wagon. This fire engine arrived and was put into service on December 16, 1947. It had a pump (500-gallons-per-minute capacity), and it held water (300-gallon capacity) and hose. The engine designated Engine 3, cost the borough \$8,486.79. This engine is still officially in service and is used as a reserve engine as well as a parade piece.

On March 16, 1948, the membership of the Fire Company passed a motion to disband the Fanwood Rescue Squad of the Fanwood Fire Department. The Rescue Squad was forming as a separate company. The membership agreed to advance money to the new squad for an addition to the firehouse. The added bay was to house the ambulance. The members also agreed to do the work themselves.



Engine 2 was the company's first hook-and-ladder when it arrived in 1936. Acquiring a second engine significantly reduced fire premiums in the borough.

The bell tower, which originally had been fifty feet high, had been lowered to twenty-five feet because of its decaying condition. It was finally torn down in 1939, but the bell was saved. On August 16, 1949, the fire company presented the bell to the Fanwood Presbyterian Church as a memorial to all members of the Fanwood Fire Company, "past, present and future". The bell, used to summon the volunteers for many years, was consecrated during a simple ceremony at which A. I. Nichols, the oldest living firefighter at the time, unveiled a plaque on the church tower. Nichols, who held Badge 1, had completed forty-nine years of service at the time. Luke A. Pandick, the second oldest fireman, also was present for the occasion.

On December 2, 1951, the firefighters brought a house fire under control within the first twenty minutes of their arrival. In spite of the quick work a victim was discovered in bed in a second-floor bedroom, overcome in sleep by the smoke. An investigation proved that the fire had started in a couch in the



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