

should have recognition at the hands of the railroad authorities. The railroad left us, not we the railroad.”

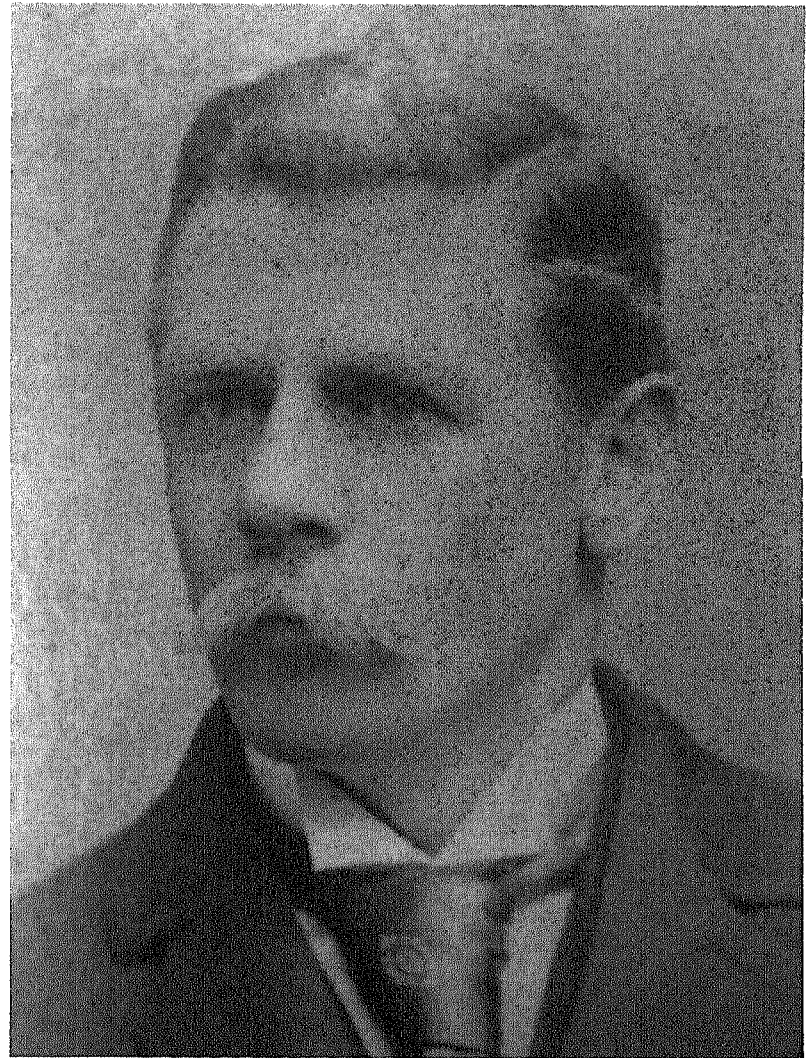
The location of the railroad pitted the old village section of Fanwood Township against the newer center adjacent to the railroad in the center of what is now Fanwood Borough.

During the late 1880s, the residents of Fanwood Township that lived near the Central Railroad Station felt they were not receiving fair treatment by the governing body of Fanwood Township. Meetings were held in the Old Club House on South Avenue by those living in the area surrounding the new railroad station. Many issues were discussed such as street lighting, road repairs and the way Fanwood Township Committee had abused the privilege for granting liquor licenses. There was also opposition from residents who felt the foundation of a new borough should be further studied.

On May 10, 1887 the Daily Press reported that, “nine gentlemen met at the residence of Ernest C. Kied and formed a permanent organization named the Independent Citizens Club.



*Fanwood Township's Excelsior Fire Department of the 1880's.*



*George Kyte, often referred to as the Father of Fanwood, was a highly regarded merchant who foresaw a prosperous Fanwood and devoted almost all of his spare time to the town. He also served on the Union County Board of Freeholders.*