

Company and also built the post office for the borough on the corner of North and Martine avenues.

An old blacksmith shop stood on South Avenue adjacent to the lumber yards until about 1905 when it was abandoned. The shop was originally operated by the Central Jersey Land and Improvement Company, which was headed by George Kyte, one of the first mayors of Fanwood and one of the borough's original developers. The development company quartered and shod horses in stables there, provided repairs to machinery, and traded with the farmers, all of which kept several blacksmiths busy. The company finally sold the shop. It changed hands several times before falling victim to the automobile.



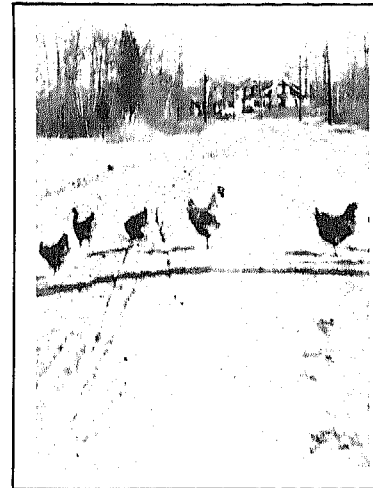
Gentlemen gathered around who ever had the newest car for a weekend outing.

The Club House, also known as the Fanwood Athletic Club was located across the street from Sheelen's store on South Avenue. The Club House was a gift from the Central New Jersey Land Improvement Company and served as a community center for the new borough. The Club House contained a meeting room, bowling alley and other facilities for use by the residents of the borough. It was also the site of Fanwoods first election. The Club House was purchased for use as a residence in 1915. It was destroyed by a fire in 1925.

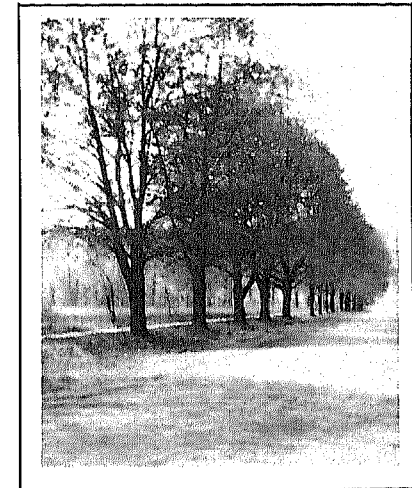
Development was slow during the next twenty years. The library was incorporated in 1902 and a marshal was appointed to handle police affairs. The mayor and council leased the southwesterly and northwesterly rooms in Fanwood Hall in the old Fire Hall on Watson Road, for \$50 annually.

During the early 1900s Fanwood was known as a health resort, and many tourists spent their vacations in the borough. The Homestead on North Martine Avenue was the most famous guest house in the area.

Several businesses also thrived during this era, all clustered around the railroad station. The Sheelen Brothers grocery store on the northwest corner of South Avenue ("on top of the hill") and Sheelen's Crossing in Fanwood was the borough's oldest business institution. The building is now a Fanwood landmark. The business passed into the hands of Charles and Augustus Sheelen on January 16, 1897 who managed it after their graduation from clerkships.



Chickens actually did cross the road when Farley Avenue was a dirt lane in 1915.



Terrill Road was not a major thoroughfare in the 1920's when only trees lined the road.