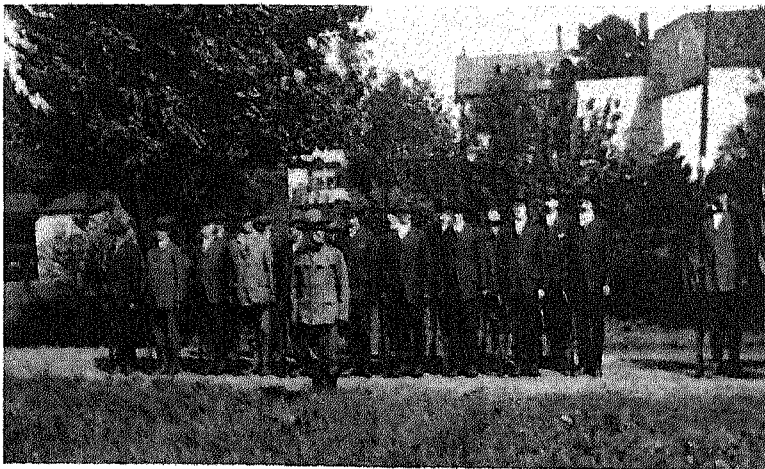


A local newspaper listed a few of Fanwood's residents who were prominent business executives during this era. Leonard Lott, former mayor, worked on Wall Street, R.E. Vom Legn, was superintendent of the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Elizabeth, Dr. Brickton was the Medical Director for New York Life Insurance, Stephen VanHoesen was president of Downing and Company Inc. of New York. William Brown was Vice-President of the Grimm School Book Company, Eugene Rau was an executive in the Thompson Starrett Company. John Kyte, one of the most clever combustion engineers in this country was associated with the Knickerbocker Coal Company. Samuel Thompson was a construction engineer, J.H. Thompson was an exporter in New York City, Victor Todd, a graduate of Columbia University, was a scientific farmer and an expert on hog raising, Paul Hadley, a medical officer from World War I, was an expert on spectrum rays and poultry diseases. Carl Sayward, assistant vice-president of the United States Trust Company of New York City, specialized in investments.



Fanwood's Home Guard, the Fanwood Militia, drilled on the firehouse grounds during World War I.

O.T. Brown owned the Samoset Laundry in Plainfield and Paul B. Tuzo was the resident architect.

Schools were growing and in February of 1920 the Township Schools were proud to record attendance of 89.9% with a total enrollment of 388 students, 356 in School No. 1 and 32 in School No. 2. In 1923 the first school was built in Fanwood borough on La Grande Avenue and was known as School No. 4. It was built at an initial cost of \$87,268 dollars.

The Parent-Teachers Association of Fanwood School No. 4 was organized in October 1923, one month after the opening of the new school. During the next seven years it realized a profit of over one thousand dollars from dances, card parties, food sales and amateur theatricals. This money was used for improving the school grounds, providing attendance awards and buying books for the classroom.

It was also reported that in 1926 Miss Florence Wade, the schools' truant officer, purchased an automobile and would be able to cover more territory than she had on her bicycle.

1927 was a landmark year for the borough. The Fanwood Community Garden Club was formed at its first meeting at the home of Mrs. Stanley Wetherald on Madison Avenue. Residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains were eligible. The club held both fall and spring flower shows and also participated in the New York flower show.

Mrs. Stephen G. VanHoesen was the first president of the Fanwood Community Garden Club. One of the club's first actions was to protect the "Old Oak" on Martine Avenue. The club voted in favor of "having property owners residing in the vicinity of the Fanwood Oak on Martine Avenue dedicate portions of their property on which the roots of the tree extend to the county of Union in order that the County Shade Tree commission care for the 'Old Oak'." At that time it was reported