

# 1890's

	USA	FANWOOD
Population	62,947,714	350

## Mayors of Fanwood

THOMAS S. YOUNG 1895-1896  
 GEORGE C. MILLER 1896  
 GEORGE KYTE 1897-1900

## Life in Fanwood

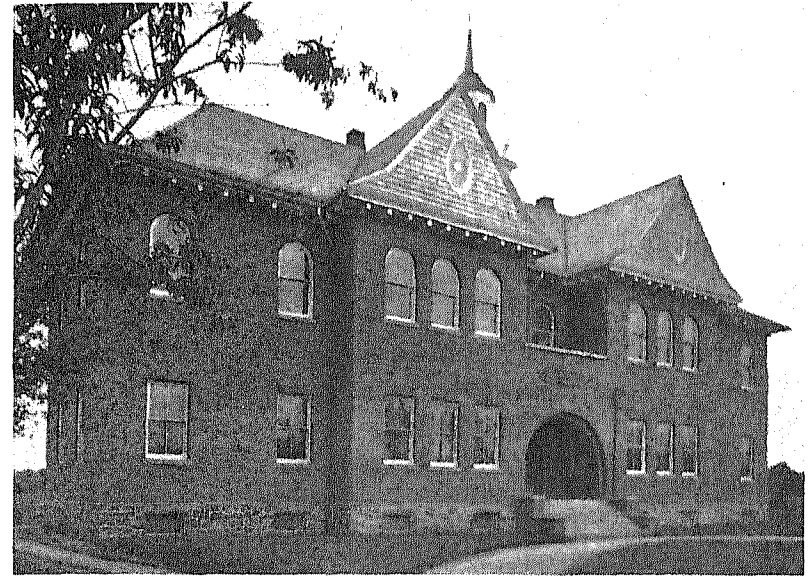
The first macadam road in New Jersey was built in 1875 and ran from Fanwood to Plainfield . . . the Post Office was constructed . . . the dam broke in Watchung and water ran through Fanwood as far as the railroad tracks and future mayor Horace Young went swimming on Martine Avenue . . . the first school class was held in Fanwood Borough by Elizabeth Kyte in the library room of the Post Office . . . a list of taxable dogs in Fanwood Township hung in the Post Office and showed three hundred in various shapes and sizes . . . on Sunday the old Baptist Church stage coach drove around town to gather residents for church services . . . the first arrest was made in new borough in 1896 . . . the new Fanwood Fire Company responded to its first house fire . . . the building of School One was the talk of the town; some residents felt it looked more like an asylum than a school.

## Tunes of the Times

A Bicycle Built For Two — Oh Promise Me — On The Banks Of The Wabash — Wait Till The Sun Shines, Nellie — When Johnny Comes Marching Home — I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen — My Gal Sal — Bill Bailey Won't You Please Come Home? — After The Ball.

## Movies and Actors

"FATIMA" was filmed in 1893 at the World's Columbian Exposition in the "BLACK MARIA." Thomas Edison receives patent for motion pictures in 1893. World's first film studio built in 1897.



*School 1, Park Avenue, Fanwood Township is pictured in 1892. It was designed by architect Sanford White and was on the National Register of Historic Buildings when it was destroyed by fire in the 1980's.*

## Signs of the Times

**1890**

Fanwood Volunteer Fire Company founded October 13, 1890

**1895**

Borough of Fanwood founded October 1, 1895

**1896**

The New York Journal becomes the first newspaper to publish comic strips

**1897**

New Firehouse built on Watson Road by the Volunteer fire company.