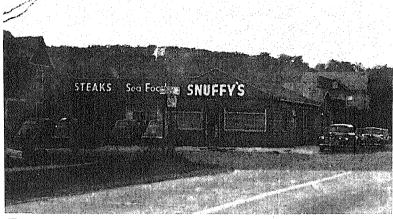


A trolley line connected Scotch Plains to her nearest neighbors, Plainfield to the west and Westfield to the east. This photograph shows the trolley approaching the intersection of East Second Street and Park Avenue.

In 1895 the current communities of Fanwood Borough and Scotch Plains existed as one community, known as Fanwood Township. In October of 1895 a one square mile area in the center of the township separated from the village area to become Fanwood Borough. There remained two communities named Fanwood until March 20, 1917 when George Johnston convinced the state legislature to change the name of Fanwood Township to its original colonial name of Scotch Plains.

Perhaps the sharing of a name has contributed to the close relationship that has exsisted between Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents. Rather than a neighboring town, Scotch Plains residents are an extention of the Fanwood community both sharing a common school system as well as similar social values.



The green clapboard exterior and swinging monkey were familiar sights to the locals who started patronizing Snuffy's restaurant at Park and Mountain Avenues in the 1940's.



Weldon Quarry, also known as Fanwood Crushed Stone, employed many local residents at its site on the Watchung/Scotch Plains border in the early 1900's.