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The wail of the locomotive has been heard in Fanwood for more than 150 years. From the primitive horse-drawn train used in Elizabeth in 1836 to the modern trains that now transport as many as 850 passengers per day, railroad travel has undergone dramatic change. Fanwood's first station, on Midway Avenue, gave birth to a community with a railroad as its nucleus. When the borough broke from the larger township in 1895, the railroad secured itself as the *raison d'être* for the town. The Central Railroad of New Jersey was the beginning of this tiny community, and many photographs depict this heart of Fanwood.