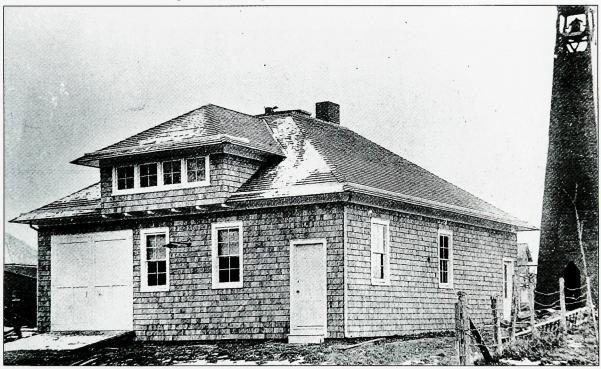


FIRE EQUIPMENT. The original hand-drawn hose cart of the Fanwood Fire Company was donated by the Central New Jersey Land Improvement Company, the real estate arm of the Central Railroad. This equipment was initially sheltered in private sheds. It was restored by members in 1975 for use in parades and special events.



THE NEW BUILDING. In 1897, the fire company purchased a piece of property on Watson Road for \$250. The members hosted a public dance and housewarming party to celebrate the new building and its 50-foot bell tower. In February 1900, the borough of Fanwood entered an agreement to rent two rooms to be used for offices and the police department.