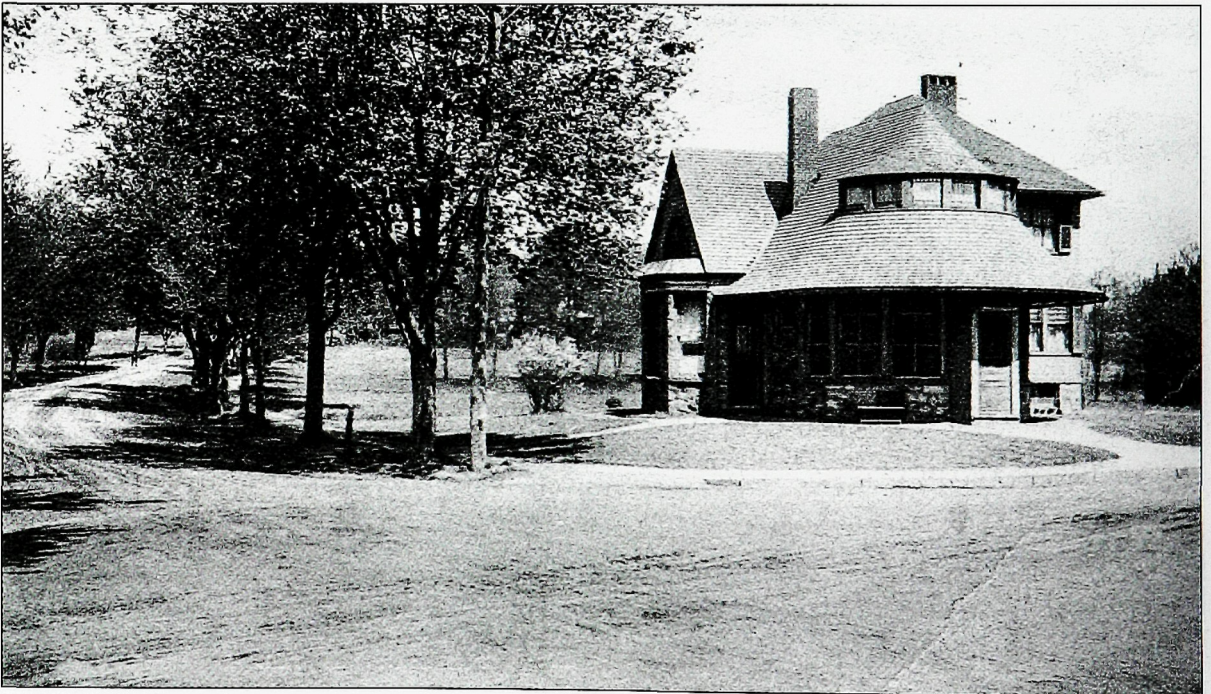CARRIE BETTMAN. A teacher for many years at the old parish schoolhouse in Scotch Plains, Carrie Bettman became the first librarian and first postmistress in the building on Martine and North Avenues. Since these two offices did not connect, book borrowers had to select their books and then go through the door to the post office to check them out.

THE FIRST LIBRARY. Here, in the first post-office building, on Martine and North Avenues, the Fanwood Free Public Library began. A group of women contributed its book collection and $26 in 1899, and the borough added $25 for the first year of maintenance. The first regular librarian was appointed in 1919. In 1928, with the post office moved to another location, the library took over the whole building.