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BUSINESSES GIVE VITALITY TO THE COMMUNITY

Commerce and business keep a community alive. Early farmers, shop owners, innkeepers, and salesmen sold farm products, provided residents with the necessities of life, opened hotels and boardinghouses, and peddled their wares. Some stores became social centers as well. These businesses became the forerunners of the restaurants, supermarkets, and light industry of the present. Downtown Fanwood bears different signs and façades now, but the center of commerce is still the crossroads of the community.