

# R. R. R. R. BRIDGE PLANS APPROVED

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## South River Bridge to Be Stabilized to Permit Re- opening of Channel

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The War Department at Washington, D. C., has approved plans in connection with the bridge of the Raritan River Railroad Company across the South River connecting the Borough of Sayreville and South River.

These plans provide for placing riprap around the two easterly piers and sheet piling around the easterly rest pier and the pivot pier of the drawspan, and also for the lowering of the existing cable used in the operation of the bridge to at least fifteen feet below mean low water.

The purpose of the proposed work is to stabilize the bridge to permit deepening the channel through the bridge. The cost of the improvements will be met jointly by the War Department and the Raritan River Railroad Company.

It developed that it would be impossible to dredge through the drawbridge without causing the collapse of the structure unless it was strengthened. A similar situation existed with the county bridge at the Causeway.

The threatened collapse of the county bridge was brought to the attention of the War Department by the Board of Freeholders with the result that the plans were changed for the dredging a channel through the drawbridge, thirty feet in width instead of sixty feet.

A worse condition existed at the railroad drawbridge. This was recognized by the War Department with the resultant action for strengthening the structure.