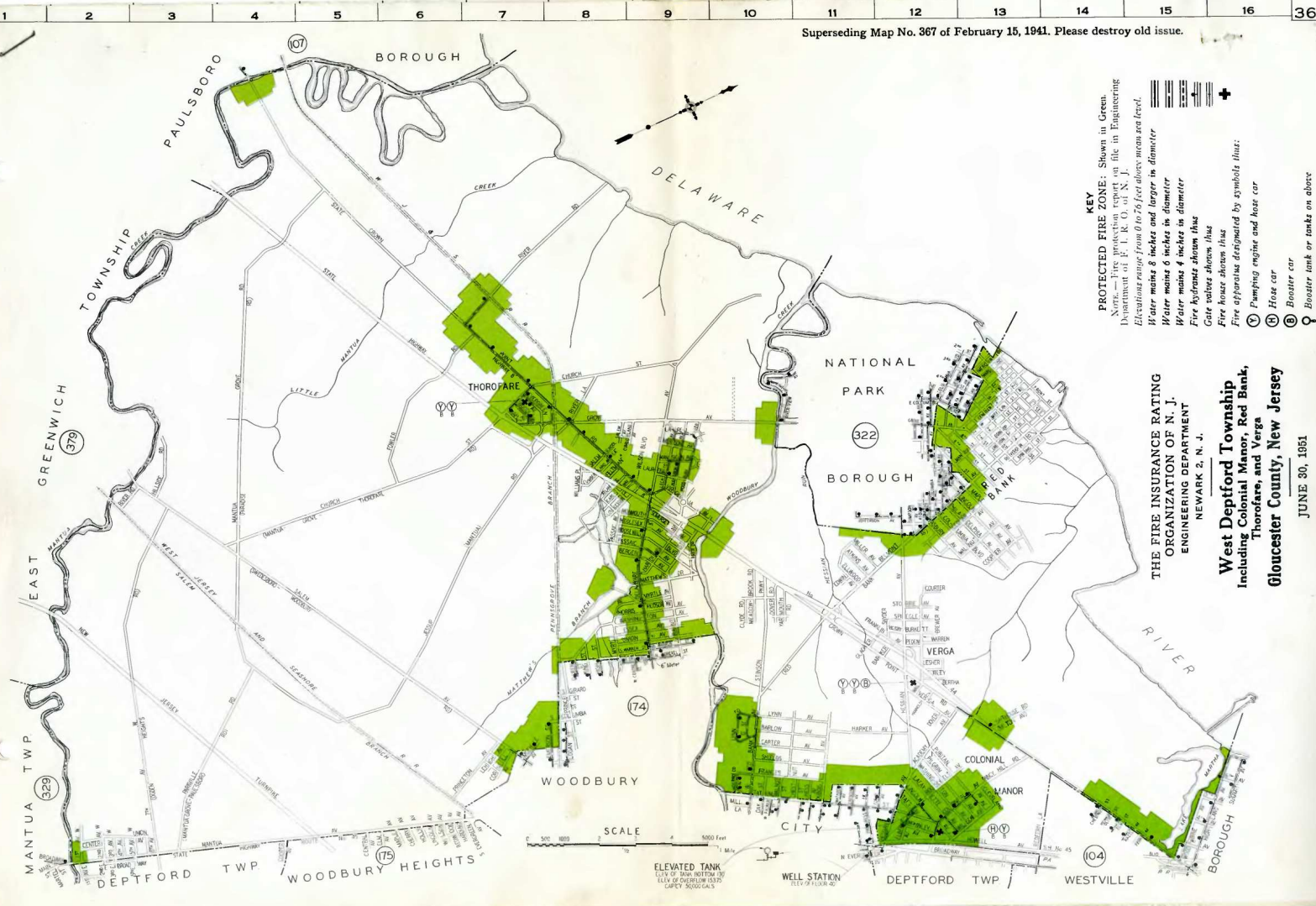


Superseding Map No. 367 of February 15, 1941. Please destroy old issue.



**KEY**

**PROTECTED FIRE ZONE:** Shown in Green.

**Note:** — Fire protection report on file in Engineering Department of F. I. R. O. of N. J.

Elevations range from 0 to 76 feet above mean sea level.

Water mains 8 inches and larger in diameter

Water mains 4 inches in diameter

Fire hydrants shown thus

Gate valves shown thus

Fire house shown thus

Fire apparatus designated by symbols thus:

① Pumping engine and hose car

② Hose car

③ Booster car

④ Booster tank or tanks on chassis

**THE FIRE INSURANCE RATING ORGANIZATION OF N. J. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NEWARK 2, N. J.**

**West Deptford Township**  
Including Colonial Manor, Red Bank, Thorofare, and Verga  
**Gloucester County, New Jersey**

JUNE 30, 1951

**ELEVATED TANK**  
LEVEL OF TANK BOTTOM 39  
ELEV. OF CENTER 43.75  
CAPACITY 5000 GALS.

**WELL STATION**  
ELEV. OF TOWER 30

SCALE  
0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 4000 4500 5000 Feet

## WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Including Colonial Manor, Red Bank, Thorofare, and Verga.

Population—Census of 1930 was 3,956.

**IN GENERAL:** A farming and residential community located on the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad and the Delaware River about 8 miles southwest of Camden. Area 14.9 square miles. Elevations range from 0 to 76 feet. Main roads concrete, others gravel in fair to poor condition. Railroad crossings at grade and traffic on main highways are said never to have interfered with response of fire apparatus.

**WATER SUPPLY:** Water for domestic and fire protection purposes is furnished to a small section of the township in the vicinity of Thorofare by the township which owns distribution system and buys water from the City of Woodbury. For details as to the Woodbury supply works see report with map No. 174. Protection in other sections of the township is afforded by streams from which fire department pumping engines take suction, and by hydrants on the boundary lines between West Deptford Township and Woodbury and National Park. **Organization:** Township Water Department is under the supervision of a water superintendent who is appointed annually by the township committee. Superintendent has had no previous water works experience. No truck provided. Superintendent does not respond to alarms of fire. Records consisting of a wall map are incomplete. **Distribution System:** In one service; see map. Supply from Woodbury is through a single unsupported 8-inch main extending westerly from the Woodbury distribution system on Delaware Avenue to Crown Point Road whence it extends southwesterly towards Thorofare. **Consumption:** There are no records of consumption as the system has just been placed in service. There are provisions for 136 services of which only 18 were in use at the time of the inspection. All services will be metered. **Pipe:** All pipe is asbestos cement laid with a 3½- to 4-foot cover. Total length 16,500 feet; 42.4% 6-inch and 57.6% 8-inch. No trouble from frozen mains or electrolysis. **Gate Valves:** There are 11 of R. D. Wood manufacture set in iron boxes to grade. All operate in the same direction. Valves will be inspected annually. **Hydrants:** There are 19 of R. D. Wood manufacture of standard type with two 2½- and one 4½-inch outlets and 6-inch branches of which 17 are gated. Hydrants will be inspected twice a year. Those operated during inspection were found to be in good condition. **Pressures:** Readings taken at three hydrants widely distributed showed pressures ranging from 50 to 56 pounds with an average of 52 pounds. **Fire Flow Tests:** Probable supply available for fire protection purposes was measured on January 23, 1941 by means of Pitot tube. Location of hydrant, discharge in gallons per minute, pressure before flow and pressure during flow were as follows:

Thorofare:

River Road and Crown Point Road, 680—56—12

Church Street and Crown Point Road, 620—50—9

Delaware Avenue and Crown Point Road, 580—50—16.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** A volunteer organization of three independent companies not under the control of the township. Township appropriated \$300 for the support of each company during 1940. Companies own house, apparatus and equipment. Total membership 61 of whom 15 are available during the day and 40 during the night. There are a chief, assistant chief, and a foreman in each company who are elected annually. **Companies—Thorofare Volunteer Fire Company No. 1:** Membership 22. Located on Evergreen

Avenue near Church Street. Building is a 2-story cement block structure with an asbestos shingle roof, concrete apparatus floor, hot air heat and electric lights. **Equipment:** A 1923 Howe-Brockway 250-g.p.m. triple combination pumping engine carrying a 55-gallon booster tank, 50 feet of booster hose, 500 feet of 2½-inch hose, 2 short ladders and little minor equipment. A 1939 Howe-Brockway 500-g.p.m. triple combination pumping engine carrying a 300-gallon booster tank, 100 feet of booster hose, 500 feet of 2½-inch hose, 200 feet of 1½-inch hose, 2 short ladders and fair minor equipment. **Verga Fire Company No. 1:** Membership 30. Located on Crown Point Road near Hessian Avenue. Building is a 2-story cement block structure with a strip shingle roof, concrete apparatus floor, hot air heat and electric lights. **Equipment:** A 1927 Chevrolet hose car carrying a 300-g.p.m. front mounted Jaeger pump a 130-gallon booster tank, 100 feet of booster hose, 500 feet of 2½-inch hose, 2 short ladders and little minor equipment. **Colonial Manor Fire Association:** Membership 9. Located on Colonial Avenue near McKinley Avenue. Building is a 2-story concrete block structure with a composition roof, concrete apparatus floor, steam heat, electric lights and telephone. **Equipment:** A 1931 Ford hose car carrying a 50-g.p.m. booster pump a 150-gallon booster tank, 225 feet of booster hose, 400 feet of 2½-inch hose, 2 short ladders and little minor equipment. **Hose:** All 2½-inch hose is C.R.L. with National Standard screw couplings in the Thorofare Fire Company and Jones Snap Couplings in the other two companies. Hose is shifted at fires and drills and placed on apparatus wet. There is a total supply of 1,900 feet of 2½-inch hose in the three companies of which about 1,400 feet is over 5 years old. **Operations:** Each company is governed by its own by-laws. Chief has control of apparatus at all times and of men at fires and drills. All members drive the apparatus in the Verga Fire Company and the Colonial Manor Fire Association, but there are 6 appointed drivers in the Thorofare Fire Company. **Drills and Training:** Drills are held twice a month in the Thorofare Fire Company, once a month in the Colonial Manor Fire Association, and not at all in the Verga Fire Company. Drills held under the supervision of chief officers, consist of hose laying, pump operation and use of equipment. **Fire Methods:** Booster streams used on incipient fires reinforced by engine and hose lines with shut-off nozzles where water is available. Engines always hook up. No gas masks, salvage equipment or heavy stream appliances provided. **Response to Alarms:** Companies respond to alarms in their own territory. Outside aid may be secured from Paulshoro, Woodbury, Woodbury Heights, Mantua, and Westville. **Building Inspection:** Companies make inspections of all stores, schools, and factories during Fire Prevention Week. **Records and Reports:** Records usually consist of attendance location, and amount of equipment used. **Fire Alarms:** Alarms of fire are telephoned to homes of firemen near fire station and are sounded on sirens located at fire stations.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** None

**BUILDING LAWS:** Building code said to exist, but there are no copies available.

**EXPLOSIVES AND FLAMMABLES:** No municipal regulations. State laws adequately cover the storage and shipment of explosives and flammables and the construction of motion picture booths. They also restrict the discharge of fireworks to responsible bonded parties.