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Growth of Bound Brook Industries Bound Brook Chronicle Dec 24, 1920

Bound Brook has long been recognized as one of the leading manufacturing centers of New Jersey. Excellent railroad facilities and waterways have made possible an unusual industrial growth and a corresponding growth in the population of Greater Bound Brook, by which is meant the Boroughs of Bound Brook, South Bound Brook and Middlesex and the Manville community, and made it possible for this busy center to far outstrip its sister municipalities in general development. Five railroad lines, the New Jersey Central, the Reading, the Port Reading, the Lehigh Valley, and the Baltimore & Ohio, together with the Public Service lines, the Delaware & Raritan Canal, and the Raritan River, have contributed much toward the development of *a community which two score years ago consisted of a few sparsely populated settlements and a number of widely scattered farm houses*. Year by year, manufacturing enterprises have recognized the advantages offered by the Bound Brook vicinity.

To the east are the plants of the Standard Paint Company, the Badenhausen Company, Pathe Freres, the Causse Manufacturing and Importing Company, the Roto-Engraving Company, the Standard Stove Works, the Bound Brook Oil-less Bearing Company, the Chipman Chemical Company, with factory and siding facilities provided by the Pierce Estates, Inc., for others yet to come. To the west of the Borough are the plants of the H. W. Johns-Manville Company, the Federal Creosoting Works, the King Chemical Company, the Peerless Color Company, the Hemingway Chemical Works and the Calco Chemical Company [Ed.: The site of the present-day Patriots Stadium].

A few years ago the acreage now occupied by [Calco] was a broad expanse of farm and meadow land. From that time until the entrance of the United States into the European war, there was a gradual, although steady, growth of plant structures, and then, as if by magic, there sprung up a manufacturing city, the area of which is now measured in square miles and which extends from the Middlebrook to the Raritan and is bounded by three great railroad lines, the New Jersey Central, the Reading, and the Lehigh Valley. Hundreds of workmen daily enter the gates of the "city without a night," coming from all directions and at all hours of the day, trainloads of materials are shifted in and out of the plant on its miles of trackage, and the wheels of industry never cease to turn within its gates.

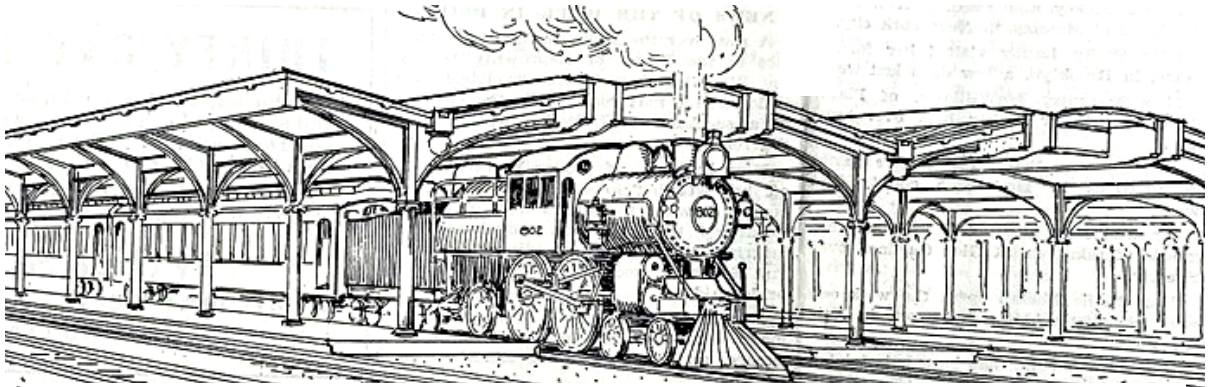


Image: Central New Jersey Terminal. Cf: Unionist Gazette

1765 255 years ago Rolling toward Revolution

New Jersey Protests Stamp Act

The Stamp Act, imposed by Parliament on the American Colonies, was the first tax to unite the diverse, often competitive colonies. The Sons of Liberty organized opposition in Boston; New Jersey and eight other colonies formed a Stamp Act Congress in New York that October to develop a reasonable petition to the crown. The hated tax meant every piece of paper from legal papers to almanacs and playing cards had to have a revenue stamp showing that the tax had been paid in silver! The outcry led to the Act's repeal early in 1766, but Parliament petulantly declared in The Declaratory Act that it had the right to directly tax anywhere they chose. The line was being drawn...