



BOUND FOR WAR—This seventy-three-year-old bridge over Jones' Falls in Mount Washington, offered to the War Production Board by the Baltimore Bureau of Water Supply, will be scrapped for its metal, it was announced yesterday. The structure was condemned for traffic several years ago.

ANOTHER BRIDGE GOING FOR SCRAP

City Turns Over 73-Year-Old
Span Near South End Of
Lake Roland

The Bureau of Water Supply has offered to contribute to the scrap campaign the 73-year-old bridge over Jones Falls, on the southern lip of **Lake Roland**.

The bridge has been accepted for salvage by the special projects section of the conservation branch of the War Production Board, and salvage firms have been invited to submit bids for razing the structure and cutting it up for use in steel mills.

Now Out Of Use

Erected in 1869, the year after the flood that sent Jones Falls on a rampage washing out the bridge built originally on the site, it is of high quality wrought iron and cast iron.

When **Lake Roland** was a main source of the city's water supply in post-Civil War days, the bridge was much in use. But with the building of the Loch Raven dam and establishment of the Gunpowder river as the No. 1 source of water supply, **Lake Roland** passed out of use. So did the bridge. For five years it has been barricaded, the wood deck having been deemed unfit for vehicular use. A warning sign—"Dangerous, Keep Off"—is posted on the structure.

Two Towers To Go

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Water Supply is prepared to turn over to WPB two long-idle water towers. Known as the Roland avenue tower, at the intersection of that thoroughfare and University Parkway, and the West Arlington tower at Granada and Ridgewood avenues, the structures have been landmarks in the northern and northwestern sections of the city.

Before annexation of Baltimore and Anne Arundel county territory, the towers were major links in the city's water system, supplying water to sections of high elevation in the northeastern and northwestern sections of the city.

But when extensions of the systems were required, the standpipes fell into disuse. That on Roland avenue has a capacity of 210,000 gallons, the West Arlington tanktower holds 340,000 gallons.

125 Tons Of Steel There

Alike in construction, the tanks are enclosed within stout, ornamental masonry walls, and topped with pergola effect observation houses supported in part by the roof of the tanks.

City officials estimated that about 125 tons of steel is contained in the two structures. But if the steel is removed, the municipality insists the structures be razed entirely; hence, WPB now is checking on the cost of satisfying the city before arranging to salvage the two towers.

If legal difficulties can be surmounted, WPB wants to arrange for razing and salvaging the metal in the long-unused viaduct on East Lombard street, Highlandtown. Rails were removed some time ago.