

## PASSAIC RIVER AND WATER TOWER



**I**N 1933 the "beautiful blue Passaic" of two decades ago is rapidly coming true again. Boating, swimming and fishing are common during the summer months. Officials of the trunk sewer system stated at the time of the completion of their work about eight years ago that the river would be clean in Five years; and now, more than three years over this time, the Passaic's renascence is almost complete. The old water tower in the drawing has been a famous landmark for many years. It functioned

originally as a pumping station to raise water into the reservoir at Kearny Avenue and the Belleville Pike, both of these part of the Jersey City water supply system. When the Wanaque Dam was finished Hudson County communities started using this water, the old water works became an outmoded relic. During recent years it had fallen into a state of semi-decay, its base being overrun with creepers and damp vegetation. Its hollow tower echoing rustily. Two years ago it was sold for \$700 and is now being torn down.