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## FROM SALT LICKS TO STOCK TANKS – A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE EARLY SALT AND OIL INDUSTRIES IN WEST VIRGINIA

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In many places throughout the world, saline springs, oil and gas seeps, and related phenomena have proven to be surface indications of associated hydrocarbon accumulations at greater depths. That has certainly been the case in West Virginia. From salt licks visited by buffalo, deer, and other animals in prehistoric times, to the utilization of saline springs for salt by Indians and early white settlers, through the salt brine drillers in the early 1800's who encountered oil as a nuisance (but utilized gas to fire their boilers), to the drilling of the first successful well drilled specifically for oil in 1860, the saga of salt licks, saline springs, gas seeps, burning springs, and their commercial implications and consequences are an interesting and important intertwined vignette in the tapestry of West Virginia's industrial and economic development.

### ERRATA

The editor assumes full responsibility for the errors, and extends an apology to the author and the readers.

CALIFORNIA INDIANS, ARTISANS OF OIL by Susan Fox Hodgson  
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1. Page 43, right column, fourth line from the bottom. The first quotation mark should be “ and not ” as follows: Chumash shaman-priests used the sun stick in winter solstice rituals to mark the passage of the solstice and to supernaturally ...*“pull” the sun back again on a northward course.*
2. Page 49, right column, last paragraph, second line quotation should be: ...*well joined and caulked, and of quite graceful lines.* (Fanges, 1775, p. 25).; with no quotation marks.
3. Page 52, left column. A space should be after line sixteen, and line seventeen should be a new paragraph.
4. Page 52, left column. The last sentence: “Besides the captain and crew, a boy or an old man often came along to sit in the middle of the canoe and bail with a small basket or an abalone shell out any water leaking in.”; should read: “....middle of the canoe with a small basket or an abalone shell and bail out any water leaking in.”
5. Page 52, right column. There should be no line space in the chant. It should appear as:

*Give room!*  
*Give room!*  
*Give room!*  
*Give room!*  
*Do not get discouraged!*  
*Do not get discouraged!*  
*Do not get discouraged!*  
*Help me to reach the place!*  
*Help me to reach the place!*  
*Help me to reach the place!*  
*Hurrah!*  
*Hurrah!*  
*Hurrah!*  
*Hurrah!*

6. Page 52, right column, fifth line below the chant listed above. There should be no quotation mark at the end of the quotation by Jan Timbrook. The quotation should be as follows: *Once it was ballasted properly and the crew had some practice launching and paddling, it worked very well* said Jan Timbrook.....