



# Deerpark Diary

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## Standard Oil Pumping Station

In 1976, **Harriet Space** submitted an article to the Town of Deerpark Bicentennial Commission which recalled the original oil pipeline that passed through the Town of Deerpark. Since there is, at present, a flurry of activity with the laying of new pipelines here in town, I thought it would be interesting to reprint Mrs. Space's words in this edition of *The Deerpark Diary*.

"There are not many folk in the Huguenot vicinity who remember that a Standard Oil Pumping Station was located opposite the present home of William and Beatrice Burrows, built circa (1880).

"Other stations were located at Cohecton, Hancock, Catatonk. Sanitaria Springs and Olean, New York. The crude oil from one of the larger oil fields at Olean, New York was pumped through six inch wrought iron pipes to the refineries at Bayonne, New Jersey.

"Originally, the oil line went to Otisville, New York but later the rod wide right of way was extended to a pumping station at Unionville, New York, then Newfoundland and finally to Garfield, New Jersey.

"The large oil storage tanks at Huguenot were located where the Donald Pantley home is now located and one on the opposite side of the highway (209).

"The buildings of rugged brick construction were serviced by a smoke stack 106 feet tall, which was a local landmark for surveying.

"The operation required the services of about 14 men, in addition to the pump house crew, traveling line men and telegraphers always on duty.

"The telegraphers were required for instant communication between pump stations, since the stations operated 24 hours a day and pumped 50,000 barrels of oil daily, subject to momentary flow control orders from the refinery at Bayonne, New Jersey.

"Twenty five tons of coal per 24 hours was fed to the furnaces to run the massive pumps. Coal was brought by the O&W R.R. which ran in back of the buildings.

"The Huguenot Station ceased operation in 1908 and the Cohecton Station pumped directly to Unionville, New York. More pipes were added until there were four, when the whole operation was discontinued in 1925 under the name of the New York Transit Company.

"While in operation, men called pipe line walkers and telegraphers were required to walk the right of way between stations every day, winter and summer to report oil leaks in the lines and to keep the telegraph lines in repair.

"Snow shoes and skis were used during the harsh winter months and all

carried fire arms for protection against wild animals and snakes.

"Harry Space was the last line man from Huguenot to walk the beat in 1926 and his telegraph key and equipment he was required to carry in a pack on his back is still in the possession of his family.

"Today (1976) natural gas is carried under pressure along the same right of way supplying many cities and villages. while the Huguenot station was in operation, two identical houses for use by company personnel stood close by. One still remains and is owned and in use by Ralph and Marie Van Inwegen."



## Standard Oil Company

In 1879, John D Rockefeller and his Standard Oil Company sought to establish a pipeline to transport crude oil from the wells in western Pennsylvania and New York to the tidewaters of New Jersey, a distance of 300 miles. The cost of shipping the crude by rail was exorbitant. Also, railroads were notorious for accidents and the loss in revenue from

spillage and the ensuing natural disasters, were too much to bear.

To ensure a steady flow of oil over varied elevations required pumping stations to be built every thirty miles along the route. The station erected in Huguenot, NY would push the oil up and over the Shawangunk Mountain.

As pipeline gangs worked their way through, towns along the way experienced a temporary boom in business. Hotels and boarding houses were needed. Lumbermen were paid to cut trees to be used for telegraph poles. Farmers were paid to haul materials such as wire and pipe from the local train sidings. There were separate gangs for clearing the land, another for digging the lines and pipe fitters to join the pipe sections together.

The pipelines were not without problems which included massive tank fires, threatening towns and homes; oil spills and leaks which ran into local waterways and private water wells; and vandalism.

The whole system ceased operation by 1925. Four years later, Columbia Gas and Electric refitted the lines to carry natural gas.

### ***Tri-States Union*** **12 November, 1880**

"The Standard Oil Company has eleven pumping stations between Bradford and New York. It controls over 400 tanks holding over 11,000,000 barrels of oil. In laying the pipes, twenty-five men constitute a gang, and these lay 200 joints, or from two-thirds of a mile to one mile in a day. The highest altitude crossed by the pipes is 2,000 feet above sea level."

### ***The Pipeline Station*** ***Evening Gazette,*** **12 October 1880**

"The work on the pipeline near Huguenot is being vigorously pushed. An 800 horse power engine is being erected there to pump oil over the

Shawangunk mountains. The iron for the engine and tanks is being drawn from the cars here. Many of the idle canallers are engaged in drawing stone and iron for this pumping station."

### ***Evening Gazette*** **30 October, 1880**

"The oil pipe line company has put a telegraph wire from the pumping station at Huguenot to Port Jervis, with an office at room 19 at the Delaware House. This line now extends to Bradford, Pa."

### ***Swartout Station*** ***Evening Gazette, 12 July, 1881***

"Swartout is the name of a new station on the Port Jervis & Monticello railroad. It is located a short distance south of Huguenot at the pipe line pumping station"

"A large pump with heavy iron valves were taken to Swartout, near Huguenot, to-day. The apparatus occupied three cars, and are for the use of the pipe line there."

### ***Thousands of Miles Every*** ***Year***

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### ***The peculiar Life of a Lineman of the Oil Pipe Line –*** ***How the Pipes Are*** ***Cleaned – Chasing the Ticker.*** ***Middletown Daily Times,*** **21 March, 1893**

"We recently gathered some items from the lineman who traverses that section of the Standard Oil Company's pipe line crossing the country from Huguenot, N.Y., to Newfoundland, N.J., which will interest some of our readers.

"The line referred to extends from the oil regions in Pennsylvania to tide water

at Jersey City and in interrupted at intervals of several miles with pumping stations. Watchmen, or as they are called, linemen, are kept continually traveling between these stations and are required to keep the telegraph wire along the line in repair and also watch for any break or leakage in the pipe.

"The distance between Huguenot and Newfoundland is said to be about 29 miles and between these two points are two ranges of mountains over which the pipe is laid. An air line is kept clear as nearly as possible and frequently leads across mountain streams and deep ravines, then climbs from one rocky slope to another, then perhaps through a swamp thickly studded with an undergrowth of laurel and swamp elders until cleared fields appear in view. It is certainly a long lonely walk for the linemen through these mountain forests and it is not unattended with some danger. On several occasions he met with incidents of a startling nature and at one time was confronted with a large catamount, which he made bite the dust by a well-aimed shot from his revolver. It measured nearly four and one-half feet from tip to tip.

"Sometimes a leak occurs in the pipe. In that event he ascends a telegraph pole, attaches the pocket telegraphic instrument he is obliged to carry on his trips to the wire and in a few minutes is in communication with the nearest station. If an obstruction occurs in the pipe a small ball is introduced, which acting like a tracer, follows the pipe, or rather is forced through by compressed air until it reaches the point where the oil has ceased to flow. In its passage through the pipe the ball makes a clicking sound which is observed by the lineman and he must follow it sometimes at quite a rapid pace until the obstruction is reached.

"There are few pleasant features connected with the life of a lineman on the oil pipe line. He is subjected to all inclemencies of our rigorous winters and must bear uncompromisingly the intense heat of our torrid suns in the summer season. He must pass through dangers, seen and unseen, and constantly be alert to detect the slightest flaw or injury to the line over which he daily travels.

"The compensation received for his services is \$125 per month, and

considering his duties devolving upon him, is not a cent more than he deserves.  
– *Deckertown Independent.*”

### **The Huguenot Pump Station One of the Blake Pumps Placed on Trial – Giving Entire Satisfaction *Evening Gazette, 5 May, 1883***

“Those who have an hour’s spare time could not spend it more advantageously than by paying a visit to the Standard oil pump station near Huguenot and witnessing the immense pumps in motion. The pump now in use is the first of the kind put in by the Standard Oil Company and was manufactured by the Blake Engine and Pump Manufacturing company of Boston, Mass. The advantages of the Blake engine and pump over others may be briefly stated to be its increased capacity to do the same or greater amount of work with a less quantity of fuel. This is quite a big item when it is considered that it takes 20 tons of coal a day to supply the boilers at the Huguenot station. The Blake pump is run under a pressure of about 90 pounds of steam, makes 38 strokes to the minute and forces out 17 gallons or half a barrel of oil with each stroke.”

### **Oil Line Loop Preparations for Abandoning the Huguenot Pumping Station *Tri-State Union, 14 March, 1907***

“A force of 18 transfer workmen of the National Transit Company arrived in town Monday, and were guests of the Fowler House. On Tuesday they went to Huguenot, where they will begin the work of constructing a loop of pipe between Huguenot oil-pumping station and Big Pond.

“It is only a question of a short time when the present Huguenot oil station will be abandoned, the new one at Unionville doing the work.”

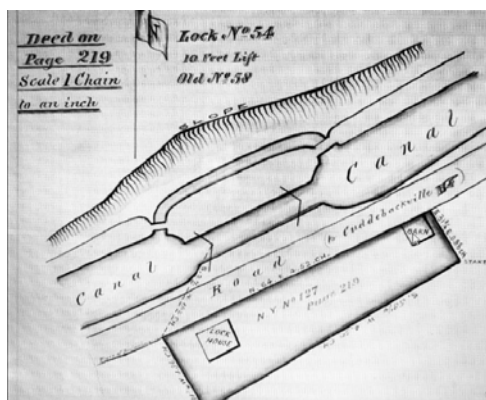
## **D & H Canal Maps**

Quite a number of years ago, D&H Transportation Heritage Council Chairman, Cliff Robinson located a treasure-trove of 1865 D&H Canal maps, rich in detail for every mile of the canal. However, the maps were owned by Exporail, Canadian Pacific Railway Co.; thus began a very long and frustrating attempt to obtain copies.

After years of letter writing, phone calls, personal visits to Canada, dogged determination and financial negotiations, Robinson with the help of D&H THC member Kerron Barnes of Wurtsboro, finally received digital copies of the maps. They had overcome roadblocks too numerous to list. Every member of the D&H THC who donated to the acquisition fund received a copy of the disc.

The Deerpark Historian’s Office is proud to announce that we have printed eleven maps pertinent to the canal’s route through the town. They are on display at the Deerpark Schoolhouse Museum on 25 Grange Rd. in Huguenot. Strict copyright rules do not allow us to print copies in this newsletter nor can photos be taken from our museum’s display. However, you can still enjoy the rich detail of these maps at the museum anytime.

The map below is of similar design from the Carbondale Historical Society.



## **SB UMC**

### **Deerpark’s Newest Historical Marker**

On August 19, 2018, the Sparrowbush Methodist Church celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. After a special Sunday service, the congregation moved out to the churchyard for the unveiling of Deerpark’s newest historical marker, commemorating the church’s milestones and important connection to the town. Historically, this church has been the spiritual, civic and patriotic heart of Sparrowbush. The Deerpark Historian’s Office proudly sponsored the marker, honoring this 150 year old building which has changed very little since its construction in 1868.



**Pastor Amy Garrett  
unveils new marker**



**If any of our readers have photos of the Huguenot Pumping Station, we would appreciate it if you would contact the historian’s office so that we might scan them for our archives.  
Thank You  
Lynn M. Burns Deerpark Town Historian**

# Orange County Genealogical Society

1841 Courthouse  
101 Main St., Goshen, NY 10924  
OCGSNY.org

The OCGSNY in Goshen, NY houses a wonderful collection of family history resources. The knowledgeable and helpful volunteers are available to guide you through the records and archives that fill the well-lit and cheerful research rooms. The volunteers' years, of experience researching their own family trees, is invaluable to both the new and veteran family history researchers. We are so fortunate, in Orange County, to have such an extensive resource so close to home.

**Resources include:**  
Federal and State Census for Orange County and all surrounding areas  
Sections dedicated to all 20 Towns and their respective villages  
Church, Cemetery, Funeral Homes and Vital Records  
City Directories  
Numerous Periodicals and Yearbooks for many societies and states  
Surname Sources: Hundreds of family genealogies on the shelves, plus hundreds of surname folders which contain family information available nowhere else.

**Hours:**  
Every Monday 9am – 12:30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 9am – 4pm  
Every Friday 9am – 12:30pm



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## Iconic 60's TV What do you remember watching 54 Years ago?

### Wednesday January 29, 1964 Evening

#### 7 SCOPE—Report

"Operation Advance" is discussed.

#### 9 13 13 PATTY DUKE—Comedy

"The Continental." Martin is made head of the Paris office, and the Lanes make plans to move. Patty and Cathy: Patty Duke, Martin: William Schallert, Natalie: Jean Byron, Richard: Eddie Applegate.

#### Guest Cast

Mr. Cameron .....William LeMassena  
Ted .....Skip Hinnant  
Popodopolous .....Henry Lascoe  
Mrs. Atkinson .....Ruth Kobart  
Nikki Lee .....Susan Melvin  
Billy .....Jeffrey Neal

#### 10 FAMILY FINANCES—Report

The basic problems faced by families trying to balance their budgets are examined.

#### 11 RED RIVER JAMBOREE

Songs and stories of the Gold Rush days are featured. Stu Phillips, Peggy Neville, Altona, Selkirk Settlers, Valley Beaux and Belles.

#### Highlights

"El Dorado" .....Phillips  
"Gold Mine in Your Heart" .....Neville  
"Ghost of the Old San Juan" .....Altona  
"Dawson City" .....Selkirk Settlers  
"Hot Time in the Old Town" .....Beaux and Belles

#### 8:30 5 7 10 10 12 TELL IT TO THE CAMERA—Red Rowe

#### 9 13 13 FARMER'S DAUGHTER

"Marriage is for Real People." Katy dreams about being married to Glen. Katy: Inger Stevens. Glen: William Windom. Agatha: Cathleen Nesbitt. Steve: Mickey Sholander.

#### Guest Cast

Ames .....David Lewis  
Minister .....Donald Foster  
Salesman .....Maurice Kelly  
11 PERRY MASON—Mystery

"The Case of the Lonely Heiress" is rerun. A young heiress sets a trap for the man she believes responsible for her sister's death. Mason: Raymond Burr. Della: Barbaras Hae. Drake: William Hopper. Tragg: Ray Collins. (60 min.)

#### Cast

Marylin Clark .....Kathleen Crowley  
Charles Barnaby .....L. Q. Jones

George Moore .....Richard Crane  
Agnes Sims .....Betty Lou Gerson  
Edmund Lacey .....Robert Harris  
Dolores Coterro .....Anna Navarro

#### 9:00 2 2 13 13 BEN CASEY

"One Nation Indivisible." Ten-year-old Susan Whitman is badly injured in a Fourth of July mishap, and may die if she doesn't receive several pints of a rare type of blood. Script by Norman Katkov. Casey: Vincent Edwards. Maggie: Betty Ackerman. Nick: Nick Dennis. Dr. Zorba: Sam Jaffe. (60 min.)

#### Guest Cast

Susan Whitman .....Susan Gordon  
Ellen Whitman .....Ann Carroll  
Robert Smith .....Joe Turkel  
Doris .....Shary Richards  
Dr. Max Baker .....George Shibata  
Frank .....Mack Williams  
Mike Stiles .....William Challee  
Simmons .....H. E. West

#### 3 6 8 ESPIONAGE—Drama

"Do You Remember Leo Winters?" British Intelligence does, when it needs an expert frogman for a peculiar job: spying on an ally. Script by Art Wallace. (60 min.)

#### Cast

Leo Winters .....George A. Cooper  
Davenport .....Peter Madden  
Jane Vesey .....Rhoda Lewis  
Frank Vesey .....Victor Platt  
Admiral Bond .....Cyril Luckham  
Roger Upton .....Ronald Adam  
Mrs. Goodrich .....Rose Hill  
Barfly .....Oliver MacGreevy  
Bowcock .....Brian Peck

#### 5 7 10 10 12 12 BEVERLY HILLBILLIES—Comedy

In this rerun, the Clampetts decide to lend a helping hand at the bank when Jane Hathaway falls ill. Jed: Buddy Ebsen. Granny: Irene Ryan. Elly May: Donna Douglas. Jethro: Max Baer.

#### Guest Cast

Bob Billington .....John Ashley  
Kitty Northcross .....Patty Joy Harmon  
Mr. Wilson .....Willis Bouchey  
Convention Speaker .....Bill Baldwin

#### 9:30 5 7 10 10 12 12 DICK VAN DYKE—Comedy

It was "A Nice, Friendly Game of Cards" at the Petries', until a guest discovered

that the deck was marked. Rob: Dick Van Dyke. Laura: Mary Tyler Moore. Buddy: Morey Amsterdam. Jerry: Jerry Paris.

#### Guest Cast

Lou Gregory .....Edward Platt  
Beth Gregory .....Shirley Mitchell  
11 FESTIVAL—Drama  
Melynn Douglas and Tom Bosley in Bernard Slade's drama "A Very Close Family." For details, see the Close-up on page 22-52. (90 min.)

#### 10:00 2 3 6 8 ELEVENTH HOUR

"Who Chopped Down the Cherry Tree?" Colorful "Hoppy" Hopp always sways the voters with his effusive, hayseed theatrics, and he also plays along with his younger brother's political machine—until the machine plans the biggest graft-grab in state history. Script by Dick Nelson. Starke: Ralph Bellamy. Graham: Jack Ging. (60 min.)

#### Guest Cast

Franklin "Hoppy" Hopp .....Robert Ryan  
Myra Hop .....Peggy Ann Garner  
Calvin Hopp .....Richard Anderson  
Ettinger .....James Edwards  
Jamison .....Robert Brubaker  
Markle .....Tol Avery

#### 5 10 10 12 12 DANNY KAYE

Songstress Diahann Carroll is Danny's guest. Sketches: a maternity nurse (Diahann) tries to calm an excited new father (Danny), and in "I'll Cry Tamales," the Mexican hero Patata (Danny) saves his sister from the hated El Finko (Harvey Korman). Tony Charmoli dancers, Earl Brown singers, Paul Weston orchestra. (60 min.)

#### Highlights

"Put on a Happy Face," "It's Closing Time" .....Danny  
"Johnny One Note," "In Love in Vain" .....Diahann

Danny's shows often have a "jagged brilliance." See next week's TV GUIDE.

#### 7 9 13 13 WINTER OLYMPICS

SPECIAL The Winter Olympics get underway today at Innsbruck, Austria. For details see the Close-up, page 22-52.

"Channing" is pre-empted.

#### 11:00 2 3 5 6 7 8 10 10 11

#### 12 12 NEWS, WEATHER, SPORTS

#### 9 13 13 NEWS—Bob Young

### January 29, 1964 Wednesday Evening

#### 11:10 9 13 13 NEWS, WEATHER, SPORTS

#### 11:15 2 VIEWPOINT—Gordon Gray

"A Swirl of Glory." (1950) After the Civil War, a former Confederate soldier turns up in a lawless frontier town. Randolph Scott, Adele Jergens. (85 min.)

#### 9 ADVENTURE—Drama

"One Minute to Zero." (1952) During the war in Korea, an American colonel becomes romantically involved with a young widow who works for the United Nations. Robert Mitchum, Ann Blyth, William Talman. (One hour, 50 min.)

#### 11:20 10 19 MOVIE—Comedy

"Appointment for Love." (1941) A Broadway playwright marries a woman doctor after a hectic courtship. Charles Boyer, Margaret Sullivan, Rita Johnson. (One hour, 40 min.)

#### 13 STEVE ALLEN—Variety

Guests: pianist Roger Williams, singers Vikki Carr and Ron Husman, and the Weldes and their trained bears. Donn Trenner orchestra. (90 min.)

#### 11:25 12 MOVIE—Comedy

"Three Feet in a Bed." (French; 1950) A salesman is given two weeks to sell a vacuum cleaner. Fernandel, Bernard LaJarrige. (One hour, 40 min.)

#### 13 MOVIE—Western

"Johnny Concho." (1956) The cowardly young brother of a ruthless gunfighter swaggers around the town because of the dread reputation of his older brother. Frank Sinatra, Keenan Wynn. (90 min.)

#### 11:30 2 3 6 8 COLOR JOHNNY CARSON—Variety

#### 5 MOVIE—Mystery

"Midnight Episode." (English; 1954) A London tramp finds a dead body in a parked car. Stanley Holloway, Natasha Parry.

#### 11 MOVIE—Drama

"Camille." (1937) A courtesan of Parisian society is plagued by debts and ill health. Greta Garbo, Robert Taylor.

#### 12:15 9 STEVE ALLEN—Variety

Steve's guests include singer January Jones. Donn Trenner orchestra. (90 min.)