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TRANS-ARABIAN PIPE LINE COMPANY, BEIRUT, LEBANON

March 1, 1953

New Clubhouse for Beirut, Recreation Centers for Line

Beirut Club Open Soon

The first floor and grounds for a tennis court and basketball court have been rented for the Beirut Sporting Club, and facilities will include a dining room and kitchen, bridge room, billiards and ping pong tables, library, patio and bar. "We plan to take over the clubhouse from the contractor next month," says Mike Bassoul, president, "and it will take us another month to complete the courts and the inside decoration and furnishings."

At a general election held on February 20 three officers were re-elected for a second term: Mike Bassoul, president, Howard Wells, secretary; and Joe Jabbour, treasurer. Two additional members were added to the Executive Board, bringing the total to eight. Those elected

are: Dr. Amjad Ghanma, Souhail Chamieh, Joseph Breidi, Jane Ringlund, George Hajjar, Nicolas Habre, Mary Rubeiz and Don Murray. Out of a total of 216 members, 135 ballots were cast.

A manager will be hired by the Executive Committee to run the Clubhouse, and plans are underway to conduct bridge tournaments, train teams for local basketball, ping pong, volley-ball and soccer competitions, and to send representatives to the Middle East Golf and Tennis Tournaments.

Single or family memberships are available to all Tapline employees, with a special membership for those who live outside Beirut. Various rooms in the Clubhouse will be available for members' private parties, and if popular, daily luncheon will be served in the dining room. There is room to seat about 100 persons at special banquets.



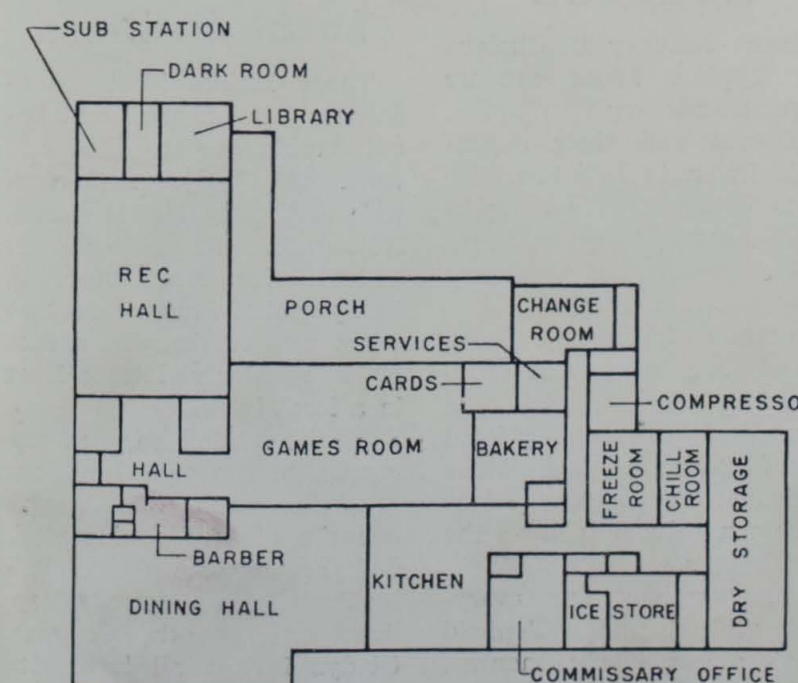
1953 CLUB OFFICERS seated (l. to r.) Howard Wells, secretary; Mike Bassoul, president; and Joe Jabbour, treasurer; EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE standing (l. to r.) J. Breidi, Mary Rubeiz, S. Chemieh, Jane Ringlund, Dr. A. Ghanma, N. Habre and G. Hajjar. (Not shown is D. W. Murray.)

Station Plans Completed

Within a month construction will start on the new Recreation Center in Turaif, with ground breaking following soon after in Raffa and Badanah. It is estimated that it will take a year to complete the structure which includes a dining hall and a kitchen, games room, theatre, library, dark room for photography, card room, bakery and commissary. A similar center has been operating in Qaisumah for several months.

Tennis courts have been planned for the four desert stations, to be completed before summer.

Work is well underway with company crews on the L-shaped recreation building for general employees at Turaif. It will be completed within 3 to 4 months, and includes a dining room ping pong and billiards tables, and small auditorium. Similar buildings will be constructed in Badanah, Raffa and Qaisumah.



The above floor plan of the Commissary-Community Center building for Turaif will be followed almost identically for the Badanah and Raffa Centers. Scale is 1/32 inch equals one foot.

To All Tapline Employees:

This is the first edition of a new Tapline employee's publication which each of you will receive monthly.

Its purpose is to bring together the employees of Tapline in four countries and of more than a dozen nationalities, into a closer understanding of one another and of the Company for which we work.

I urge that each of you regard this publication as your paper, and that you participate actively in its development by passing to the "Editor-Tapline-Beirut," or to your station correspondent, any news, views or ideas which you think may be of interest to others.

Howard Wells

NAME THE PAPER CONTEST

CASH PRIZE

From the sands of Saudi Arabia, through Trans-Jordan and Syria, across the mountains of Lebanon to the blue Mediterranean lies the Trans-Arabian Pipe Line. To help unite its many employees of several nations spread out over 1000 miles, Tapline is starting a monthly newspaper. It's for you employees — so YOU NAME IT!

A cash prize of 150 Lebanese pounds (or its equivalent in other foreign currency) will be awarded for the winning name. In case of a tie the prize money will be divided.

The rules are few and simple:

1. Contest is limited to em-

ployees of Tapline.

2. Contest ends at midnight, March 14. All entries must be in the mail by that time.

3. No limit to number of entries of each employee.

4. Each entry must be signed by employee.

5. Send entries to Editor, Tapline, Beirut.

6. Winners will be announced in the April issue of the paper.

Judges for the contest are: From Saudi Arabia, G. Bin Abdullah; Trans-Jordan, Mohamed Y. Ahmad; Syria, Mahmoud El Yousef; Lebanon, Joe Sayfie; Ben Davies of Qaisumah representing the Americans; and J. Hobbel for the other ex-patriates.



Nurse Seranoush, shown giving a Typhoid shot to Anne Salman, will be giving fever shots in 1953. As of January 1, cholera and typhus inoculations are optional for office workers and family dependents in Lebanon.

Americans Studying Arabic

It's back to school again for many Americans in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia who are studying under the company's new plan for teaching personnel conversational Arabic. Men from Sidon and Beirut are learning privately and in small classes from a course especially designed by Dr. M. Y. Van Wagoner of the Sidon Training School. Matt Schau inaugurated the course in Beirut on January 5, and he is assisted in record keeping and class planning by Munah Dabaghi.

Three days a week for an hour and a quarter the language sessions are conducted by instructors Joseph T. Kiamah and Fawzi Jabir. It is planned as a long range project covering several years.

Men from Saudi Arabian stations are getting their instruction through the regular classes of Language. Supervisory training and orientation at the Sidon Training Center. Whenever their work permits they travel to Sidon for the 6 week course. Those who have already finished this training are R. D. Robinson, Kenneth Pritchett, W. M. Christiansen and Paul F. Caesens of Badanah; O. E. Ritter of Sidon; W. K. Pickett and Floyd A. Kendrick of Rafha; Ben Davies and Sam Fish of Qaisumah; John Strader and V. Brimer of Turaif, and A. Thomas of Rafha.

Inoculations Reduced

Since January 1 Cholera and Typhus shots are no longer mandatory for Tapline employees and their dependents living in Lebanon. For those living or traveling in Saudi Arabia, however, these booster shots are necessary at 6 month intervals.

Tetanus inoculations are required for employees connected with industrial and hazardous work, are optional for dependents, and office personnel must sign a waiver slip upon refusal to have the inoculations.

Immunizations for everyone still include Typhoid boosters every six months, and Small Pox vaccinations every 3 years. Children will continue to be given the triple vaccine of Diphtheria, Whoop-

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Pin Presentations

Service Pins were presented to the following:

BEIRUT

5 Years

Joseph Abboud, Mansour Abi Chaker, Lily Abs, Joseph Akel, Kh. Akhacharian, Anis Akkawi, R. P. Anderson, Michel Ansara, Elias Aoun, Novartte Arevian, Saleh Al Asaa'ad, Emile Ayash, F.W. Bates, A.J. Belli, Nicolas Berberi, N.E. Bibby, O.K. Bigelow, Elias Breidi, Joseph Breidi, Rashid Breidi, W.A. Campbell, Souheil Chamieh, C.A. DeGise, Yousef El-Eid, Elie Farah, Amjad Ghanma, A. Gilcreast, G.H. Gossens, J. Grimes, Wadih Haddad, George Hajjar, W.P. Harris, B.W. Hass, W.R. Heaps, W.B. Hough, Salim Kassis, A. Keshishian, H.L. Little, C.R. Macfarlane, Michel Malouf, Dzouvak Manoukian, H. Martin, E.V. Mason, Toufic Merhi, Louis Misson, George Nasra, A.C. Nelson, H.J. Openshaw, C.E. Pace, G. Petrie, R.A. Prusinski, Christian Raji, P.S. Rattle, Mahmoud Saab, Husni Sabe', Majid Salman, Jamil Sarkis, C.L. Schaefer, Georgia Schantz, Dirar Shebaro, W.A. Swain, Mohamad Trakh, J.M. Webster, H.C. Wells, Renee Yared, Mahmoud El-Yousef.

10 Years

W.R. Chandler, E. Finnell, A.E. Olson, R.N. Pursel, J.R. Terry, S.E. Thoits.

15 Years

H.E. Cross, W.E. Locher, G.E. Mandis.

20 Years

D.T. Pinckney, H.H. Walker, D.K. Wallace, W.H. Koehler.

25 Years

H.B. Beckley, O.T. Swanson.

SIDON

5 Years

A.L. Hendrix, R.H. Massey, E.J. Weber.

10 Years

O.E. Ritter

15 Years

A.A. Brickhouse

30 Years

D.H. Ball, J.R. Jones.

BADANAH

5 Years

H.C. Davis, Mohamad Hajaj, Nasser Kattan, E.B. Ward, E.J. Wright.

10 Years

J.C. Kelley, R.B. Lewis.

15 Years

G.W. Conser, J.F. Pfister.

25 Years

R.K. Curran, B. Davies.

Local Business

Those Middle East calendars sold in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia are the idea and work of Gladys Anderson, wife of Transportation's Bob. Noting that all photo diaries and calendars were imported, Gladys got the idea about two years ago to compile scenes of the wonderful Middle East in a local book.

Of the 52 full page photographs in the calendar, four are the work of Georgia Schantz of Tapline Hospital, and some were contributed by Jack Heiser, former Tapliner now with Aramco. Gladys invites all interested amateur photographers to submit prints for next year's calendar. Photographs should illustrate some place of interest in the Middle East.

FIRST SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED

Seventy-four Receive Five Year Pins

In January ceremonies in Badanah and Beirut, ninety-nine Tapline employees received Service Award Pins presented by Mr. C. A. Swigart, president of the Company. These employees represent a total of 775 years of experience in the oil industry.

"Those who designed Tapline provided us with a pipeline facility which is modern and up-to-date in every respect," said Mr. Swigart, "but modern facilities do not in themselves guarantee a successful operation. We must also have qualified people to operate and maintain these facilities, and to a great extent the proper qualifications may be measured in terms of years of experience. Service pins are granted in recognition of that experience, and we should all be proud to wear them."



Michel Ansara of the Medical Department was one of the first to receive his 5 year pin from Mr. C. A. Swigart, Tapline president. In the background are D. K. Wallace and Joe Breidi, who helped officiate at the ceremonies.



After the presentation the following Lebanese Tapliners posed for their picture with president Swigart: left to right; Salah Al-Asa'ad, Rashid Breidi, Dirar Shebaro, Majid Salman, Novartte Arevian, Joseph Akel, George Hajjar, Michel Malouf, Dr. Amjad Ghanma, Toufic Meih, Emile Ayash, Joseph Abboud, Dzovak Manoukian, Arouziag Keshishian, Elie Farah, Christine Raji, Souhail Chamieh, Khatchik Akhatcherian, Joseph Breidi, George Nasra, Wadih Haddad, Husni Sabe', Elias Breidi, Michel Ansara, Anis Akkawi, Jamil Sarkis, Joe Saba and Salim Kassis.



Pin recipients enjoyed coffee and cake after the ceremonies. At the Alumni Club in Beirut Novartte Arevian, Medical; Michel Malouf, Medical; and Elias Aoun of Community Services choose their favorite cake at the buffet table.



Enjoying refreshments are Michel Ansara, Medical; Salim Kassis, P & S; Majid Salman, Medical; Anis Akkawi, G.O.S.; and Michel Malouf, Medical.

NEWS PIPELINE

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Man of many countries is Louis Misson, Tapline representative in Jordan. He is a Belgian citizen, born in Egypt, studied in France, served in the British Army where he was first in the Libyan Arab Force, then transferred to the Arab Legion in Jordan and Palestine, and now works for an American company.

Louis' father came to Egypt in 1918 to head a large agricultural firm. Young Louis was sent to France to study agriculture, but when the European war broke out he returned to Alexandria.

Fires In Badanah

Two fires broke out at the Badanah station within a week, and both were put out by the men on duty without losing the building. The first occurred early Monday morning, March 23, in the storage room of the Recreation Hall; and the second flared up in the Canteen in the A.M. of Saturday, March 28.

Pipeline

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He volunteered in the British Army when he found it impossible to reach Belgium, and with his brother was sent to the Libyan Arab Force to serve the present King Idris El Senussi.

For three years Captain Misson fought in North Africa. He was twice torpedoed in the Mediterranean and once miraculously escaped to safety after being cut off by the Germans. In June, 1943, he was transferred to Libya to attend a police school, and upon graduation was sent to Jordan and Palestine to study and obtain experience in police work. He was later assigned to the Arab Legion where he became a staff officer under Glub Pasha until June, 1947.

Since 1947 Louis Misson, private citizen, has represented Tapline in Jordan. He also serves his country as honorary Belgian Counsel in Amman. His brother is Belgian counsel in Libya. Late in 1951 Louis married a Belgian girl who had also served in the British army, as a lieutenant stationed at British headquarters in Germany in 1946.

HOLIDAYS IN 1953

In Lebanon and Trans-Jordan a change has been made in the paid holiday near Easter to allow employees to have a two-day week-end. From now on the holiday will fall on Monday after Easter instead of on Good Friday... this year on April 6.

All employees will enjoy a paid holiday on 'Id el Fitr, June 13; 'Id al Adha, August 20; Christmas, December 25; and New Years, January 1. Other holidays vary by country and are as follows:

LEBANON: Easter Monday, April 6; Prophet's Birthday, November 19; and Lebanese Independence, November 22.

SYRIA: Prophet's Birthday, November 19; Syrian Independence Day, March 8; and Evacuation Day, April 17.

JORDAN: Prophet's Birthday, November 19; Jordan Independence, May 25; and Easter Monday, April 6.

SAUDI ARABIA: Coronation Day, January 8; an additional holiday on 'Id el Fitr and 'Id al Adha are approximate, and are dependent on the lunar calendar.

Proud Fathers

BEIRUT

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SIDON

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Mostafa Merki (Operations) a boy, Saadallah.
Mohamad Hachem (Constr.) a girl, Afaf.
Khalil Simann (Operations) a boy, Nicolas.
Yussef Esrawi (Maintenance) a girl, Sana.
Ali K. Hamadeh (Constr.) twins: a boy, Mustafa and a girl, Amneh.
Boulos Harb (Operations) a boy.

DERA'A

Rateb Boustany (Eng'g & Mntce) a boy, Rakfat.

DAMASCUS

Mahmoud El Yousef (Gov't Relations) a boy, Munif.

OOO

Weddings

Yacoub Kazzi (Marine) to Mary Dirani.
Jaafar Khalaf (Operations) to Mariam Mere'e.

OOO

Flour Given To Needy

Through the cooperation of the Mohafez of South Lebanon, Tapline is providing approximately 55 tons of flour to the door of Sidon and Tyre.

The Mohafez provided a list of needy families in the areas, and he will control the distribution of the flour — about 41 tons in 10 kilo packages in the Sidon district, and approximately 14 tons in similar sized packages in the region of Tyre.

Promotions

Victor Khattar from Special Clerk to Asst Storekeeper.
Maurice Azar from General Clerk to Senior Clerk.

Transfers

H. Reinten, Radio Tech. transferred from Qaisumah to Badanah.
M. Rotteveel, Head Mech. transferred from Turaif to Badanah.
Nadim Akiki transferred from G.O.S. to Communications (Beirut).
Antoine Kazzi transferred from G.O.S. to Public Relations (Beirut).
Emile Takla transferred from Engineering, Sidon to Turaif.
Peter Katul transferred from Engineering, Sidon to Turaif.

Engagements

Georges Kanaan (P&S-Whse) to Violette Khalaf.

AVAILABLE

Fiat 1100, 1950 model, perfect condition. Contact Joe Mouhanna, Younis Bldg. Ext. 81.

Four room apartment, all conveniences, modern. At Ein el Helweh, Sidon, near Gerard School on Mieh Mieh road. Inquire from Yousef Nicola, cook at Sidon Mess.
Fiat 1949. Radio and other extras. See L. W. Schenewark, Aviation, Beirut.

Lady's shoes. "Cover Girl," ballerina, brown, with straps, size 5½ A. Call Ext. 89, Beirut.

THANKS TO JUDGES

Pipeline Periscope takes this opportunity to thank the six judges who undertook the ponderous task of choosing one name out of 645 entries. Those who acted as judges are Joseph Sayfie, Lebanon; Mahmoud el Yousef, Syria; Mohammed Y. Ahmad, Jordan, G. bin Abdulla, Saudi Arabia; and Benjamin Davies, American; and J. Hobbel, Dutch.

One of the names, Along The Line, submitted by F. J. Sakri of Sidon, has been adopted as the heading of the new department which features news from the four pump stations, Sidon, Beirut and the Training Center. Thanks, too, to Mr. Sakri.

Meet Qaisumah

TAPLINE'S FIRST PUMP STATION



Above, representatives of Aramco (Rashad Badre), the Saudi Arabian government and Tapline (Ali bin Ghanem Diab) gauging a tank. Below, left, Crane Operator Muriag bin Saad, one of the many Saudi Arabs who have been trained to operate industrial machinery. Below, right, a Saudi Arabian government gauger seals a tank prior to delivery to Tapline.



Below, one of the first Arabs to become a shift foreman on the line is Reda Samad, a Lebanese, shown giving instructions to Abdul Latif in the Control Room.



Tapline begins at Qaisumah, first of the four stations to pump oil through the 1209 kilometer pipeline to the Sidon Terminal. Here Aramco turns over approximately 315,000 barrels of oil daily to Tapline, the Saudi Arabian government checks the number of barrels to determine royalty payments due, and Tapline assumes the responsibility of transporting the oil to the Mediterranean Sea.

Named for the Ghaisum, the pungent smelling plant that grows in large areas in the district, Qaisumah is

made up of the Tapline station, the Saudi Arab Governorate, and a small Arab public community. H. H. Sau'd bin Jiluwi governs the district from Dhahran, and his post commander at Qaisumah is Amir Mutlag bin Bussayis.

Nine nationalities operate and maintain the 140 man Tapline station, including Saudi Arabs, Lebanese, Americans, Bahrainies, Italians, Dutch, Indians, Palestinians and Jordanians.

Photographs on this page by Dr. N. W. Boustany.



Station Superintendent H. C. Davis is shown with some of the crew who help him run Qaisumah. Left to right: O. O. Kitmitto, office superintendent; I. L. Hallaq, payroll clerk; Davis; Ben Davies, maintenance foreman; C. Matherne, maintenance superintendent of the pipe line; T. Kroner, construction foreman; K. Armstrong, government relations; M. Jabbar, office clerk; and M. E. Wardini, head office clerk.



It isn't all work at Qaisumah. Shown feasting after a Hubara hunt are, left to right, — Abdull bin Hassin, H. H. Shaikh Essa bin Salaman bin Hamid al-Khalifa (eldest son of the ruling Shaikh of Bahrain), H. C. Davis, B. Davies, John Kelberer and Bob Hall. Below, the volleyball first team in a practice session.



ALONG THE LINE

BADANAH

by Elias Lutfallah

Our life out here in the desert is not so monotonous as many people think. There are many nice things about the desert, and a person can only notice them and enjoy them by being a desert dweller.

Two weeks ago the following went out for a picnic lunch in Wadi Badanah: Dick Manougian, Abdullah Siblani, Rafic Korban, Khalil Sammour, Khalil Hamdan, Joseph Sayegh, Yahya Mazboudi and Elias Lutfallah. They had "sheesh kabab." Paul Caesens and wife joined the party and enjoyed the meal very much.

In the Dart Tournament the champions were: Singles, Abboud Hilani; Doubles, Socrate Selim and George Kalash; and Mixed Doubles, Mr. and Mrs. K. Pritchett.

Building of a dark room for photography development is under way. Amateurs in Badanah are going to have lots of experience in developing both color and black and white.

Friday night is Bingo night. Rafik Korban and Mrs. K. Pritchett were recent winners.



Any time you want to see a wild cat (lynx) drop in and see The Ed Celusnick. "Rhubarb is very healthy now," says Mrs. Celusnick, "and is not scared of people any more — or maybe I should say this the other way around." Rhubarb's future home will be in a zoo, but whether the zoo will be in Saudi Arabia or the United States has not been decided.

Distinguished visitors during the past two weeks were H.R.H. Amir Saad Ibn Abdul Azziz and Ali Bey Jamil, Director General of Public Security. Messrs. H. B. Britton and W. E. Locher attended a

dinner party given by His Excellency Amir Mohamed Sudairi in honor of H.R.H. Amir Saad.

Mr. K. Curran, station superintendent, has promised a dinner party to Safety members at Badanah for winning the silver cup representing the best record for safety in Tapline.

QAISUMAH

by H. C. Davis

Messrs. H. B. Britton, W. E. Locher and N. E. Bbby visited Qaisumah for two days in March. They have promised to return and stay longer next time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ball arrived March 21 to become permanent residents. They brought along several pounds of seeds, and with the John Straders hope to start some flourishing gardens here.

The first one of the new type permanent Arab Bachelor Quarters was put into full use and occupancy during the week of March 14. These Quarters are very similar to the first permanent buildings, but have flat concrete roofs where occupants may enjoy the outdoors during summer evenings.

The John Kelberers are busily packing, planning on long vacation in the U.S. starting early in April. Italy is the destination of long-vacationer G. Gioran, and Edmond Abi-Nash and M. K. Jabbour are vacationing in Lebanon.

According to information from the Safety Department, Qaisumah had the second best safety record in 1952. It is hoped here that first place Badanah can do even better next year, and that Qaisumah can do better still.

H.M. Shaikh Salaman bin Hammed al Khalifa and hunting party from Bahrein were camped near Qaisumah starting March 7. The Shaikh was invited to dinner in the Dining Hall on the evening of March 10, and he left for Bahrein the next day.

H. G. Reinten, radio technician, was transferred to Badanah last month.

The past week or two has been unusually cold in Qaisumah. Too bad some of this cold couldn't be canned up for use later. The rainfall since January 1 has been 1.61 inches. Approximately

one inch fell between September and the last of December, 1952, making this season's total to date about 2.50 inches.

RAFHA

by Evelyn Hughes

We had unexpected British visitors recently, and since any and all diversions out here are gratefully accepted — 'twas enjoyed by all. Their plane followed the wrong pipeline and was blown off its course in a "shamal." Pres and Billi Graham entertained the Brigadier General and his Aide before dinner, and after dining the crowd gathered at the Hughes house where a small dinner party for John Elliot (Government Relations) was under way. The Britishers were heard to say, "We jolly well hope to get lost this way again some time."

Iva and Pearl (Elsa Maxwell) Gray had another of their fun-for-all parties where everyone dresses like "mad," and dancing, music and conversation flows. It was Iva's birthday, and Messrs. Jim Grimes, Charlie Pope, Earl Schmidt and Mel Christanson were "out-of-town" guests. Bill Pickett entertained with his singing — mostly Irish tunes upon request.

For a bang-up bingo bust all the ladies baked cakes and cookies, with Lydia Jensen's cherry cake taking most raves. As usual, with Emile Minder in charge, everyone had a good time.

Son Rusty Hughes celebrated his eighth birthday with a party. Gary Graham and Gordon Ragsdale were his guests.

The locusts invaded camp en masse. The kids (and Rafha's cats) were in their glory.

The Ken Pritchetts and W.O. Vernons from Badanah visited Rafha recently. I sat on Art and Buella Trude's much-envied back patio and watched them pitch horseshoes, and for just a few minutes soaked up some back-on-home-on-Sunday atmosphere. Made me a little nostalgic... everyone appeared so full of food and family contentment. Had to pinch myself to see if I was still in Arabia.

SIDON

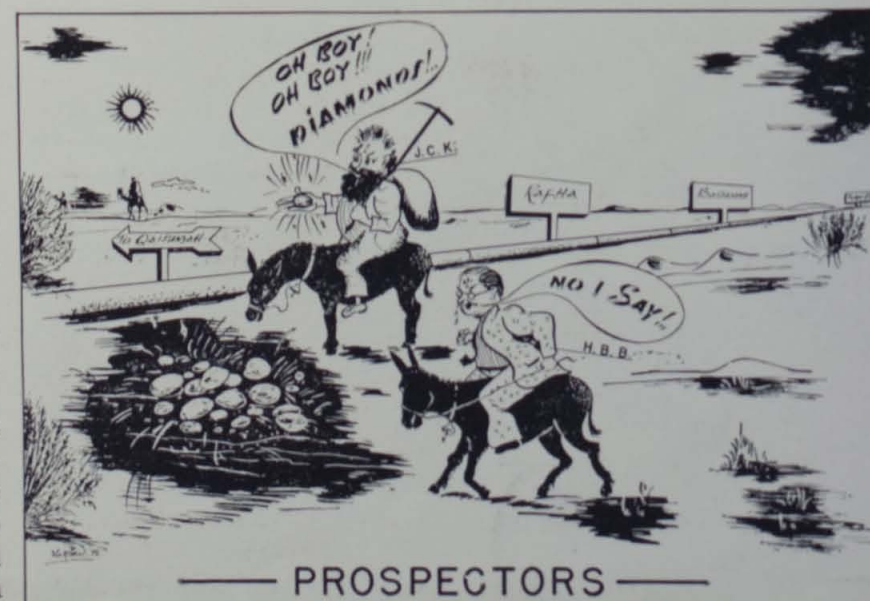
by Mozes Beziragianian

At long last, Captain and Helen Brickhouse moved into their new home on "nous nous" hill (half way to Mieh Mieh). They join the H. Osbornes, Bill Hellmans and Walt Ludwigsons. The new Sidon schoolhouse is also on the hill.

The Les Weilers had just moved into the ex-Ball house when Les was notified to relieve long vacationing Johnny Kelberer at Qaisumah. The female contingent of the Chicoine family (E. J.'s wife and two daughters) arrived on March 23. They will occupy an apartment in the Abou-Daher building.

Another vacation relief man is George Hearn who will be Maintenance foreman at Turaif while Bob Lewis is on vacation. A cocktail party was held at the E. Tracey apartment on March 15 in honor of the Al Watkins family who left Sidon on March 23.

Captain Cole was welcomed back to Sidon last week after



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a medical leave in the States. Captain and Mrs. Pierro Boiral are long-vacationing in Italy with daughter Anna. The Watkins family expects to visit them en route to the States.

Back on the job again is Boris Tarnovsky, Construction Electrician, who had a 2 week stay in the hospital.

The St. Patrick's Day Dance was a huge success, both financially and entertainment-wise. Al Kennedy and Richard Khattar were able Masters of Ceremonies. Malvin Nesheim was high bidder on the 400 day clock, and Betty Kennedy was the dance chairman. Profits went to the building fund of a local French school.

TURAI

by J. C. Kelley
(pinch-hitting for
J. H. Arnold)

His Excellency, Ali Bey Jamil, Director General of Public Security, spent the week ending March 10 in Turaif. Several teas and dinners were given in his honor, and his visit was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

A recent look at the Turaif population indicates that our little town in growing up. Incidentally, Tapline has contributed its share of the increase, as we now have two sets of twin boys — the Brimer's and the Arnold's — living next door to each other. Turaif is now one of the main Ports of Entry of Northern Saudi Arabia.

Mr. M. M. Jaouni, our Office Specialist, left Turaif March 5 to begin his long vacation in Beirut.

After seeing Mrs. Bibby off for long vacation, Mr. N. E. Bibby has returned to his headquarters in Turaif. He will join his wife in the States.

Mrs. J. C. Bruce left Turaif March 8 to begin a world tour. She will be accompanied by her daughter, Lillian, who is an employee of Aramco at Dharhan.

Our Saudi employees continue to show great interest in the English language course. Many have received promotions as a result of proficiency in speaking English. For example, Sa'ad bin Abdullah, who formerly worked in the canteen, and Abdul Hadi bin Ahmed, who was formerly a checker in the dining hall, are now control room Operators in the pump station.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley

and "Tappy" moved into their new house in February, and report that it is very nice and comfortable.

TRAINING CENTER

by H. Osborne

Curtis D. Thue, machinist from Rafha, is currently registered in the Training Center. His wife accompanied him and is living at the Tanios Hotel in Sidon. Mr. Thue will finish the Arabic Language course on April 4.

The long winter and heavy rain has greatly retarded the new Dormitory and Classroom building, but in spite of the delaying elements the second story concrete floor has been poured.

First call for Spring practice of softball will go out to STC Trainees and staff on April 1.

The Training Center is interested in booking softball and volleyball games with local organizations. Saturday afternoon dates are open to interested Beirut organizations. Nazih Basseri of the Staff is organizing STC teams.

Winner of the recent Pool Tournament was the Saudi Arab instructor from Na'thal near Hofuf, Abdulla Abdul Latif. He rolled up a total score of 220 in three rounds of elimination play of regulation Rotation. Farah Khoury of the STC Staff was runner up and lost only on the final ball.

Twenty-five new trainees are enrolled for 4 weeks of training.

BEIRUT

Though invited as a participant, Joe Jabbour of Personnel had to be content as a spectator at the annual tennis tournament held by the Egyptian Tennis Federation in Alexandria last month. A week's vacation was spent by Joe watching entrants from all over the world compete in the tournament, before he was called back to urgent work in Beirut.

The summer working schedule for the Beirut offices will go into effect May 1. Exact hours will be announced by bulletin in the near future.

Mrs. Herb Seeley is acting Chairman of the newly formed American Women's Club in Beirut, and Mrs. Gary Gossens was selected

to act as chairman of the entertainment committee for the U.S. Navy visit between April 6 and 11.

At the second meeting of the Club, Mrs. Dorothy Keane entertained members with several vocal solos.

Joining the ranks of Beirut Bachelors is Ray Humiston, Accountant, who arrived on March 20. Ray was formerly with our New York office.

While enroute to visit his family in Tripoli, Abdulkadei Bouheiry (Hospital Pharmacy) suffered a painful face laceration when the bus in which he was riding collided with another vehicle.

Current visitors of Bill and Nancy Haley are Mr. & Mrs. James Geiger of Aramco-Dharhan. Mrs. Geiger is a cousin of Nancy's.

Mrs. Leo Martes is presently substituting as teacher at the American Community School Kindergarten. Leo is

long leave and O. T. Swanson and son, Robert.

Recent transfers to Aramco were Sam Fish of Qaisumah Operations and the Jack Schillings, Community Services, Turaif.

Departing on long leave March 30th were Larry and Mimi Schenewark with their two children. Larry is with the Air Division.

Mrs. R. Thomas has joined her husband, Raymond, at Rafha.

To help celebrate Greek Independence Day, brothers Gregory (Traffic) and Ibrahim (Admin.) Touma entertained on harmonica and accordion in a program of dances, dramatic sketches and music at the College de la Salle on March 28.

Raja Shahshab of Purchase & Stores is leaving this month on a motor tour or Europe. He plans to drive first to Istanbul then



On the left is George Abi-Rached, Beirut Engineering, who placed third in the Beirut businessmen's Chess Tourney, and on the right first place winner George Khatcheressian, Port Company of Beirut. Mr. Abi-Rached is holding the first place cup won by the Tapline Company team (G. Abi-Rached, C. R. Macfarlane and Wm. Swain). It is the first cup won by a Tapline team and will be displayed in the trophy case of the Tapline Sporting Clubhouse.

with P&S at Turaif.

Paul Rattle is currently conducting business from a bed in Tapline hospital. He fractured his heel in a home accident.

Gene Pace (Air Division) departed March 15 for medical treatment in the States.

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through Greece, Yugoslavia, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, Spain and England. "If it is possible to get visas for the Iron Curtain countries of Bulgaria and Roumania," says Raja, "I hope to return by the Trans-European highway which is a shorter route." A brother and friend will drive with Raja on his extensive vacation trip.



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Monday night is still practice night, and Tapliners are invited to play between 6.30 and 9.30 or 10 p.m.

SIDON LOADING FILMED

Marking the opening next month of the newly completed 25,000 BPD Esso refinery in Belgium, a movie film including

scenes of the Sidon Terminal will be shown throughout the United States and Europe.

The S. S. ESSO BRUSSELS arrived at Sidon on Sunday, March 15, to carry out the first cargo of crude oil for the refinery. On board were Mr. André Cauvin, well known film producer, author and lecturer, and his cameraman, Charles Lengnich. They were commissioned by the Esso Company to make a film of the voyage of the SS ESSO BRUSSELS to Sidon showing the everyday work of the seamen.

The Sidon Marine department was represented by Captain Norman Parker, who was in charge of the loading operation. In supporting roles were cargo inspectors Habib Khoury and Antoine Fayad, as well as Captain Elia Kayyal and crew of the mooring launch LENAHA.

SAFETY AWARD TO BADANAH

Best safety record for 1952 was won by Badanah, and Qaisumah and Turaif tied for the extremely low Severity Rate. Not only did Badanah have the best record, but the station showed the most improvement over 1951. In 1951 this station had the greatest number of lost time accidents.

Walter Koehler, safety engineer, attributes the improvement in safety to the increased efforts of each supervisor and the superintendent, plus the influence of the weekly safety meetings held at each station.

The Quarterly Safety Engineering Inspection Committee, Messrs. G. F. Hearn, D. L. Tarney, H. C. Giles and W. H. Koehler, wish to thank everyone for the kind reception and cooperation given their efforts.

JORDANIAN ENTERTAINS

While in London attending a secretarial school, Mohammed Trakh was asked to give a performance of Circassian dancing at the Dolchester Hotel in front of His Majesty King Hussein and 800 guests of the Jordan Embassy. Trakh is rated as one of the best Circassian dancers in Jordan.

Mr. Trakh passed the intermediate and advanced course for foreign students at the secretarial school, and has returned to work in the Tapline Amman office.

EDDYS VISIT LIBYA

On their way home from New York to Beirut, in March, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Eddy stopped at the new Arab kingdom of Libya where they visited the king, Idris El Senussi. «We took a 300 mile motor trip through Libya», says Mr. Eddy, «to view the farms and to find out the attitude of the inhabitants. We found the people very friendly to Americans.»

The king of this newly formed country is the grandson of Mohammad Al Senussi, who founded the Senussi Brotherhood, a religious order in Islam. Mr. Eddy's interest in the Arab world stems from a lifelong association with the Middle East. He was born in Sidon, Lebanon, the son of American missionaries, and was the first U.S. minister to Saudi Arabia.

OPERATION REPORT

Average BPD pumped from Qaisumah	312,256	310,107
Average BPD loaded at Sidon	305,648	310,107
Ships loaded	72	155
Average Bbls per ship	118,863	118,051

REPORTING IN

Enroute to Saudi Arabia from the States, John «Stu» Lorimer, formerly of Accounting, passed through Beirut last week. «Stu» is presently associated with Fluor Middle East.

Another ex-Accounting employee, R. A. «Tom» Greig, has joined Bechtel's forces in Aden. Mrs. Greig and Tommy are residing in Woodside, California. Former Misha'ab-ite and Tapline Accountant, Ed Masso and Mrs. Masso stopped off in Beirut last week after local leave in Cairo. Ed is with the SAG Railroad project.

BREIDI TO U.S.

April 5 is the departure date of Joe Breidi, National Personnel, who is heading for New York to attend a four week survey course in Industrial Relations at the Socony-Vacuum school. Joe plans to take his annual vacation at the end of the school term and spend some time in Europe on his way back to Beirut.

BRIDGE CHAMPS

Stu Thoits and Hal Cross of Accounting have successfully emerged from the first of three elimination tournaments to determine the best bridge pair in Lebanon. They placed fourth in the March tourney, and will compete in the April games. The contests are sponsored by the Lebanese Bridge Federation.

BOOKLET TO EMPLOYEES

Booklets in Arabic depicting «Tapline-Two Years of Progress» have been distributed to all employees. Prepared by the Public Relations Department, the book deals with the objectives of Tapline, the benefits it brings to the countries in which it operates, and shows facts and pictures of the construction and maintenance of the pipeline.

Three years of effort, \$160,000,000 and vast quantities of steel went into Tapline to bring oil from Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean Sea.

Advantages to the Middle East resulting from Tapline operation in addition to the income derived from the transportation of oil, are substantial. Approximately 80 tankers a month call at Sidon, resulting in stimulation of marine trade. A road built along the entire length of the line has aided commerce between the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf.

Labor has been trained and hundreds of nationals employed by the company. Payrolls have stimulated business in food, housing, equipment and clothing.



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Hamdi Yahya Named Club Manager

Hamdi Yahya has been appointed manager of the Tapline Sporting Club. No newcomer to our midst, he was employed by the Company in 1948 as personnel officer in the Damascus office.

Mr. Yahya has had considerable experience in club stewardship and services during 14 years of employment with IPC. In 1949 he supervised Employees' Services, including staff messes and recreation, for the Arabian Bechtel Company in Syria. Until recently, he was Bechtel's Camp Supervisor-Employees' Services on their Aden job.

A family man, Mr. Yahya resides with his wife and two sons, aged 10 and 11, in Beirut.

Club Nears Completion

Work on the club is now progressing rapidly, according to Club President Mike Bassoul. The contractor has started work on the tennis courts, and the club house is nearing completion.

Present plans call for the club to open sometime in May. No definite date has been set, but as soon as a decision is reached all employees will be notified.

Drive Continues

Meanwhile, the club's membership drive continues. Already 220 employees have paid their fees. Employees who have not yet joined may send their fees to Joseph Jabbour, club treasurer; to Mary Rubeiz, Younis building; George Hajjar, St. Michel; and to Jane Ringlund and Mr. Yahya, Asseily building. Mr. Jabbour will send receipts to all employees who mail in their fees.

Books are still needed for the club library. All contri-

Tapline's Team Plans to Enter May Golf Tournament at Tripoli

The Middle East Oil Industry Golf Tournament, originally scheduled for April 16 and 17 in Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia, was postponed. The tourney will now be held May 16 and 17 in Tripoli and will be sponsored by the Iraq Petroleum Company.

Five teams — Aramco, IPC, Kuwait, Basrah and Tapline — will enter the competition.

Tapline's team will consist of Daniel H. Ball, Harold E. Cross, Dale Foster, Don W. Murray, Alan C. Nelson, Hubert J. Openshaw, Chester W. Woodall and L. A. Ford. Mrs.

J. M. Volkmann and Mrs. Nellie Cross will be Tapline's entries in the women's field. Aramco is providing prizes for winners of the competition.

Pictures Wanted

Pipeline Periscope is anxious to have photographs of employees' activities. If you have any pictures which you think would interest our readers, send them, along with identification necessary for publication, to the Editor, Tapline, Beirut. All photographs not used will be returned.



Hamdi Yahya

butions (both fiction and non-fiction are welcome) should be sent to Mr. Jabbour, Asseily building.



Badanah Pump Station, situated near the junction of Wadi Badanah and Wadi 'Ar'ar, is viewed by many employees as their favorite station. Reasons: climate, good water, and Curran hospitality. In the foreground of the photograph are the family houses. Behind are the bachelor quarters. The industrial area is at the right. For more pictures see the Periscope feature, «Meet Badanah», on Page 3.



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Captained by Norah Bezjian, the team consisted of Norah, Samir Mutran, Alden Gilcreast, Bill Keane and Jane Ringlund. Team members in the next competition will be chosen by their bowling average.

Monday night is still practice night, and Tapliners are invited to play between 6.30 and 9.30 or 10 p.m.

SIDON LOADING FILMED

Marking the opening next month of the newly completed 25,000 BPD Esso refinery in Belgium, a movie film including

scenes of the Sidon Terminal will be shown throughout the United States and Europe.

The S. S. ESSO BRUSSELS arrived at Sidon on Sunday, March 15, to carry out the first cargo of crude oil for the refinery. On board were Mr. André Cauvin, well known film producer, author and lecturer, and his cameraman, Charles Lengnich. They were commissioned by the Esso Company to make a film of the voyage of the SS ESSO BRUSSELS to Sidon showing the everyday work of the seamen.

The Sidon Marine department was represented by Captain Norman Parker, who was in charge of the loading operation. In supporting roles were cargo inspectors Habib Khoury and Antoine Fayad, as well as Captain Elia Kayyal and crew of the mooring launch LENAHA.

SAFETY AWARD TO BADANAH

Best safety record for 1952 was won by Badanah, and Qaisumah and Turaif tied for the extremely low Severity Rate. Not only did Badanah have the best record, but the station showed the most improvement over 1951. In 1951 this station had the greatest number of lost time accidents.

Walter Koehler, safety engineer, attributes the improvement in safety to the increased efforts of each supervisor and the superintendent, plus the influence of the weekly safety meetings held at each station.

The Quarterly Safety Engineering Inspection Committee, Messrs. G. F. Hearn, D. L. Tarnay, H. C. Giles and W. H. Koehler, wish to thank everyone for the kind reception and cooperation given their efforts.

JORDANIAN ENTERTAINS

While in London attending a secretarial school, Mohammed Trakh was asked to give a performance of Circassian dancing at the Dolchester Hotel in front of His Majesty King Hussein and 800 guests of the Jordan Embassy. Trakh is rated as one of the best Circassian dancers in Jordan.

Mr. Trakh passed the intermediate and advanced course for foreign students at the secretarial school, and has returned to work in the Tapline Aman office.

EDDYS VISIT LIBYA

On their way home from New York to Beirut, in March, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Eddy stopped at the new Arab kingdom of Libya where they visited the king, Idris El Senussi. «We took a 300 mile motor trip through Libya», says Mr. Eddy, «to view the farms and to find out the attitude of the inhabitants. We found the people very friendly to Americans.»

The king of this newly formed country is the grandson of Mohammad Al Senussi, who founded the Senussi Brotherhood, a religious order in Islam. Mr. Eddy's interest in the Arab world stems from a lifelong association with the Middle East. He was born in Sidon, Lebanon, the son of American missionaries, and was the first U.S. minister to Saudi Arabia.

OPERATION REPORT

Average BPD pumped from Qaisumah	312,256	310,107
Average BPD loaded at Sidon	305,648	310,107
Ships loaded	72	155
Average Bbls per ship	118,863	118,051

REPORTING IN

Enroute to Saudi Arabia from the States, John «Stu» Lorimer, formerly of Accounting, passed through Beirut last week. «Stu» is presently associated with Fluor Middle East.

Another ex-Accounting employee, R. A. «Tom» Greig, has joined Bechtel's forces in Aden. Mrs. Greig and Tommy are residing in Woodside, California. Former Misha'ab-ite and Tapline Accountant, Ed Masso and Mrs. Masso stopped off in Beirut last week after local leave in Cairo. Ed is with the SAG Railroad project.

BREIDI TO U.S.

April 5 is the departure date of Joe Breidi, National Personnel, who is heading for New York to attend a four week survey course in Industrial Relations at the Socony-Vacuum school. Joe plans to take his annual vacation at the end of the school term and spend some time in Europe on his way back to Beirut.

BRIDGE CHAMPS

Stu Thoits and Hal Cross of Accounting have successfully emerged from the first of three elimination tournaments to determine the best bridge pair in Lebanon. They placed fourth in the March tourney, and will compete in the April games. The contests are sponsored by the Lebanese Bridge Federation.

BOOKLET TO EMPLOYEES

Booklets in Arabic depicting «Tapline—Two Years of Progress» have been distributed to all employees. Prepared by the Public Relations Department, the book deals with the objectives of Tapline, the benefits it brings to the countries in which it operates, and shows facts and pictures of the construction and maintenance of the pipeline.

Three years of effort, \$160,000,000 and vast quantities of steel went into Tapline to bring oil from Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean Sea.

Advantages to the Middle East resulting from Tapline operation in addition to the income derived from the transportation of oil, are substantial. Approximately 80 tankers a month call at Sidon, resulting in stimulation of marine trade. A road built along the entire length of the line has aided commerce between the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf.

Labor has been trained and hundreds of nationals employed by the company. Payrolls have stimulated business in food, housing, equipment and clothing.



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Hamdi Yahya Named Club Manager

Hamdi Yahya has been appointed manager of the Tapline Sporting Club. No newcomer to our midst, he was employed by the Company in 1948 as personnel officer in the Damascus office.

Mr. Yahya has had considerable experience in club stewardship and services during 14 years of employment with IPC. In 1949 he supervised Employees' Services, including staff messes and recreation, for the Arabian Bechtel Company in Syria. Until recently, he was Bechtel's Camp Supervisor-Employees' Services on their Aden job.

A family man, Mr. Yahya resides with his wife and two sons, aged 10 and 11, in Beirut.

Club Nears Completion

Work on the club is now progressing rapidly, according to Club President Mike Bassoul. The contractor has started work on the tennis courts, and the club house is nearing completion.

Present plans call for the club to open sometime in May. No definite date has been set, but as soon as a decision is reached all employees will be notified.

Drive Continues

Meanwhile, the club's membership drive continues. Already 220 employees have paid their fees. Employees who have not yet joined may send their fees to Joseph Jabbour, club treasurer; to Mary Rubeiz, Younis building; George Hajjar, St. Michel; and to Jane Ringlund and Mr. Yahya, Asseily building. Mr. Jabbour will send receipts to all employees who mail in their fees.

Books are still needed for the club library. All contri-

Tapline's Team Plans to Enter May Golf Tournament at Tripoli

The Middle East Oil Industry Golf Tournament, originally scheduled for April 16 and 17 in Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia, was postponed. The tourney will now be held May 16 and 17 in Tripoli and will be sponsored by the Iraq Petroleum Company.

Five teams — Aramco, IPC, Kuwait, Basrah and Tapline — will enter the competition.

Tapline's team will consist of Daniel H. Ball, Harold E. Cross, Dale Foster, Don W. Murray, Alan C. Nelson, Hubert J. Openshaw, Chester W. Woodall and L. A. Ford. Mrs.

J. M. Volkmann and Mrs. Nellie Cross will be Tapline's entries in the women's field. Aramco is providing prizes for winners of the competition.

Pictures Wanted

Pipeline Periscope is anxious to have photographs of employees' activities. If you have any pictures which you think would interest our readers, send them, along with identification necessary for publication, to the Editor, Tapline, Beirut. All photographs not used will be returned.



Hamdi Yahya

butions (both fiction and non-fiction are welcome) should be sent to Mr. Jabbour, Asseily building.



Badanah Pump Station, situated near the junction of Wadi Badanah and Wadi 'Ar'ar, is viewed by many employees as their favorite station. Reasons: climate, good water, and Curran hospitality. In the foreground of the photograph are the family houses. Behind are the bachelor quarters. The industrial area is at the right. For more pictures see the Periscope feature, «Meet Badanah», on Page 3.

Badanah Employee 'In the Spotlight'



Ishbook, Now Studying in Beirut, Finds Typing Easy, Arabic 'Hard'

They call him "Ishbook," but his real name is Hathal Bin Said. He's a 21 year old Saudi Arab now in Beirut as a "pilot case" in a new Tapline training venture.

Ishbook, with Tapline since 1949, first worked as an office boy, then as filing clerk in the personnel office at Ras-el-Mishaab. In 1950 he was transferred to Rafha to become a checker in community services. Later, he became a clerk in the Badanah warehouse.

Additional Training

According to Matt Schau, training coordinator, Ishbook had done such an outstanding job that the company was anxious that he progress with Tapline. Ishbook, it was felt, would find it difficult to raise his rating

unless he had additional training.

It was then that he was selected as the first Saudi Arab employee to attempt a new study program designed to help employees equip themselves for better jobs.

In Beirut since November, Ishbook will finish his company-sponsored training in May. He receives his full salary during this period of study.

Takes Four Subjects

Of the four subjects Ishbook is taking — Arabic, arithmetic, English and English typing — he finds typing the easiest. Surprisingly enough, Arabic is most difficult. Though he could speak Arabic, he had never learned to read or to write it until he came to Beirut.

Is Ishbook so fascinated by the bright lights of Beirut that he wants to stay here? Not in the least. He is anxious to go back to his old job. He likes the desert and he likes his work. And from all reports Badanah is anxious to have him back too.

Mr. Schau said that the future of the training venture may depend upon Ishbook's success. Schau added that the venture seems to have a bright future.

Correction

The caption over the picture of Qaisumah's crane operator (April issue of *Periscope*) should have read Fahad bin Mutlaq and not Muriag bin Saad.

Holiday Permits Extended Trips

Tapline's new Easter vacation policy — using Easter Monday as the holiday rather than Good Friday — made it possible for a number of employees to take long trips.

Among those going to Aleppo were Stu Thoits, George Petrie, Bob Pursel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bates, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Beckley, Mr. and Mrs. Chick Nelson and daughter Cordelia, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wells and son Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gilcreast.

Journeying to Petra for the three-day Easter holiday were Miss Ruth Frey, Bill Walden, Ray Humiston, Gerald Turner and his mother Mrs. Jeannette Hartog.

Miss Jane Ringlund, Miss Nora Bezjian, Mark Gastovitch and Ed Andary spent their Easter holidays skiing at the Cedars.

Memo from The Acting Editor

Your Acting Editor has just learned that in the past year the Company contributed approximately \$90,000 to development projects, charitable institutions and other organizations in the Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

More than \$20,000 was given for charity and relief; more than \$30,000 to assist educational institutions; upwards of \$20,000 to aid in the rehabilitation of refugees and the indigent, and more than \$5,000 in miscellaneous welfare subscriptions.

About 30 organizations received assistance. Among them were the Lebanese Hospital for Mental and Nervous Disorders; the Lebanon Red Cross; the Arab Development Society, Jordan; the Jordan Red Crescent; the Arab Orphan Committee of Haifa; the Near East Foundation in Syria, and the Damascus Juvenile Protection Association.

Personnel Report

● Proud Fathers

BEIRUT

Nabih Moussa (Medical) a daughter, Shadiah.
Elias Samaha (Community Services) a son, Antoine.
Joseph Nassar (Eng'g) a son, George.
Subhi Durzi (Hvy Transp.) a son, Riyad.
Mahmoud Halabi (P & S) a son, Bahig.

SIDON

Sadallah Kassir (Operations) a son, Jawdat.
Mohammad Elayan (Operations) a daughter, Naimeh.
Elias Y. Mansour (Operations) a daughter, Selvana.
Haidar Sleiman (Security) twins: a son, Mufid and a daughter, Ismat.

● Weddings

Hassan F. Muhsen (Sidon Construction) to Alia Huttait.

● Engagements

Nadim Hayek (Sidon Operations) to Nabiha Yazbek.
Nash'at Yamut (Sidon Mtce) to Mouzayyine Barakat.

Company Announces New Summer Hours

Summer hours for employees working in Tapline's Beirut offices and in the St. Michel area became effective today. The work schedule is as follows:

For Lebanese employees:

Monday through Friday — 7:30 a. m. to 12 noon; 1 to 3:30 p. m. Saturday — 7:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Americans and other expatriate employees work until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Work schedules for the Beirut hospital, Sidon, and shift workers in the Beirut area will be announced by the supervisors concerned.

Available

Fiat 1100, 1950 model. Contact Joe Mouhanna, Younis Bldg., Ext. 81.

Dodge, 1951 model. Contact A. Homaidan, Asseily Bldg., Ext. 28.



Meet Badanah

TAPLINE'S THIRD PUMP STATION

Badanah, selected as the central location for the Governorate of the area by the Saudi Arab government, has developed into a thriving community since 1949 when Tapline began construction of one of its most important pump stations.

The Governor, His Excellency Amir Mohammad al-Sudairi, has erected a beautiful modern villa on a knoll overlooking the town. This personal interest has inspired the confidence of the local inhabitants in the permanency of the community. Following the Governor's example,

others are building permanent homes and shops which now form the nucleus of an enterprising town.

Inasmuch as the highest point on the pipeline lies between Badanah and Turaif, the Badanah station must raise oil from the pumps to a higher elevation than any of the other stations. The load on the Badanah station is 900 psi compared to a maximum of 790 psi at the other stations.

Photographs on this page are by A. D. Clark and J. M. Webster.



Badanah Superintendent R.K. Curran outlines a new policy for his staff. Left to right are G. B. Abdullah, A. S. Siblani, Curran, J. R. Van Dijk and J.G. Sayegh.



Shown at a recent gathering in Badanah are three of the Sudairi brothers. From left to right are H.E. Amir Rahman al-Sudairi of Sakaka, H.E. Amir Muhammad al-Sudairi of Badanah and H.E. Amir Khalid al-Sudairi of Tabuk.



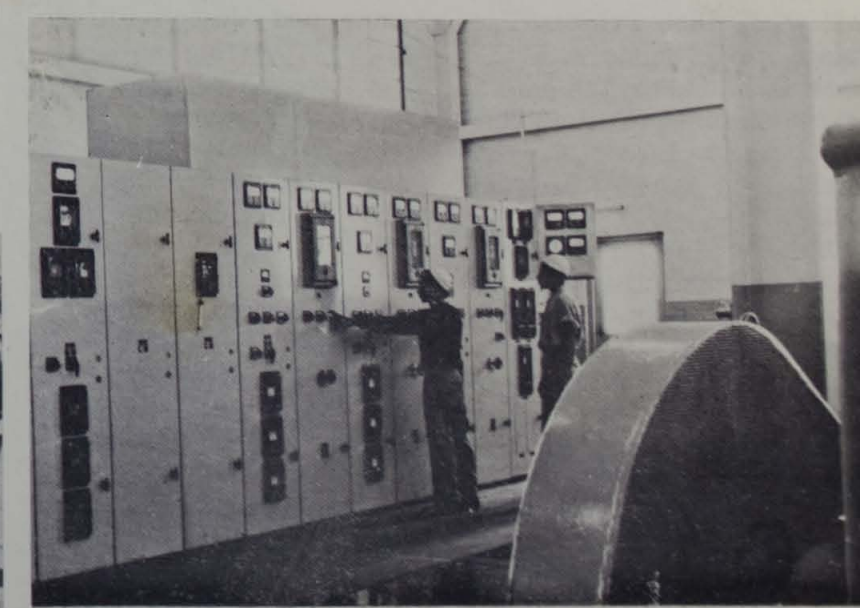
Above, H.E. Amir Muhammad al-Sudairi (left) presented the 1952 safety award cup to Superintendent R.K. Curran (center) in an informal ceremony at a picnic April 17. A.I. Balushi, interpreter, is at the right.

Below, one of the highlights of the picnic was a tug-of-war contest. There was also singing and dancing—and plenty of food.



Above, Relations staff at an office conference with Arab contractors' representatives.

Below, Lafi bin Na'if and A.B. Ali switch generators in Badanah's main pump house, part of the extensive equipment and machinery that assist the flow of oil through the pipeline.



Pipeline

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ALONG THE LINE

Sidon

by MOSES BEZIRIGIAN

His Royal Highness Saud Ibn Abdul Aziz, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, visited the terminal April 14.

Around 9:30 that morning Messrs. C. A. Swigart, H. B. Britton, W. E. Locher, D. T. Pinckney, W. A. Eddy, H. H. Metz, W. A. Campbell, G. E. Mandis and Saleh al As'ad arrived from Beirut to receive the Crown Prince.

The party, accompanied by Captain J. R. Jones, terminal superintendent, and Captain A. A. Brickhouse, drove to the tank farm where a platform covered with Persian rugs had been erected.

His Royal Highness drove in through the ornate archway, put up especially for the occasion, around noon. He was accompanied by Lebanon's Prime Minister Emir Khaled Shehab; Izzat bey Khorshid; Michel El Jahel, Mohafez of South Lebanon, and other high government officials. The convoy of cars drove to the tank farm where Tapline officials received the Prince.

Operations Explained

A short account of oil operations from the wells of Saudi Arabia to the loading of tankers in Sidon terminal was given by Hikmat Bidawi, acting assistant shift foreman, using the now famous "Walt Ludvigsen model" as a guide.

Refreshments were served; then Hamad Hassan El-Durai'i, a Saudi Arab instructor at the Training Center, welcomed the Prince. The Prince shook hands with the eight Saudi Arabs employed at the Training Center. The Royal party then left the terminal on its way back to Beirut.

While at the terminal the Prince said he felt very much at home in Sidon. The pipeline, he said, provided a physical link with his country.

On Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hellman left Sidon April 7 for a tour of the Holy Land, a tour that took them to Damascus,



ROYAL VISITOR to the Sidon terminal April 14 was His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Hikmat Bidawi, acting assistant shift foreman at Sidon, explained terminal operations. Left to right are Lebanon's Prime Minister Shehab, the Crown Prince, Saleh el As'ad, C.A. Swigart and H.B. Britton.

Amman, Jerusalem, Ramallah and Jerash. R. H. Massey was operating foreman during Hellman's absence.

Captain M. Gjertsen and family depart for Norway on home leave May 3. Other long vacationers in Norway will be Captain and Mrs. W. Ludvigsen and children. Captain N. F. Parker has gone on long leave to England, where he plans to attend the coronation June 2.

Farid Wakim has been on leave since April 20. Before leaving Farid promised to send some quail to friends. To date nothing has been received.

Mrs. Paul Cole is entertaining Miss Armstrong, a friend from Oakland, California. The Tronstads have moved half way to Nous-Nous hill, on the Mieh-Mieh road. Nazir Dada has moved to a house near the Tanios hotel. Habib Saba, George Asmar and Joseph Ghanem are now sharing an apartment across the street from the Rivoli cinema.

Nicola Khoury is recuperating after a tonsillectomy at Dr. Shabb's hospital in Sidon. Elias Abu-Tayeh recently underwent an operation in a Beirut hospital.

On April 10 Tarek Baassiri, Chafik Nasr, Hikmat Bidawi, Fouad Arnaout, Karim Shaya and Nicola Makhoul of Sidon Terminal operations went to Mieh-Mieh to play a game of volleyball against the local team. The score: 2-1, in favor of the locals.

Qaisumah

by K. H. ARMSTRONG

The rains came. On the evening of April 8 Qaisumah was deluged with 2.86 inches of rain and hail in an unpredictable storm that rolled in from the west and started off towards Nariya before doubling back to hit Qaisumah again.

Nearly two inches of rain fell in the first 45 minutes. Nabeh Abboud ventured out of the machine shop just long enough to pick up one of the hailstones which, when calipered, measured 1.75 inches in diameter.

New Residents

Newly established residents of Qaisumah are the Les Weilers. Mr. Weiler will be acting communications engineer while John Kelberer is on vacation.

Dr. David Sifri is relieving Dr. N. W. Boustany while the Boustany's enjoy a short visit to Beirut. Shortly before their departure, Samira Boustany held a tea party to introduce the ladies to Amir Muhammed Shuhail's wife, who journeyed down from Samah in the Neutral Zone.

Hall to Austria

Robert E. Hall of Government Relations departed April 14 for long vacation after spending some 16 months at Qaisumah. It is understood that he will team up with Bob Kennedy (Turaif Relations) at Aleppo, where they will take a train to Greece. From Greece Hall will continue to Austria and Kennedy to Italy.

Teobaldo Motolese has departed on long vacation for Italy. Also, Tullio Davanzo, former Qaisumah service foreman, has returned to his home in Italy. Steve Shaker, formerly of M'asser el Chouf, Lebanon, and the United States, is the new service foreman. Shift foreman Reda Samad is now long vacationing in the Lebanon.

Recently returned from long vacation is Les Mathews, Aramco chief gauger at Qaisumah, who spent his leave in Shreveport, New Orleans and El Paso in the United States.

Turaif

by J. ARNOLD

George Hearn, new addition to our community, is pinch-hitting for R. B. Lewis while Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are on long leave. Our only regret is that Mrs. Hearn and "Scooter" are not with us too.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas and their two daughters are now permanent residents. Other additions are Mr. and Mrs. Vic Anderson. And we have a new post commander, Abdul Aziz Al Sudairi, who replaced Abdullah Shagami.

Expected Soon

Expected soon are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. John Terry.

On April 17 Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley celebrated their thirty-first wedding anniversary.

Raymond Nahas was in Beirut recently due to illness in his family.

Turaif witnessed an Easter vacation that ended in tragedy. The three sons of Sayyid Mohammed Mare', chief customs inspector of Turaif, returned from school in Beirut for the holidays. The boys were picnicking in the desert, when, ironically, they fell into a water hole and drowned. All Turaif was saddened by the event.

TRAINING CENTER

by Ray Sullivan

Hamilton Osborne, formerly Training Center superintendent, left April 20 for Dhahran to accept another appointment. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne will leave for the States on long leave about the middle of May. Ray Sullivan, your reporter, is now acting superintendent.

Dr. and Mrs. Merrill Y. Van Wagoner leave May 4 for the States on long leave. When they return, Dr. Van Wagoner will take over new duties in Dhahran.

Rapid progress on the construction of the Training Center's new dormitory and classroom building should make it available sometime in June. Ground is soon to be broken for a new Saudi Arab classroom and living quarters building. The dining hall and some other structures are now being reconditioned.

The new construction will provide 18 classrooms, an auditorium, and living quarters for 80 to 100 trainees. Present enrollment is about 22 trainees.

BADANAH

by Abdullah Siblani

For winning the safety award a picnic was given by the Company for all station personnel on April 17. The picnic was held 15 miles west of Badanah in a wadi covered with green grass and beautiful desert flowers.

Personnel arrived at 10 a. m. and played games sponsored by Kenneth Pritchett. The Saudi Nationals stole the show when they joined hand-in-hand to present a combined dancing and singing program, followed by some "Dabkee" from Khalil Sammour and your reporter.

In addition to the Pipeline Governor Amir Muhammed Sudairi, his brother Amir Khaled and the Assistant Governor Izzidine Bey Shawa, visitors included W. Burleigh of Aramco, Matt Schau, Jack Webster, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ragsdale, Mr. and Mrs. I. Gray and Mr. and Mrs. A. Trude from Rafha.

Safety Cup

Before lunch was served there was an informal pres-



Badanah's picnic April 17 turned out to be a feast. The occasion: celebration of the 1952 safety award presentation to Badanah. Over 175 persons attended.

entation of the safety cup by His Excellency Amir Sudairi to Ken Curran, who in turn congratulated the Badanah employees for their efforts in establishing the best safety record during 1952.

To feed the 175 persons attending the picnic the menu called for 10 sheep, some 75 pounds of rice and 10 five-gallon cans of "Laban." Thanks to Dick Manougian and commissary help, the food was delicious.

In addition to employees and their guests, a number of neighboring bedouins who happened to be in the area also attended.

Local news: The first one to notice the fire in the Recreation Hall March 28 was "Rhubarb" the wild cat. It was around 2 a.m. when Mrs. Ed Celusnick was disturbed by unusual carryings on by Rhubarb. Mrs. Celusnick investigated, discovered the fire and reported it immediately.

New Resident

Mrs. Don Robinson joined her husband (Construction) here April 14. The Robinsons will reside permanently in Badanah.

Vacationing in Beirut are Elias Lutfallah, Yahya Mazboudi and Abboud Hilani.

Repairs on the Rec. Hall are progressing very rapidly thanks to W. O. Vernon and the maintenance crew. From the looks of things, the repaired hall is going to be very nice.

A going-away party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caesens (Transportation) April 16. The Caesens leave next week on their long vacation.

Beirut

by Rose Saudah

Back from Long Vacation in the US is C. D. "Temp" Templeton, who returned to the field April 19.

Home Leavers during the month were Mr. & Mrs. Bud Bigelow on April 2, and Mr. & Mrs. Carl Schaefer and son on April 3. Both Bud and Carl are of Accounting. Hotfooting it to Hot Springs, Ark., on April 26 were the Gene Finnells (Operations) and their three youngsters.

Attend Symposium

Attending the Near East Medical Symposium held in Beirut April 17, 18 and 19 were Doctors Zukoski, Boustany, Ghanma, Mufarrij, Thaddeus and Vosgueritchian. Enroute to New York from Dhahran, Dr. T. E. Allen, assistant medical director of Aramco, stopped off in Beirut to also attend the medical conference.

Departing on a six to eight weeks business trip to the US were Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Swigart on the GAZELLE, April 21.

From London

Art Olson of Engineering and Harold Krapp of Maintenance returned the first of the month from a business trip to London and several cities in Western Germany.

Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Britton returned to New York on April 26 after nearly ten weeks in the field.

Rafha

by Evelyn Hughes

Over the Easter holidays your reporter was in Dhahran and thus missed the holiday activity. I had a lot to catch up on when I returned.

Easter Sunday the Pfisters entertained in their home with a fried chicken dinner cooked by all the wives. Formerly planned for the outside barbecue pit, the affair was moved inside when a sudden shamal interfered.

Miss Margaret Conser and Miss Joan Trude were down from school over the holidays. Their parents gave a party in their honor at the Conser home. The dancing lasted very late.

A recent party at the Dudley Harbins had duck as the main course. The party had its inception in a remark Babe Harbin made while Bill Pickett was cleaning some ducks for the freezer. Babe admired the ducks; Bill suggested she cook them. The Pfisters, Grahams and Picketts, along with the Harbins, raided their own freezers until there were 40 ducks for the event. Billi Graham and Louise Pfister helped in the cooking. Down from Beirut at the occasion were Joe Volkmann, Stan Aronson, Dal Pinckney and Nick Bibby.

The Harbins held a farewell party in honor of Dr. Munir Shammaa, who has been transferred to Beirut. We also held a small dinner party for the doctor. The Harbins, John Elliot, and Abid Samahaa attended.

Invited, but unable to attend, was Major Nick Seaton of the British Locust Control.

Dr. Jack Thaddeus is replacing Dr. Shammaa.

Pearl and Iva Gray gave a surprise eighteenth anniversary party for George and Margaret Conser a few nights ago. Nick Bibby and Glen Buettner from Beirut were among those who attended.

Walt Vaughn endeared himself forever in the Rafha ladies' hearts by arriving on Easter with a lovely potted plant for each. How welcome the flowers were in our homes down here.

Hassan Bin Mohamed was recently awarded the Company's five year service pin.



"Lucky" Raja Salibi was welcomed to the Warner Brothers' studios by the lovely actress, Jane Powell, when he visited Hollywood on his recent trip.

Raja Salibi Says Magazines, Movies Misrepresent States

US magazines and Hollywood movies frequently give foreigners the wrong impression of the United States, Raja Salibi, accountant in the Beirut office, said after his return April 1 from an 18 week, YMCA-sponsored trip to the US, Canada and Mexico, with stopovers in Europe. "Divorce, for example," Salibi said. "From the looks of movies and magazines divorce is a common thing. But it just isn't so. There are many other characteristics of the people that the magazines either overplay or underplay, giving a false impression of their country."

YMCA Chairman

Salibi, until the end of last year chairman of the Beirut YMCA social committee, undertook the trip to see what ideas the local organization could gain from the US, to study operating methods of Y's in the States and to see what ideas Lebanon's YMCA could contribute to US groups.

A major portion of his time was spent delivering speeches. He gave on the average of two speeches a day to clubs, schools, churches and YMCA's. While the talks differed in content, depending on the age and composition of the audience, he usually discussed the YMCA program in Lebanon and the general economy, social conditions

and political geography of Lebanon and the Middle East. He kept out of politics because "I am not a politician. Besides, the YMCA is non-political and non-sectarian." Sometimes, in question periods, he was asked about Middle East problems. "I gave my own viewpoint in those cases — which is the Arab viewpoint."

Use School Buildings

YMCA's in the States, Salibi believes, are very strong. Sports play a larger part in their programs than they do in Lebanon. Among ideas he gained which he feels Lebanon might adopt is the system some Y's have of using school buildings for Y activities.

One of the most pleasant parts of his trip was a visit to Hollywood, where he was shown the Warner Brothers studios by the lovely actress Jane Powell.

Accounting

Just like the bus driver who goes driving on his holiday, Salibi could not get his mind off accounting. He spent two weeks with the Sun Pipe Line Company in Beaumont, Texas, to familiarize himself with new business machines and procedures.

Salibi will give talks about his trip to the local YMCA and will make reports to both the local and YMCA headquarters in New York.

Visit Navy Ships

On April 8, 24 employees from St. Michel warehouse were the guests of Lt. J. B. Saylor aboard the USS Che-waucan, a 4130 ton oil tanker attached to the US Sixth Fleet, which paid a courtesy visit to Beirut port.

According to a report received from James Dunn, highlights of the group's tour of the ship included a visit to the bridge. There a Navy man explained the complicated apparatus which steers and controls the ship. Joe Bustani, Joe Abboud, Rida Abu Nassar and Rashid Ghalayni translated for those members of the party whose understanding of English could not keep up with the remarks of the Navy guide.

Another group of 25 from the Asseily building toured the USS Cascade, 17,000 ton destroyer tender, upon invitation of the US Navy, on April 9.

Operations Report

	March, 1953	Year, 1953
Received at Sidon (Average BPD)	312,549	311,429
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US magazines and Hollywood movies frequently give foreigners the wrong impression of the United States, Raja Salibi, accountant in the Beirut office, said after his return April 1 from an 18 week, YMCA-sponsored trip to the US, Canada and Mexico, with stopovers in Europe.

"Divorce, for example," Salibi said. "From the looks of movies and magazines divorce is a common thing. But it just isn't so. There are many other characteristics of the people that the magazines either overplay or underplay, giving a false impression of their country."

YMCA Chairman

Salibi, until the end of last year chairman of the Beirut YMCA social committee, undertook the trip to see what ideas the local organization could gain from the US, to study operating methods of Y's in the States and to see what ideas Lebanon's YMCA could contribute to US groups.

A major portion of his time was spent delivering speeches. He gave on the average of two speeches a day to clubs, schools, churches and YMCA's. While the talks differed in content, depending on the age and composition of the audience, he usually discussed the YMCA program in Lebanon and the general economy, social conditions

and political geography of Lebanon and the Middle East. He kept out of politics because "I am not a politician. Besides, the YMCA is non-political and non-sectarian." Sometimes, in question periods, he was asked about Middle East problems. "I gave my own viewpoint in those cases — which is the Arab viewpoint."

Use School Buildings

YMCA's in the States, Salibi believes, are very strong. Sports play a larger part in their programs than they do in Lebanon. Among ideas he gained which he feels Lebanon might adopt is the system some Y's have of using school buildings for Y activities.

One of the most pleasant parts of his trip was a visit to Hollywood, where he was shown the Warner Brothers studios by the lovely actress Jane Powell.

Accounting

Just like the bus driver who goes driving on his holiday, Salibi could not get his mind off accounting. He spent two weeks with the Sun Pipe Line Company in Beaumont, Texas, to familiarize himself with new business machines and procedures.

Salibi will give talks about his trip to the local YMCA and will make reports to both the local and YMCA headquarters in New York.

Visit Navy Ships

On April 8, 24 employees from St. Michel warehouse were the guests of Lt. J. B. Saylor aboard the USS Che-waucan, a 4130 ton oil tanker attached to the US Sixth Fleet, which paid a courtesy visit to Beirut port.

According to a report received from James Dunn, highlights of the group's tour of the ship included a visit to the bridge. There a Navy man explained the complicated apparatus which steers and controls the ship. Joe Bustani, Joe Abboud, Rida Abu Nassar and Rashid Ghalayni translated for those members of the party whose understanding of English could not keep up with the remarks of the Navy guide.

Another group of 25 from the Asseily building toured the USS Cascade, 17,000 ton destroyer tender, upon invitation of the US Navy, on April 9.

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When Tapline selected Mahmoud El-Yusuf as its representative in Damascus, it chose a man whose family has been well known in Syria for over 200 years.

Mr. El-Yusuf, who went to work for Tapline March 1, 1947, was one of the very first employees to be hired. He worked in the Beirut office for one year until the Damascus office was opened. He has been there ever since.

A member of the American University of Beirut Alumni association, Mr. El-Yusuf received his diploma de commerce from the Section Secondeaire in 1946.

His wife, Dr. U. Al-K. Azm, who has an M.D. degree from Université Saint Joseph, is a noted pediatrician and has been working with the Ministry of Hygiene in Syria for three years. The El-Yusufs have a son, Munif, two and one-half months old.

For relaxation Mr. El-Yusuf likes to play an occasional game of tennis. At

AUB he played soccer and basketball. He is the representative of the Government Relations Department in the Damascus office and has six employees under his supervision. Frequently, he makes inspection trips of Tapline installations in Syria.

Women of the El-Yusuf family have been active in philanthropic work. His sister is now working on a project to properly care for juvenile delinquents.

Personnel Report

PROUD FATHERS

Beirut

Youssef Kamar (Eng'g) a daughter, Monah.

Sidon

Albert Tabet (Operations) a daughter, Victoria.

Khalil Sayed (Marine) a daughter, Sa'adie.

Louis Asmar (Construction) a son, Bechara.

Mohamed Battakji (Construction) a daughter, Samira.

Mohamed Alamin (Operations) a son, Hatem.

Mustafa Ghaddar (Construction) a daughter, Jamileh.

Weddings

Mohamad Itani (Traffic) to Nazik El-Masri.

Transfers

S. S. Shoot (Mtce) from Rafha to Qaisumah.

P. F. Wanjon (Comm.) from Sidon to Turaif.

Available

Morris sedan, 1947 model, 4 door, 10 HP, 68000 kms., good condition. Contact Dr. Azad, Medical Dept.

Fiat Convertible, custom body, white sidewall tires, 32000 kms. Contact Charles Pace, Aviation Dept.

Piano, upright, French model, Saudi Customs paid. Contact Mrs. Iva Gray, Rafha.

Flight Report

Aviation Mac Aldo and Maria Belli announce the arrival of flight Rita, May 17. Cargo weight: 5½ lbs.

Our Sympathy

Tapline employees extend their deepest sympathy to Walter Hough, Jr., whose mother, Mrs. Margaret Hough, passed away May 12.

Children's Activities Association Will Disband, Rattle Announces

The Children's Activities Association, organized for the purpose of conducting summer camp activities, is disbanding, according to an announcement from P. S. Rattle, acting chairman of the group.

Last summer the organization created and operated a summer camp for children in the Lebanese mountains.

Rattle, outlining the reasons for the group's decision, said that facilities used for last year's camp needed many improvements to assure safe, healthful conditions. The group decided it was undesirable to attempt to continue the camp unless such improvements were made.

The camp of 1952 proved to be a costly venture. Even with the assistance of several large commercial companies in the area, parents and other individuals, there was a deficit.

The association decided that approximately \$20,000 would be needed to make the

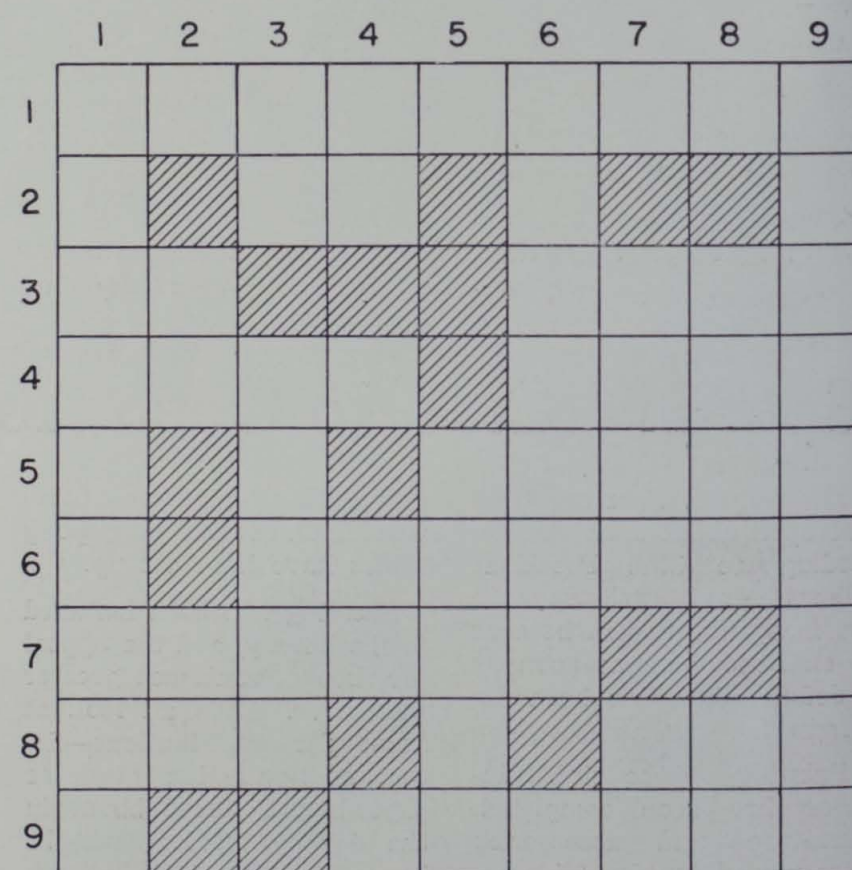
needed improvements in the camp if it were to operate this summer.

Association members contacted large commercial companies in the area in an attempt to raise the money. The companies, after careful consideration of the request, felt that they would be unable to donate the necessary funds. Tapline agreed to lend the equipment used last year to any suitable parent group that may wish to create a camp for their children this year.

Rattle, citing evidence of the expense of operating a camp, suggested that one cannot be conducted within price limitations that parents are willing and able to pay unless the camp is partially, or even heavily, subsidized.

The present possibilities for such subsidies being exhausted, the group decided to disband. However, hope was expressed that arrangements could be worked out in future years for a suitable children's summer camp.

Arabic Crossword Puzzle



Horizontal

- 1: Relations
- 2: Article
- 3: Attached Pronoun — Consonant, repeat 4 times
- 4: Time — Put
- 5: One-eyed (fem.)
- 6: He spent them.
- 7: It pleases
- 8: Used in calling somebody — Relative Pronoun
- 9: Think

Vertical

- 1: Public
- 2: Attached Pronoun — Two vowels
- 3: To me (attached pronoun) — Try
- 4: Article — Second and third letters in word meaning man
- 5: I knew
- 6: Friends
- 7: Look or see — Third and fourth letters in word meaning property
- 8: Buy it — To me (attached pronoun)
- 9: You wait



Habiyy Abboud and Farhan ibn Sa'ad compare Rafha's safety record with other stations' on the safety bulletin board. Seventeen Rafha employees were among those who recently received safe driver pins.

Rafha, St. Michel Employees Awarded Safe Driver Pins

Twenty-two employees in the St. Michel area and 17 employees at Rafha have recently been awarded Safe Driver pins, according to an announcement received from Walter H. Koehler, safety engineer.

Winning two year pins at St. Michel were S. Durzi, K. Itani, A. Halabi, H. Musharrafieh, O. Faor, M. Sha'arawi, M. Haikal, Z. Jaber, A. Laham, N. Abboud, S. Khoury, Y. Wazen, Z. Azzi, and H. Labban.

One year pins at St. Michel went to Y. Khalil, H. Taha, A. Nasrallah, F. Nahas, A.

Samardjian, G. Mneimneh, P. Tabib, and T. Khaled.

Rafha's two year winners were M. bin Hajjaj, A. bin Suleiman, M. bin Rashed, S. bin Suleiman, K. bin Aman, D. bin Suleiman, A. bin Suleiman, R. bin Ibrahim, K. bin Abdulkarim, M. bin Suleiman, S. bin Sa'ad, M. bin Atallah, S. bin Mohammed, and E. J. Schmidt.

One year pins went to S. bin Mubarak, A. bin Hassan, and B. Bin Abdallah.

Awards are being made to other stations as lists are presented and approved.



During a recent visit to Cairo, W.A. Eddy, consultant, had occasion to visit with General Mohammed Naguib, Egyptian Prime Minister, May 3.



King Hussein I of Jordan

Tapline Represented at Coronation Ceremonies for King Hussein I

Representing Tapline at the coronation celebration of King Hussein I of Jordan were Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Metz and W. E. Locher of Beirut management. The party was accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. L. P. I. Misson, Amman company representative.

Prior to the coronation, the Beirut group visited Jericho to observe the Mousa

Bey Alami reclamation project for settling Palestinian refugees on Arab land in the Jordan valley. In connection with the project is a school and technical training program for orphans of the Palestine war. Tapline, in joint contribution with Aramco, provided water well drilling equipment for the project. The company has also donated a flat-bed truck.

Filming Completed On Tapline Movie

Final filming of the Tapline movie "Pipeline for Progress" took place in Beirut the latter part of May. Produced by the public relations department, the movie has been compiled from stock 16 mm, color photographs of company operations and activities in Saudi Arabia and supplemented with shots taken in Amman, Damascus, Sidon and Beirut by cameraman Byron MacDonald. The film will have a running time of a half hour and sound tracks in both Arabic and

English. Pointing out the lasting benefits of the pipeline to the peoples of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, the film documentation likewise brings to mind the foresight and willingness of American oil companies to risk millions of dollars abroad, as well as the tremendous work, ingenuity and engineering skill involved.

It is planned to show the film this fall throughout the company's areas of operation and in the US.

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J.F. Pfister, Rafha station superintendent, holds frequent conferences with pump station supervisors. Left to right are George Conser, Adib Samaha, Pfister, Emile Mender and D. Harbin.



Government relations representative Ken Armstrong and Abdul Majib Ibrahim, also of Government Relations, confer with the Rafha Amir, Ibn Abdul Aziz al-Ahaidib.



At the Rafha recreation hall Bob Murphy gets ready for a game of billiards while Bill Edwards and C.D. Templeton look on.

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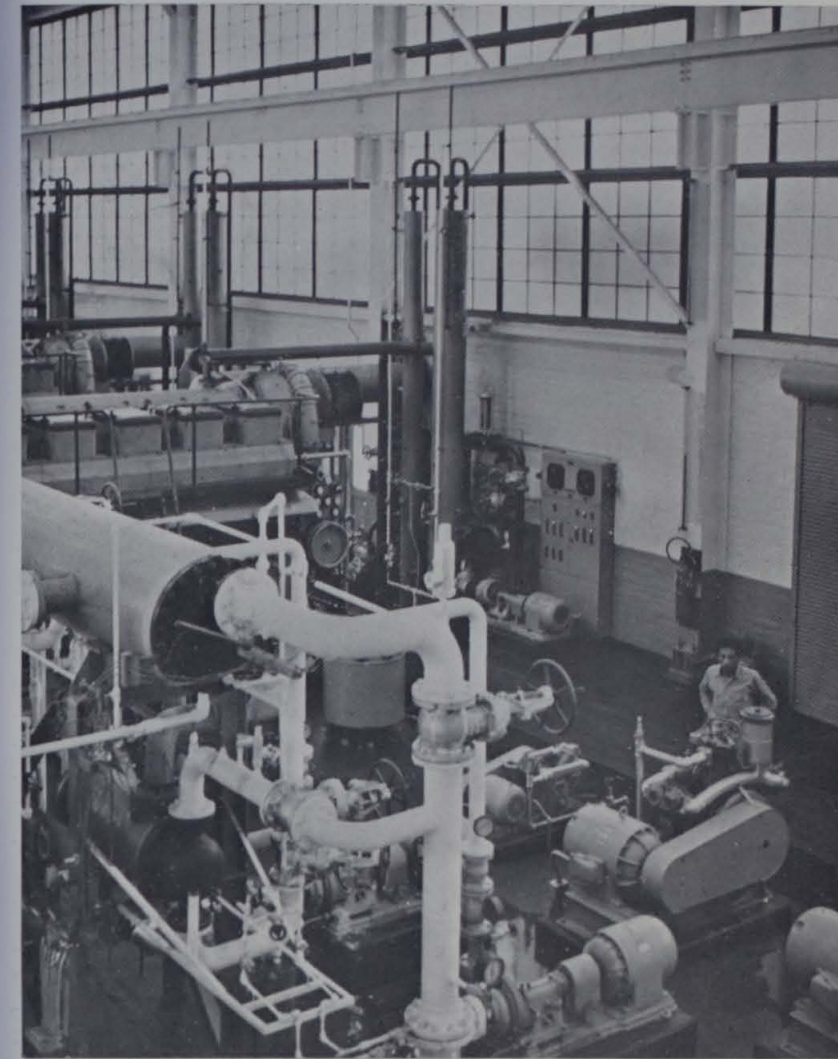
Meet Rafha

TAPLINE'S SECOND PUMP STATION

Two hundred ninety-six kilometers northwest of Tapline's first pump station lies Rafha. Although the last station to be completed and put in operation, Superintendent Pfister and his staff see to it that Rafha keeps pace with the other stations. It is here that automotive repairs and machine shop work is handled for the line. Rafha is also headquarters for the water well drilling group. Though the area surrounding the company's No. 2 Station appears desolate, there are many fertile wadis which bring large herds of camels for summer pasturing, and oc-

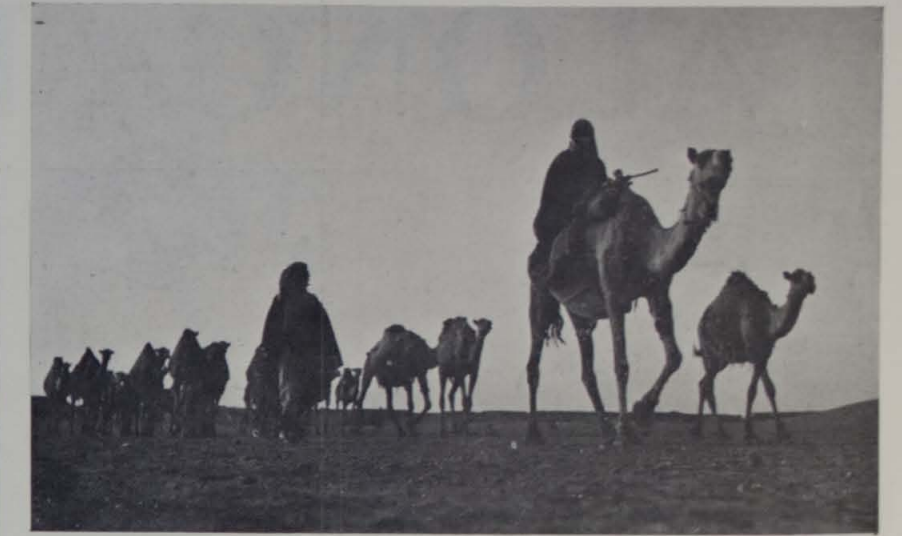
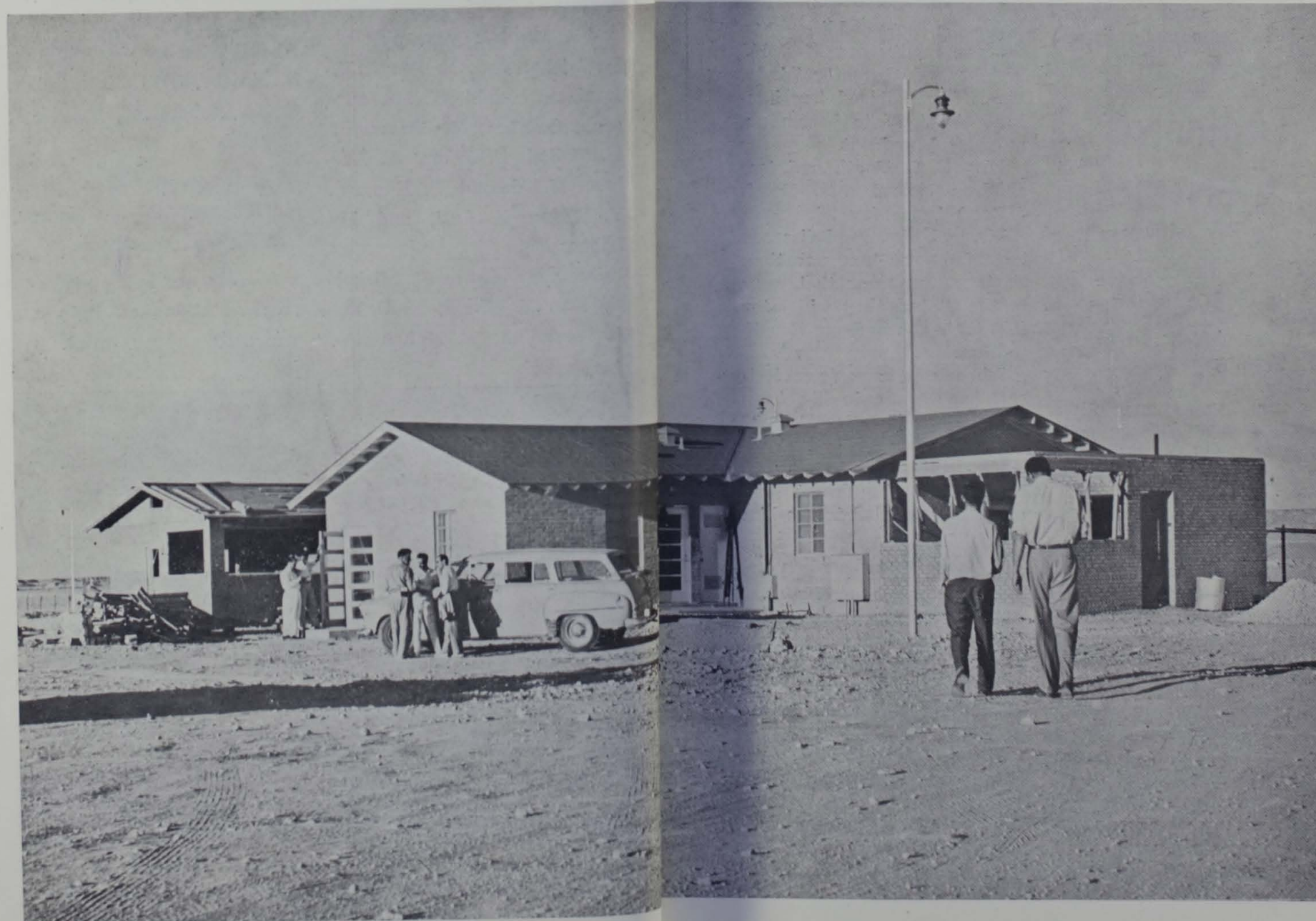
asionally provide excellent duck hunting for employees in the winter months.

Historically, this area is primarily noted for the Darb Zubaida and the nearby cistern, Birkat Jumaima. Darb Zubaida is a pilgrim trail built by Queen Zubaida several centuries ago that leads from Iraq to the interior of Saudi Arabia. Birkat Jumaima is one of many cut-stone cisterns which were constructed along the trail. These tremendous, man-made reservoirs act as catch basins for rain water and supply thirsty travellers today as they did hundreds of years ago.



The utility room adjoining the pump house contains a maze of equipment necessary to keep the oil flowing through the pipeline.

The new hospital building at Rafha is rapidly nearing completion. Medical care is available for all employees.



All along the pipeline Tapline's wells provide water that attracts nearby caravans. Here a camel caravan is moving toward the water well at Rafha. Time of day: sunset.



New Arab living quarters at Rafha were recently completed.



Machine Shop Foreman John Evans goes over work details with Faraj Shahiyn.

Mrs. J.F. Pfister, wife of the station superintendent, is the schoolmarm at Rafha. Here she listens to Gordon Ragsdale recite while Gary Graham (back to camera) follows along.



ALONG THE LINE

Rafha

by KEN ARMSTRONG
AND BETTY HARBIN

Despite an afternoon sandstorm, Bill Pickett displayed his prowess as chef in arranging a moonlight barbecue the first of May. Bill was ably assisted by Chet Woodall, Emile Mindr and R. A. Vanderbrink. The evening was high-lighted with music by John Pfister. Attending the party from out-of-town were the W. O. Vernons and D. R. Robinsons of Badanah and Dr. Frank Zukoski from Beirut.

Following send-off sheep barbecues on successive nights by Dr. Thaddeus and Abbas Hamadeh, Nimer Reno, office specialist, departed for Lebanon on a well-earned long vacation.

Enjoying a recent visit to Jerusalem and the Holy Land were Mrs. A. L. Trude and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Grymala.

Back from home leave in the USA is C. D. Templeton (Mtce) who arrived May 11. "Temp" reports a fine vacation except for a sore right arm — check signing, sez he!

Mrs. Howard Jensen spent two weeks during the month with her parents in Beirut. The Dudley Harbins also spent several days there as guests of Editor Dick Heaps.

Mrs. Preston Graham visited friends in Beirut while Pres (Operations) attended the Sidon Training Center. Also attending the Training Center were Bob Murphy (Transportation) and John Torres (Mtce).

Ken Armstrong has replaced John Elliot as relations representative. Upon his departure John was presented with a baby gazelle by Amir Shinaifi of Lina.

Eric Broman (Operations) has transferred to Nariya. Taking advantage of the long afternoons afforded by Ramadhan, the Rafha baseball team has commenced practice sessions.

Chet Woodall (Operations) travelled to Beirut on May 14 to join the Tapline golf team which participated in the Middle East Oil Industry Golf Association annual tournament May 16 and 17 in Tripoli.



It was a family reunion when son Craig returned to join his parents Virgil and Bonnie Brimer and brother Gary at Turaif in April. Craig had been in an incubator at the American University hospital. (Photo by C.G. Rush).

Sidon

by MOSES BEZIRIGIAN

James (Jimmy) Mullins, Chas. Martin and Co. cargo inspector, arrived in Sidon May 14 to begin work under a two year contract. Jimmy, from Bayonne, New Jersey, has nine years service with the Martin company. Among his likes: fishing.

Matthys H. Gjersten, maintenance electrician, was temporarily transferred to Sidon to relieve Khalil (Charlie) Saadeh.

Mrs. Walter Hetzel and son expect to join Mr. Hetzel here in Sidon soon. They are scheduled to leave New York June 27.

Vacation News

On May 22 John Koenreich left for England on local leave. He expects to attend the coronation while there.

Ed and June Ritter, back from local leave, report a very pleasant trip to Cyprus. Mrs. Tracy was baby sitter while they were away.

Back from long vacation in Italy are Captain and Mrs. Piero Boiral and daughter Anna. They drove, and sometimes pushed, their "Cune-gonda" — the Captain's pet name for his Fiat — in a tour that included Rome, Milan, Genoa, Torino, the Riviera — as far as the Swiss border. They sailed back aboard the Egyptian passenger ship El-Malek Fouad.

Other May vacationists included Joseph Ghanem, Habib Khouri, Adnan Shehab and Ali Ghaddar.

R. H. Massey, O. E. Ritter and Nicola Makhoul have not released the results of a recent hunting trip, but our sources, usually reliable, claim that the three fired 100 shots to bag 50 quail and 30 lizards.

While J. A. Borden and his wife are vacationing in the States, Joe Jeha is carrying out Borden's duties here at the terminal.

John MacAloon, E. W. Saybolt and Co. cargo inspector, has been temporarily transferred to Ras Tanura.

TRAINING CENTER

by Ray Sullivan

Early on the morning of May 13 fire destroyed the Tapline dining hall building at Zaharani which is used by the Training Center. The building, which also housed recreation rooms and other facilities, was being reconditioned at the time. The building and contents were a total loss.

Tapline personnel and trainees succeeded in saving the Training Center Administration building and storehouse. With the present reduced number of trainees, the training program has been able to continue. Tapline's quick work in assembling another dining room in one of the buildings saved permitted a resumption of dining room operations May 20 after a loss of these services for only one week.

We regret to announce

that Nabih Abu Zahr's father died May 10. Abu Zahr is employed in the language section as an instructor. The funeral was attended by staff members.

Badanah

by Elias N. Lutfallah

It's almost summer, but the weather here at Badanah continues to be exceptionally good. True, there are the shammals that blow up every now and then, but by and large it has been a very pleasant May.

The green grass and many water holes in the vicinity have attracted a large number of wandering Bedouins. During the past month the town has grown immensely — tents are scattered throughout the area, the Bedouins finding Badanah a very pleasant and convenient place to settle at this time of year. Thousands of grazing camels and sheep dot the landscape — almost as far as the eye can see.

New Additions

Among new additions to the community are Mrs. Ed Wright and daughter Linda. Mrs. Wright joined her husband April 27 to become a permanent resident.

Mrs. C. L. Booth and two children joined Mr. Booth (Mtce.) here May 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caesens left May 1 on long vacation. To tour Europe on their way to the States, they will later join their son in Long Beach, California.

Ishbook is back from Beirut, back again in his Arab dress. Does he miss Beirut? Not very much. He had always kept that longing to come back to the desert. And we were very glad to see him among us again.

Back from Vacation

Back from vacation are Abboud Hilani, Yahya Mazboudy, and your reporter. The "three musketeers of Badanah" spent some time in Lebanon and later visited Syria.

Edissio Zuccari, Sanci Anello and Mechele Cinnamo are in Italy to spend their long vacation. Another European traveler is J. R. Van Dyjk, who is in Holland.

Qaisumah

by Jamal Shakhtour

Following the advice of Hamlet, who said, "The play's the thing," the Saudi employees of Qaisumah station staged a drama in the ABQ May 8. The event was not only a great success but



Dan Ball, Garage Foreman at Qaisumah, uses his spare time to improve his golf game.

was, as far we know, the first of its kind at any pump station.

The play, "The Unfaithful Friends," must be classed as a tragic-comedy, or perhaps a comic-tragedy. At any rate, it dealt with a young man who is induced by his friends to murder his employer for monetary gain and comes, naturally, to a bad end.

The dialogue was in Arabic, but the language barrier did not prevent the Americans present from understanding the powerful moral or from enjoying the cast's talent for slapstick. Dawood Salman directed the play and acted the principal role. He was expertly supported by Ahmad Jassim, who played a double role; Umar Mohammed Nour, the energetic servant who worked for three riyals per month; Ibrahim Dawood, dentist; Younis ibn Mohammed, Sayyid Khuder and Abdullah ibn Sulaiman, the scheming friends; and Rashid ibn Awadh, Mansour and Rashid ibn Mohammed.

During N. E. Bibby's absence on long vacation in the USA, H. C. Davis will assume the duties of relief assistant general superintendent. J. H. Strader will handle Davis' previous duties, and R. L. Crosthwait, those of Strader. Othman Kitmitto, office supervisor, will go on long

vacation the second week of June. He intends to make a grand tour of Europe on his honeymoon. The lucky bride is Suhila Jarrah.

Ted Kroner, construction foreman, left for Beirut May 21. Mrs. Kroner and son accompanied Kroner, and I understand that Mrs. Kroner will reside in Beirut inasmuch as Kroner has been transferred to Turaif.

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Turaif

by J. Arnold

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Settled in their new stone homes are Mrs. Earl Schmidt (Transp.) and Mrs. John Terry (Mtce). Laura arrived the first of the month and Linda May 4.

Don Easton (Mtce) departed on long vacation this month. His vacation replacement has not yet been announced.

Tragedy continued to pursue the family of Customs Inspector Sayid Mohammed Mare'. Last month inspector Mare's three sons were accidentally drowned while picnicking; this month the Turaif community sadly announces the sudden death of inspector

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Beirut

by Rose Saudah

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(Dhahran) soon from school in Rome.

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Mr. & Mrs. Weldon Harris (P&S) announce the arrival of William Weldon, May 8.



Senorita Who? No, it's Leila Gebara (Personnel) as she appeared in a recent performance of the Ilena Imaz ballet. Leila, who took up ballet dancing just three months ago, looks forward to her future training with great enthusiasm.



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Tapline was just getting started then, and some of her friends urged her to apply for a job. At first, she didn't think much of the idea. Her house was in Alexandria; a number of her friends were there. But, she had to agree with her friends, the summers were a little too warm in "Alex." She would stay for the summer. She has been in Beirut and with Tapline ever since.

Renée started as a stenographer, then became William L. Owen's secretary in the Law department. When Mr. Owen left late in 1950, she became Mr. Bates' secretary.

About her work, she said, "Oh, in the Law department there is always a lot of work to do. But I like it." Renée had wanted to study law but never had the opportunity.

Her secretarial job keeps her close to the profession.

Sports occupy a great deal of her attention. In the winter she spends nearly every Sunday skiing at the Cedars. Renée, a brunette, is also a topnotch tennis player and cuts a very good figure in the swimming pool.

Not that she is strictly a sports girl. She has an intense interest in the French theatre, which is her first love.

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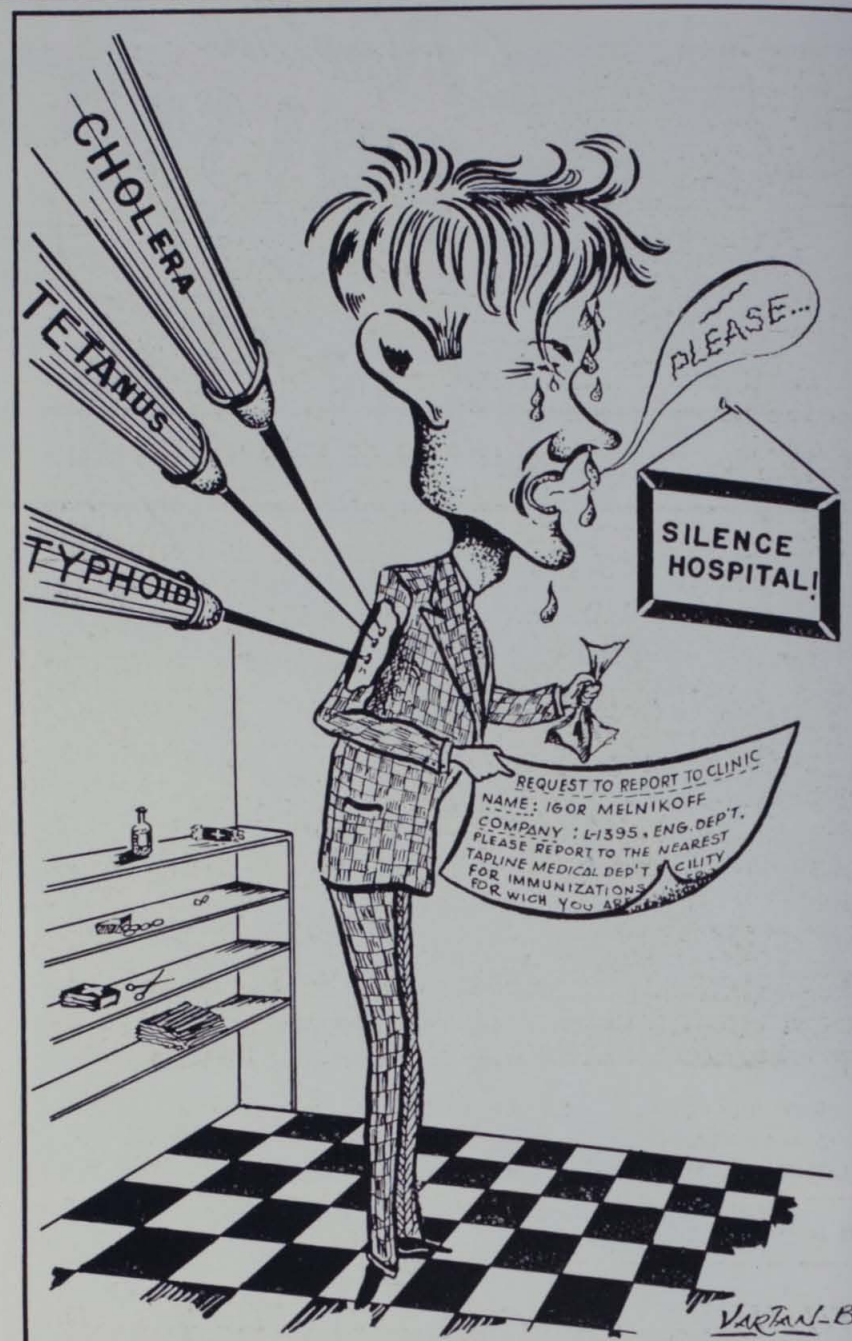
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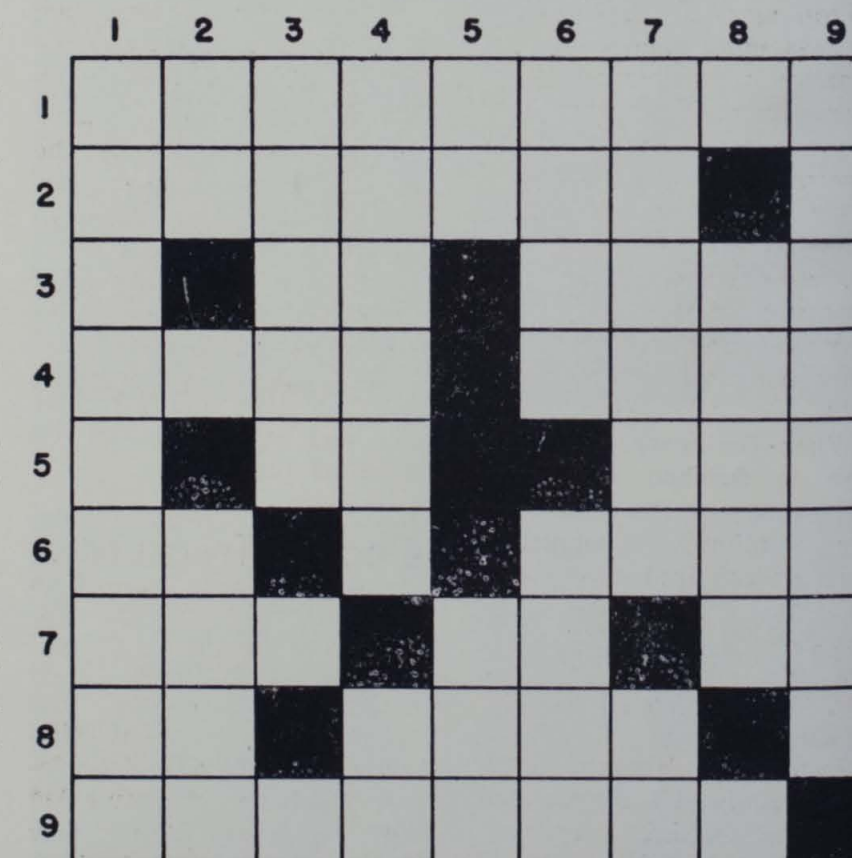
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Austin Sedan, 1950, 16 HP, green. Contact: Edmond Andary, Asseily building, Ext. 45.



EMPLOYEE'S MISFORTUNES !!!

Arabic Crossword Puzzle



Horizontal:

1. He keeps you (pl)
2. Hours
3. Attached pronoun for us or our — Starch
4. To us — Father
5. Article — Onomatopoeia signifying an explosion
6. Article for words starting by "s" — It fitted
7. From — Attached pronoun meaning to her — First two letters of word meaning shadow.
8. Attached pronoun meaning

them or their — Sun

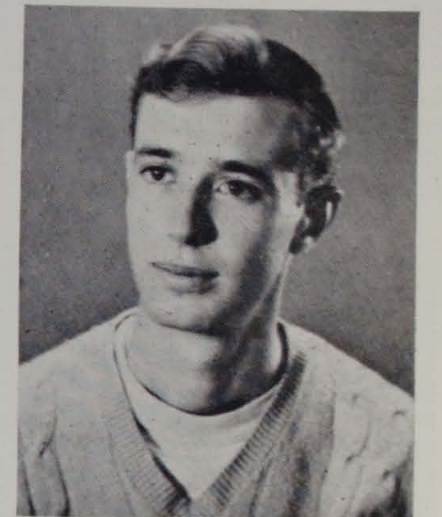
Vertical:

1. He keeps them safe
2. Two vowels — Year
3. John
4. Laborers — First and last letter in the word person
5. Vowels in the word he saw — No
6. Mistake — Heaven
7. My book — First and last letter in the word tooth
8. Plural of Sheikh
9. Sleeping

Tom Ball, Son of Tapline Employee, Brings Model-Building to Arabia

Tom Ball, son of Qaisumah Garage Foreman Dan Ball, has been building model airplanes since he was seven years old. Now 22, Tom graduated from the American University of Beirut in June. He is still building model airplanes.

U-control model (the builder stands in the center of a large circle and flies his plane by means of wires running to it) whizzed around its circular course at a speed of 94.6 miles per hour.



Tom Ball

Why? He finds it easy to explain. It's a hobby that to him has remained constantly fascinating. But there have been some trying moments in his model-building hobby since his arrival in the Middle East in 1947.

First of all, Tom had difficulty in obtaining parts here. When one of his model gasoline engines broke down, he could not run to the nearest hobby shop; he had to improvise and make his own parts. Then too, at first, the people in the area could not understand why a grown man should be messing around with "toy airplanes." Tom is especially irked at the words "toy airplanes," for the models he builds take hours of painstaking work, work that no child could perform.

Incidentally, the U-control type model now occupies nearly all of Tom's attention. He first became interested in this type when he went to Saudi Arabia in 1947. The model proved ideal for the Saudi Arabian climate and terrain and is also suited to the somewhat restricted flying area in Beirut.

'Master Tinkerer'

Tom traces his interest in models back to a man in his neighborhood in Sacramento, California, who was, Tom says, a "master tinkerer." He had a garage full of engines and model airplane parts. He took the kids in the neighborhood under his wing, encouraged and even subsidized them.

Recently Tom has been lending a very similar personal hand in helping kids in Beirut get started in model building.

Tom believes that there is little chance for modelers to become juvenile delinquents; they are too occupied with their work. Too, the manual dexterity which the model builder gains is something that he never loses, something that comes in mighty handy in repairing household appliances and doing odd jobs around the house.

Tom has won several honors for his models. His most recent recognition was in 1950 when he flew in the California State Fair Championship contest and won a second place in speed. His

While Tom's immediate plans call for him to return to the States sometime this summer, when there is a possibility of his entering the Army, his long range plans call for an overseas job in oil.

His father, Dan Ball is retiring this month after nearly 35 years of service in the oil industry; and his grandfather on his mother's side worked in oil for 30 years. Tom's major is economics, but as he said, "Oil just seems to run in the family."

Gossens Treasurer Of Propeller Club

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Seven other Tapline employees are charter members of the Beirut club: R. P. Anderson, Capt. A. A. Brickhouse, W. A. Campbell, W. A. Eddy, Capt. J. R. Jones, G. E. Mandis and H. H. Metz.



One of the highlights of Joseph Breidi's trip to the United States was his visit to Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Congress. Shown on the steps of the Capitol are Breidi (right), Congressman Walter Horan and Mrs. Horan (center), Mr. Green, Republican committee member, State of Washington, (next to Breidi) and friends.

Training Assumes Important Role Breidi Reports After US Trip

Training and development are assuming increasing importance in the industrial relations picture, according to Joseph W. Breidi (Beirut Personnel), who recently returned from the United States where he attended a four-week survey course in industrial relations.

"Wages and salaries, benefit plans and related subjects," Breidi reported, "seem to have reached a certain level of stability throughout the industry. Those concerned with industrial relations, however, are still faced with problems arising from the management and administration of personnel. To cope with these problems training appears to be the answer."

Breidi believes that an efficient program of training will help produce the most effective use of manpower.

The course which Breidi attended was organized by Socony Vacuum of New York. It covered all the major functions of industrial relations. During the first three weeks the group attended lectures and conferences. The last week visits to the Socony refineries at

Paulsboro, New Jersey, and Brooklyn, New York, and the Socony offices in New York were arranged.

Upon completion of the course Breidi visited the Portland Pipe Line corporation in Portland, Maine — the terminal, the company offices, and the pumping stations along the line.

"I was very much impressed by the decency and simplicity of heart and manners of the people I met," Breidi said. "The immensity of the country, the greatness of its achievements and institutions and the efficiency of its way of life also made strong impressions on me."

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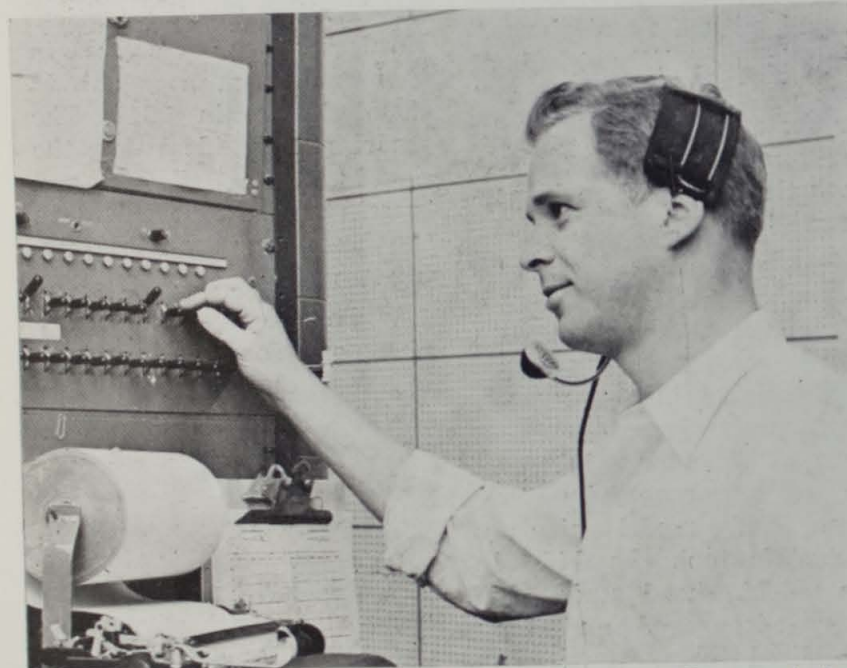
He also visited Washington, D.C., and saw the U.S. Congress in session. In New York he met relatives whom he had not seen for six years.



Discussing station safety problems with his staff is Sup't. John Kelley (left) and (l. to r.) Virg Brimer, mechanic; mtce. foreman George Hearn; operation foreman John Arnold; George Koper, service foreman and M. Jaouni, office specialist.



New masonry family housing compared with former portable housing at left.



Making radio contact with another station on the line is Operator J. Bos.

Storehouse Supv'r. Dale Foster (lower right) checks purchasing data with Head Clerk K. Akhrass. In the background are (l. to r.) clerks A. Saab, S. Kurban and W. Fernainy.



Meet Turaif

TAPLINE'S FOURTH PUMP STATION

The third largest port of entry into Saudi Arabia, Turaif will be Arabian headquarters for the line as soon as construction on a main office building is completed. The central shops will be moved to Turaif in the near future, making this fourth pump station the largest from the standpoint of personnel. Turaif facilities were built for Tapline by Grayer Tank and Manufacturing Company. (Photographs by Owen Oxley).



A younger member of Turaif town receives an inoculation from Mubarak, ass't. nurse.



Amir Abdul Aziz Al-Sudairi discusses current affairs with Relations Representative Frank Bauman (left) and Interpreter A.H. Shibaby (right).



Two contractor employees operate a bandsaw in the Carpentry shop.



Customs Accountant Mohamad Mare' (second from left) observes inspection of travellers' luggage at the airport.



Driver Saleh Abdullah receives instructions from Supv'r. Earl Schmidt.

Pondering a score point on the shuffleboard is Sultan Abdulla (left) while player Abdulla Qahtani (right) measures the line.



ALONG THE LINE

Badanah

by E.N. Lutfallah

The big news story of the month in Badanah is the military parade given by the Northwest Army Command, directed by Sulaiman Bey Jared of the Banadah Governorate in honor of Amir Mohammed Sudairi. In the Governor's guest reviewing stand were R. K. Curran, Dr. F. A. Iliya, Sam Clevenger, John Elliot, John Palmer and W. O. Munsell. Station employees watched from along the parade lines.

It was a spectacular affair. The organization and display of discipline in the ranks of the Army were commendable. The Army Band, flown in from Taif especially for the occasion, was a big ingredient in the success of the venture. Speeches and refreshments concluded the program.

For many Badanah employees this was the first parade they had ever seen. For them it was especially exciting.

Off to Italy

Abdulla Siblani has packed his two gazelles, Skandar and Noura, and left for Italy on vacation. The gazelles, however, won't get the grand tour of Italy that Abdulla plans. They will stay in Ba'albek. The climate there is more suitable for them, according to Siblani. Before he left, a large farewell party was given in his honor on June 10. He expects to see Italian friends now on vacation in their homeland.

Mohamed Taki, Abdu Telegraph, Boutros Sader, Adel Noujaim, Afif Sa'ab, Raymond Nahas, Bichara Accad and Wahib Habib drove down from Turaif to spend two days of the Id al Fitr holiday with friends at Badanah. Visitors from Rafha were Sa'ad Khalifa and Hassan Mohamed.

Ghurmalla Bin Abdulla was recently married. He was on a leave of absence in Jordan when he met the lucky bride. Congratulations, Ghurmalla!



Discussing current station problems in Arabia is Acting Ass't General Sup't. H.C. Davis (center) with (l. to r.) Earl Schmidt, Supv'r Transp.; Vic Anderson, Coordinator-Community Services; and, John Terry, Supv'r Elect. and Instr.

Turaif

by Mrs. Claude Matherne

Arriving June 15 to take up residence in our community was Mrs. George Hearn and "Skooter." The Hearn drove from Beirut, over-nighting in Damascus on the 14th.

Correction please: credit for the photo of the Brimer family in the June issue of the *Periscope* should have read G. R. Filler.

To celebrate the Id el Fitr holiday, the Brimers and Giles entertained a large number of station personnel June 13.

After vacationing in Holland, Jan Van Der Mueller has returned to Turaif.

Peter Katul (Eng'g) has been transferred to Qaisumah.

Pat Giles is summer vacationing with her parents. She and her brother, Michael, will return to the States this fall.

In Texas they have bucking broncos but in Turaif we have bucking camels. If you don't believe it ask Bill Walden, newly proclaimed Arabian rodeo rider, whose shutter-bug instincts rewarded him with a broken arm — but still no picture of W.R. on a camel!

Rod Hargrove joined his parents in Turaif June 27.

Salas H. Kassem accompanied a 74 year old patient with acute appendicitis to Dhahran hospital recently. After six days both nurse and patient returned to Turaif where the patient is recuperating.

Beirut

by Rose Sawdah

A number of Beirut personnel departed on home leave during the month. Among them: Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Chandler and daughters; Mr. & Mrs. Al Gardiner and daughter; Dick Prentice, E. Gulik, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Crowell; Mrs. W. J. Grymala; and Mr. & Mrs. Walt Vaughn. Miss Honda Sawaya (Personnel) left June 5 on a vacation tour of Europe that will emphasize France and Italy.

The Beirut College for Women Alumni Association offered a free, round-trip ticket to Cairo at its Alumni Club dance May 23. The winner was Tapline employee Tony Accad (Acct'g). Mr. and Mrs. Accad are making use of the ticket to spend a 15 day vacation in Cairo and Alexandria.

Back from school at the Culver Military Academy in Indiana is William L. Cross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cross (Acct'g). Bill, who finished his third year at the academy, will return to Indiana in September.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Swigart returned from New York June 6 aboard the Gazelle.

Dr. Afif Mufarrij, Medical department, has been elected a member of the Lebanese Medical Association.

New member of the Bill New family — Genevieve, who arrived May 26.

Ex-Tapliners Visit

Enroute to Turkey on

their local leave, Gaylord and Freda Hopper of Dhahran dropped in to say hello.

Also from Dhahran, Walt Kowal of Fluor Corp. spent several days in Beirut renewing acquaintances made during the time he was with our contractor, Graver Tank & Mfg. Co.

Visiting their many friends over the Id el Fitr holiday were Ernie Stones and Bud Liddel of Abqaiq.

Other visitors from Arabia during the month were George and Julie Stocker of Jidda where George has been Comptroller for Michael Baker Company.

Drives to Europe

Back from a 50-day motor trip through Europe is Raja Shabshab (P&S). Driving a '51 Studebaker convertible, Raja, with his brother and a friend, left Beirut April 6 for an extended journey through Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany, Belgium, France and England.

Though unimpressed with Turkey, Raja found the Greeks friendly and helpful. In Yugoslavia he was amazed at the scarcity of automobiles as well as to find every inch of tillable soil under cultivation—even the mountain tops. From his observations of Communism in operation there, Raja does not believe it to be a workable system of government. And of Austria—"To me it is the most beautiful country in the whole world with its forests, fairy-land castles, ancient churches, and richness in culture," said Raja.

High points of his trip other than Austria, reported Shabshab, were his visits to Germany and England, particularly Munich and Leicester. Low point: 150 kilometers of bad road between Turkey and Greece when their car got stuck in mud up to the doors and they had to be towed out by oxen.

Ball Wedding

Tom Ball, son of Dan Ball, and Ann O'Leary, employee in the American Embassy, were married here in Beirut July 2 at the Robert Bushnell home. The Reverend Willoughby performed the ceremony.

Sidon

by MOSES BEZIRGANIAN

Capt. J. R. Jones, Terminal superintendent, is temporarily away from Sidon. During his absence W. R. Hellmann will be responsible for all shore activities and Capt. A. A. Brickhouse for marine activities.

Terminal employees who enjoyed June vacations were Serop Kizirian, Tarek Baasiri, Mukhtar Taleb, Mohamed Kobrosly and Simaan Abu-Jamra.

The Tracys are short-vacationing in Cyprus. Art Parsons and wife will soon be leaving for Istanbul to spend their local leave.

Capt. W. Taxt, leaving the company July 2, expects to sail to Italy on board an Italian steamer. In Italy he will meet his son and brother and drive to Norway.

The Terminal is transferring a number of construction personnel. Twelve left this month for the desert, and another group is expected to follow them soon. George Hearn, temporarily transferred to Turaif to relieve the maintenance foreman there, was originally a Sidonite. This month, his family moved to Turaif to join him.

George Youssef Wakim, timekeeper from Mieh-Mieh, is planning to get married July 5 to Miss Adma Asaad. George said he will probably spend his honeymoon at Chtaura.

Recently married were Ayoub Shami, radio technician trainee, and Mary Burt-cosh.

Captain M. Rutherford expects his wife and daughter to join him in Sidon soon.



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Qaisumah

by JAMAL SHAKHTOUR

Last month employees were entertained with a Saudi style dinner in celebration of 'Id al Fitr. Largely through the efforts of Steve Chakar and Dick Laanen, the party was a big success. The food, served on huge Arab trays, was eaten by the fistful.

Another feast — American style — was held by the Qaisumah families June 5. Chief course: hamburgers. John Strader supervised the frying.

Quite a number of Qaisumah residents are away on leave. Mrs. H. C. Davis left for the States June 25 on the Camel. Mr. Davis expects to join her the first part of September.

Leaving us for California this week are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ball. Dan, retiring after 35 years of service, plans to settle down, raise flowers and play golf.

John Torres, formerly a Rafha resident, has transferred to Qaisumah. Mrs. Torres joined her husband here June 15.

Among those on leave: Ed Gulik (Operations), in the USA on long vacation; Jan Metz, short vacationing in Cyprus; William Shiha, in Beirut for long leave and planning a Cairo trip; and Guiseppe Magon, on long vacation in Italy. Abdullah Ma'atoug, warehouse man, will go on mid-contract vacation about July 4.

Dr. Almajian is in Qaisumah to check employees' dental needs. When he has completed his work here, he will proceed up the line.

Rafha

by Evelyn Hughes

The affair of the month in Rafha was an outdoor Arabic feast given by the Lebanese boys in camp for both the families and the single men.

The agenda included dancing by the one and only Nasser Kattan. He was assisted by his cousin, Elias Kattan, and Abbas Hamadeh. Nasser's love of comedy, plus his dancing talent, made his interpretive dance the highlight of the evening.

The excellent food consisted of *lahm nishwe* and many side dishes. Music, including Arabic music for the dancing, was provided by John and Louise Pfister.

The feast provided a happy ending to 'Id al Fitr. A sincere thank-you goes to all the boys for their graciousness. Emil Minder supervised the food and the activities.

Fire Destroys Shop

Everyone enjoyed the holidays to the utmost. There was, however, a tragic ending. Hajji Mohamed's tailor shop in the Rafha suk caught fire. Dud Harbin and George Conser supervised the fire-fighting in a professional manner and undoubtedly prevented a greater loss than there was.

Ken Armstrong, Abbas Hamadeh, Abdul Majid and Mohammed Baluchi paid an 'Id visit to Amir Sulaiman Shuneify of Lina and report that they have never known a more gracious host. They not only enjoyed an Arabic feast of excellence, but Amir Shuneify also took them per-

sonally to see several of his sites nearby.

Party-giver Pearl Gray staged one of her usual big parties on the occasion of the Art Trudes' departure on their long leave. Dotti Pickett entertained in her home with a "coffee" for Jerry Grymala, who is preceding her husband to the States. Dotti's coffee cakes were scrumptious. That night, Gib and Jerry Grymala entertained in their home.

Rafha will soon welcome Mrs. Bill Edwards and son, and we are hoping to include Hank Parry's family in our group in the near future. Tiny Evans' wife is due from the States July 10. She will reside in Beirut.

Other local items: Tice Garetson is back from Arabic school in Sidon. Habib Abboud is touring the Lebanon with friends from Cyprus on his long leave. Habib Tahsharani and Garabet Tountounjian are both on long leave. Also on leave is Habib Assaly. Leaving soon is Monsur Naimeh.

Arriving in his home in Damascus just in time for the birth of his baby girl was Mahmud Khalil of the Hospital staff. Congratulations, Mahmud, on your new daughter and on your timely arrival.

My husband, Harry Hughes, surprised me with a huge and beautiful birthday cake a few nights ago. He had all the families in for coffee and cake after the show. My sincere thanks to Rafha Chefs Rudolph Van Den Brint and H. Peusen for the largest, most colorful (and if my mother wasn't in Beirut, I'd say the tastiest) birthday cake I have ever had. The nicest part of it was that it was so unexpected and shared with friends.



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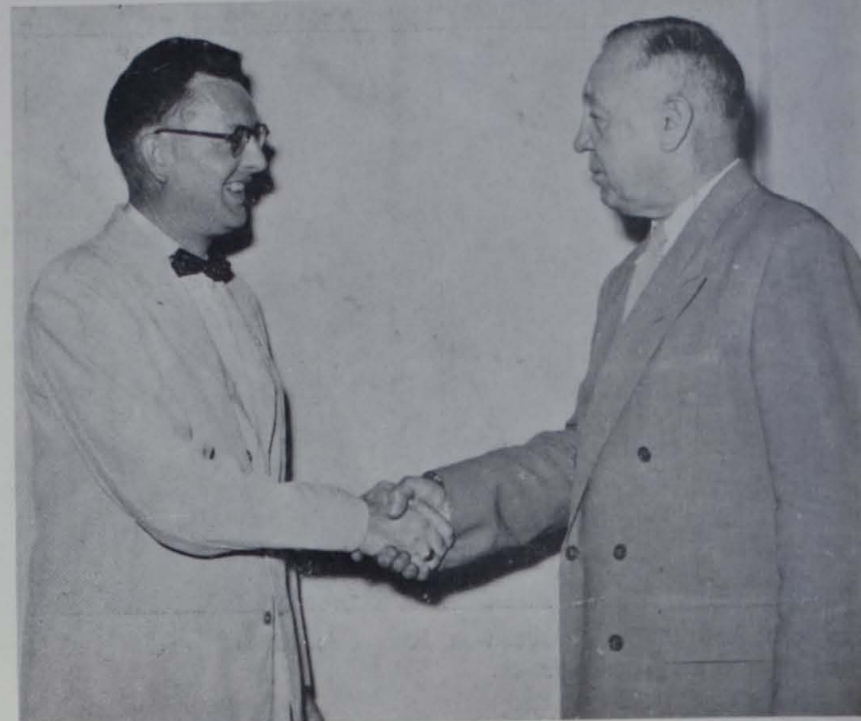
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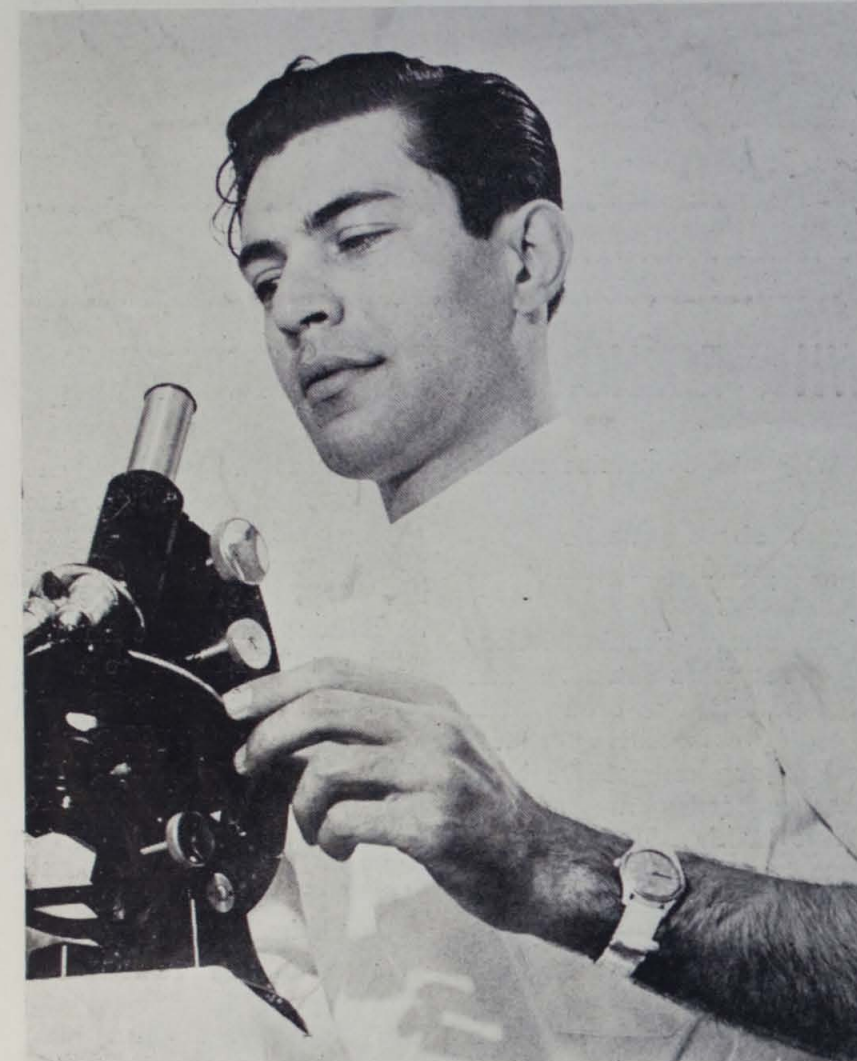
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In 1948 he received his nursing certificate and was sent to the Army and assigned to the field as a sergeant. Discharged in 1949,

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Upon completion of the line in Syria, he returned to the Lebanon for temporary assignment in Beirut and at Sidon Terminal until October, 1950 when he departed for Saudi Arabia. Since then Anwar has covered the line from Qaisumah to Turaif, where he is now based, and at one time was on four-month's loan to Nariya.

Ever anxious to improve himself, Anwar is developing his skill in laboratory analyses. This he is accomplishing through study and "on the job" training.

However, not all his time is devoted to the medical profession. In the evenings he teaches English grammar and arithmetic to some 20 national employees who attend the company-sponsored school.

When not in the clinic or in the classroom, Anwar can be found at the ping pong table—his favorite recreation besides drawing and the movies.

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Beirut

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Ann O'Leary of the American Embassy.

Grace and Dan with Ann and Tom sailed July 8 aboard the SS "Iskenderun." Upon arrival in New York they will pick up Dan's new car and leisurely drive across country to their home in Sacramento. (Sacramento is also the home of their eldest son, Bill, and his family.)

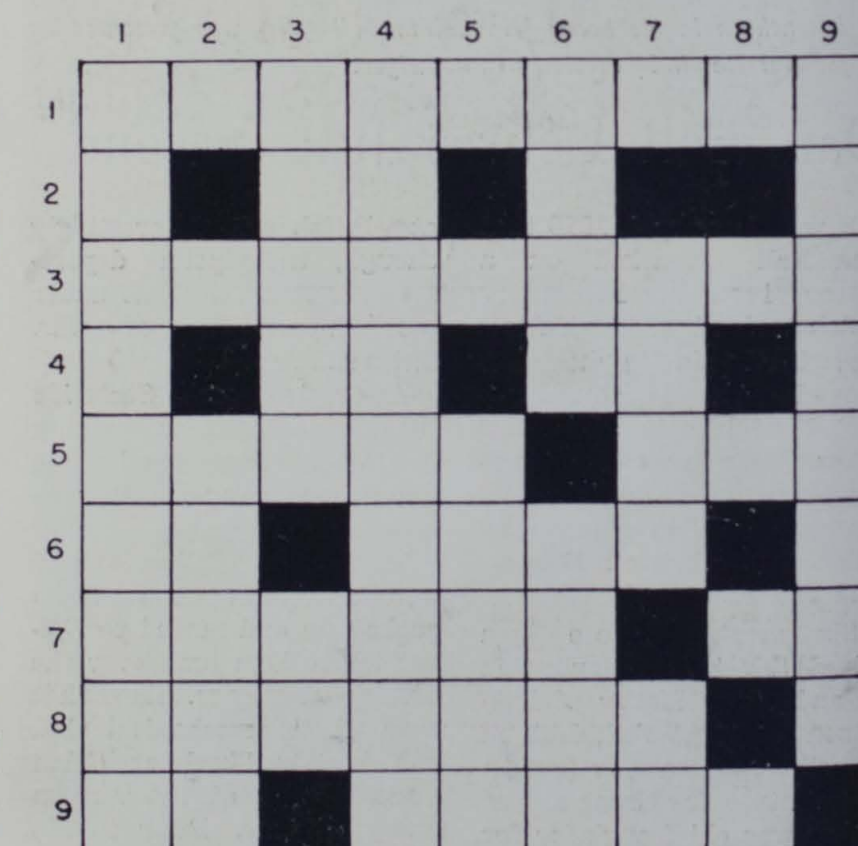
The Balls have extended a hearty welcome to their friends in the field should they ever be in the vicinity of 5280 Del Norte Avenue, Sacramento.

Available

Piano, Baldwin, Acrosonic with bench (walnut); freezer, 13 cu.ft.; sewing machine, Singer, 1/2 HP; rug, brown, cotton twist, 12 x 13. Contact: Mrs. James Dunne, Ayyad Bldg.

Convertible, Peugeot 202, 4-door, 1947 model. Contact: Room 106, Assaily Bldg.

Arabic Crossword Puzzle



Horizontal:

1. I progress.
2. Vowels in the word year.
3. We import.
4. First and last letter in the word pain — Vowels in the word he saw.
5. Chickens — Not.
6. Two vowels — He beckoned.
7. He whispered — Thing.
8. He frightened you (fem.).
9. The last half of the word he brought — Ear.

Vertical:

1. Tomatoes.
2. Pockets.
3. It (fem.) has value — First and last letter in the word wax candles.
4. I accustomed myself.
5. He brought her.
6. Medicine — Walk.
7. He threw — Consonants in the word he was.
8. —
9. Schools.

(Answers to appear in September issue of PERISCOPE).

GALA OPENING TAPLINE SPORTING CLUB

With over three hundred members in attendance, the employees' club was officially opened July 3. The skeptics who attended the party with "tongue in cheek" came away with wide smiles of approval for the tremendous accomplishments of those who labored to make possible the club and its attractive surroundings.

Orchids were also in order for the entertainment committee. Tables in the dining room were heaped with food to satisfy everyone's palate. Following a tango contest, President Mike Bassoul, with appropriate comments, displayed framed caricatures of the club's officers and executive committee. A lottery was held with Bill Cross, Bob Khalaf and Mel Christiansen as winners. Amateur magician Labeed Boustani gave a clever performance. Dancing followed with music furnished by the Costa Rica orchestra.



Enjoying the festivities of the club's opening night were members Mary Khoury (center), Mitri Antonios (left) and Nabih Na'man (right) of Accounting.



A bountiful and delicious buffet supper, featuring both Eastern and Western cuisine, was served prior to the entertainment program.



Gathered in the club lounge to help celebrate the opening were members (left to right) Alice Manouchakian (Medical), Ed Ahajottian (Medical), Assaad Homaidan (Acct'g), Nader Najm (Communi.), Ann Salman (Medical) and George Hajjar (P & S).



In expressing the club's appreciation of the time and talent expended by (left to right) Lola Wells, Janet Nelson and Laurice Chidiac, President Mike Bassoul presented each of them with a lapel pin.



Both participants and bystanders enjoyed the tango contest which was won by John Saade (P & S) and his partner Liane Wakim.

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Capt. J. R. Jones, terminal supt., (extreme right), holds periodic meetings with his staff (left to right) E. J. Weber, acctg. supvr.; Walter Hetzel, mtce foreman; F. Wakim, chemist; Capt. A. A. Brickhouse, asst. marine supt.; and W. R. Hellmann, operating foreman.

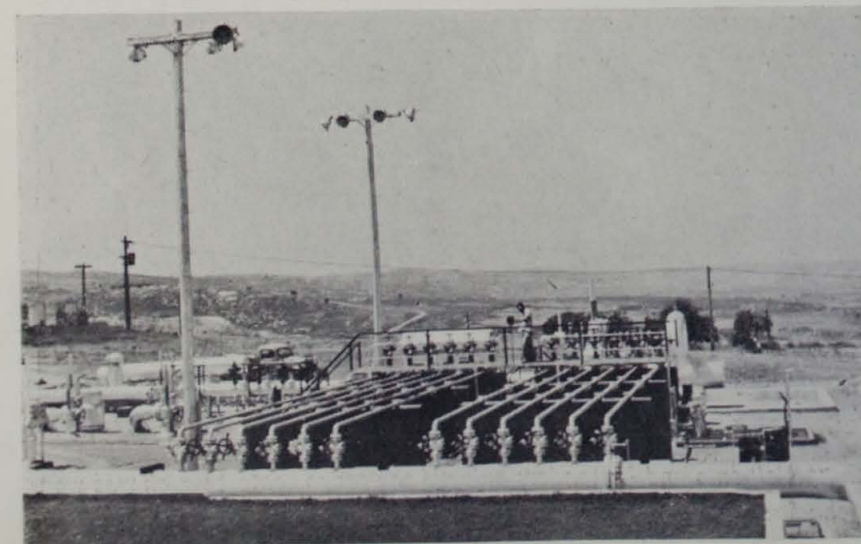


The terminal's administration building.



In the clinic, Dr. George Stephan takes the blood pressure of Jim Dunne (Mtce).

O. E. Ritter of Operations (in the background) inspects the "harp". Saudi Arabian crude enters the terminal at this point at a minimum pressure of 465 psi and is reduced to 55 psi as it flows through the twelve 3 inch friction tubes shown in the foreground.



Meet Sidon Terminal

Ground was broken for construction of Sidon terminal in October, 1949. In November, 1950 the line was tested and the first oil flowed into the tanks.

Sidon officially became an oil terminal on December 2, 1950 when the first oil flowed from the tank farm to the four ships moored in the berths—the SUNSET, OLYMPIC LAUREL, T.S. PETERSON and KENTUCKY.

In the first hectic weeks it was manpower that carried the day for none of the present "push button" operation was installed. Green crews opened and closed tank valves

or sat on the "harp" shielded from the rain by an old tarp. Tired mooring masters and tugboats crews coming ashore would catch a few short winks, then return to work.

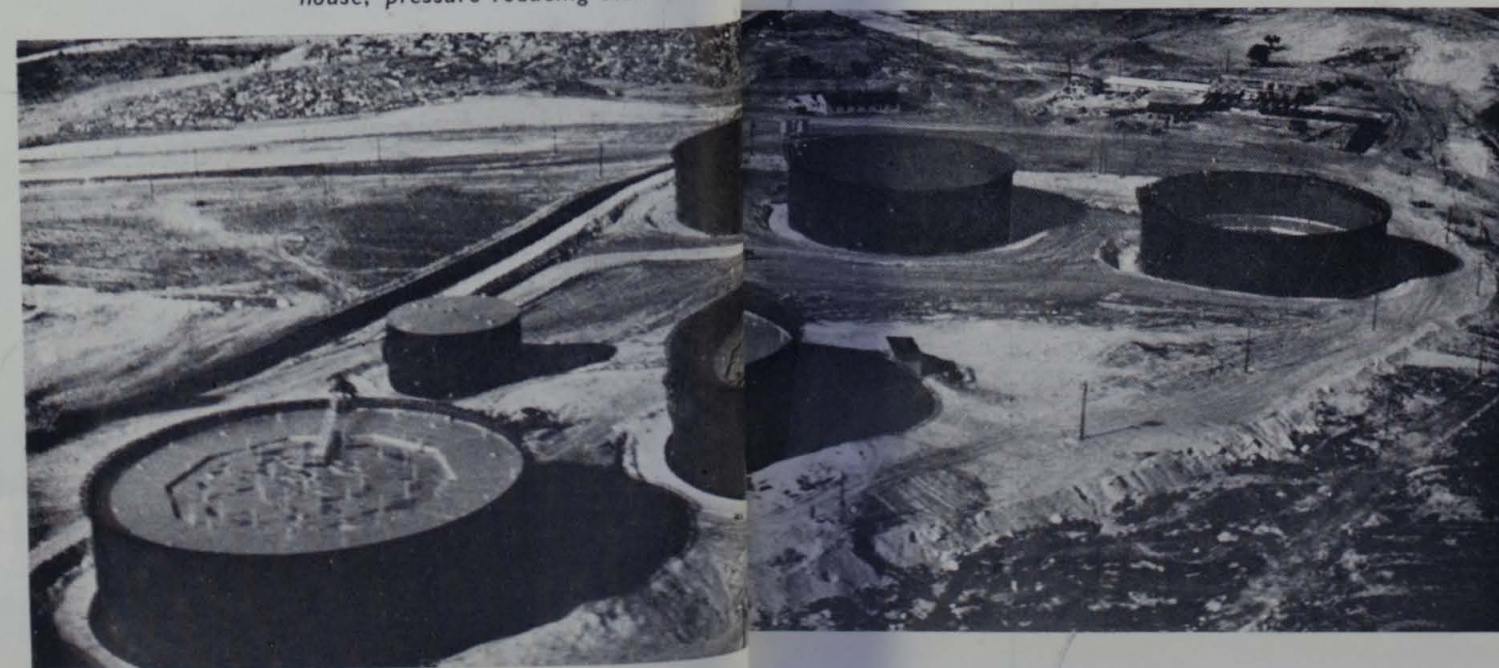
Gradually the operation became more proficient and now Sidon is one of the most efficient terminals in the world. Loading tankers today is essentially routine business. (This may be disputed by gaugers and marine crew during rough winter nights.)

Tapline can be proud of its modern terminal. Nearly 250 tankers have been loaded there in the past three and a half years of operation.



Part of the shore installations at the terminal is the shore control station (right) and manifolds (left) which control the flow of crude and bunker to the offshore loading berths.

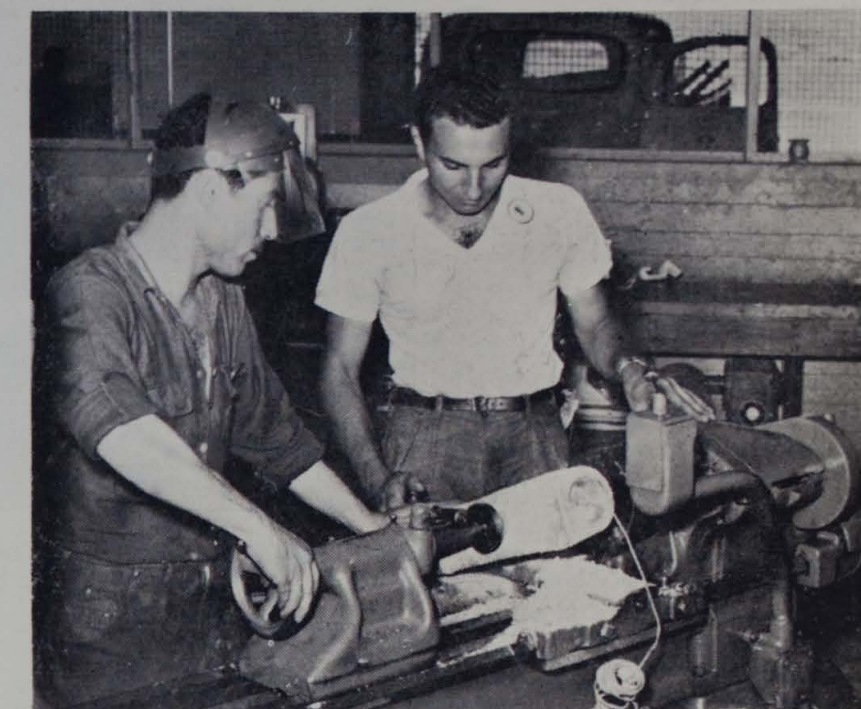
Sidon Tank Farm as it appeared in 1950. In the background to the right can be seen the power house, tank farm control house, pressure reducing station and manifold.



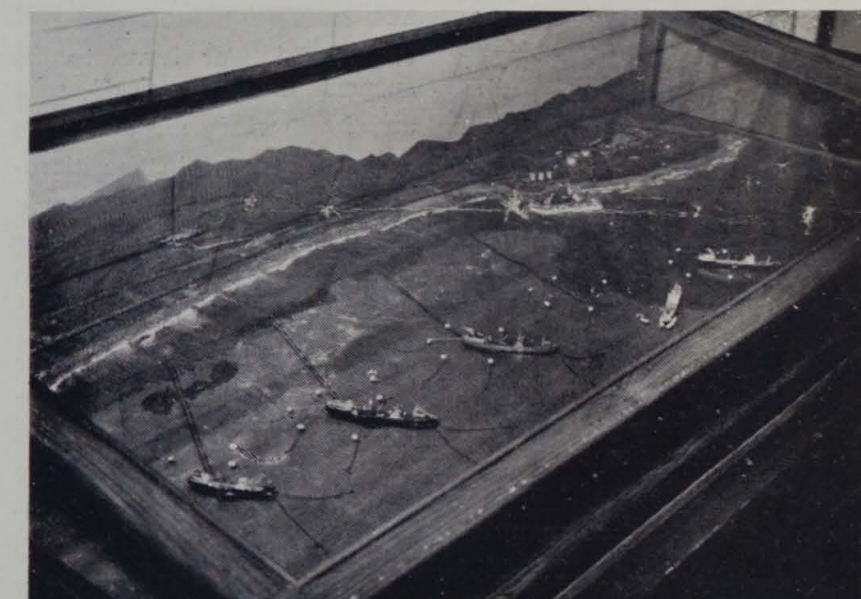
Storing materials in the warehouse yard, forklift truck operator F. Abboud receives instructions from storekeeper Joe Geha.



Moses Bezirigian, asst. chemist, checks determination of sulfated ash of lube oil sample in the laboratory.



Joe Safi (right), who is in charge of the terminal's machine shop, inspects lathe work of M. Makhoul, machinist.



The famed Walt Ludvigsen model of the terminal and its facilities shows tankers in berth, submarine lines, buoys and ships' anchors as well as shore installations. Mr. Ludvigsen made the model and presented it to Capt. Jones in 1952.

Tied to the terminal pier are five of the seven company tugboats: the BRITTON, LENAHEAN, HORNE, SANDY and CHANDLER. Not pictured are the SWIGART and HABIB. These tugboats assist in berthing tankers. To the extreme right is the repair barge, the BURT HULL.



ALONG THE LINE

TRAINING CENTER

by Ray Sullivan

Now that the hot and humid days of July have come around again, Sidon Training personnel are reminded that it was two years ago that they were trying to create class rooms and living quarters out of a mass of packing cases and sprawling aluminum huts, some of which had just been carted in from the desert. Getting organized had none of the miracles like pulling a rabbit out of a hat, as Supt. Ray Sullivan remembers. The most needed articles seemed to be the most evasive and it was some of Sullivan's lectures and notes that wouldn't reveal themselves. Ibrahim Saman, carpenter, was already busily making shelves and equipment as well as repairing furniture with wood from available packing cases with the result that the New York packing firm's name was for a long time more prominent than that of the company.

It was on July 21, 1951 that the first class of Aramco trainees to arrive in Lebanon began saying "kiyf haalak" and started attending lectures. This was class 111 and hardly more than six weeks had passed since class 110 had finished at the former training center on Long Island. By the time of this writing in mid-July, the center was training its 254th group. In these last two years 1,263 men have passed through the training center on their way to Arabia. By early fall, the training center will be in its fifth year of operation. First operated near Riverhead, Long Island, it was known as the Aramco Foreign Service Training Center and upon moving to Lebanon, it became known as the Sidon Training Center.

With much construction



Construction speeds along on the new dormitory and class rooms for Training Center students. The Training Center observed its third anniversary at Sidon July 21.

now going on and many huts abandoned and being torn down, the scene today hardly looks like an improvement. With ditches everywhere and cats pushing earth, there is little peace and quiet in the class rooms. There is a fine new auditorium now and lectures no longer have to be suspended because of rain and hail, wind, air hammers or an argument in the kitchen. Instructors and trainees are watching the finishing touches being put on the 50 room dormitory-class room building which will be occupied before the rainy season begins. The tank-traps next to the auditorium are now shaping up into a foundation for a new Saudi Arab class room and dormitory building. The blackened foundation of the former dining room and recreational building destroyed by fire a couple of months ago has largely disappeared and other reconditioned buildings have taken their place. The low recruiting of this spring has now given way to steadily increasing arrivals and there are now 14 men in classes. Even if this whole sight may still be frightening to a new arrival, Ray Sullivan and Walter Lehn are looking with pleased optimism toward the future of S.T.C.

Trainee Injured

Trainee Paul R. Clark of Lowell, Mass. suffered a skull fracture and fractured right wrist when, blinded by a truck's lights, he fell sixteen feet off a bridge, July 15.

TURAIF

by Trudy MATHERNE

On July 3 a shuffleboard contest was played at the rec hall. Winners were John Arnold, Tip Adams, Mike Giles and Ibrahim bin Ahmed.

Our Fourth of July Bar-B-Q with loads of good food was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Ray Thomas and your reporter gave a farewell party July 21 for the Haskell Hargroves and Johnny Paolini. The Hargroves departed on long leave and Johnny transferred to Qaisumah. Turaif won't seem the same without Johnny.

Ted Kroner, John Paolini, Frank Baumann, Jim Hughes and the Mathernes spent several days in Beirut during July.

The Bob Lewises report a grand time on their home leave and are now busily getting settled in their new house.

Warren Johnson was a recent visitor from Dhahran.

The regular "full moon" roof party was held this month at the Mathernes. Hamburgers and coffee were served at midnight. Several out-of-towners were present.

The Badanah shuffleboard team played Turaif July 17; winners were John Arnold and Tip Adams of Turaif. Return visit was paid Badanah on July 24 with Badanah winning the tournament.

BADANAH

by E.N. Lutfallah

H. M. King Hussein I of Jordan made a short visit to Badanah during a refueling stop July 12, while enroute to Riyadh. His Majesty and party arrived in two British aircraft and three SAG planes. They were met at the airport by Amir Mohamed Al Sudairi and other officials of the Governorate. Supt. Curran and relations representative C. E. Goranson greeted His Majesty on behalf of the company. From the airport His Majesty was escorted to the Governor's villa for refreshments. On the return trip from Riyadh, the King and his party also made a refuel stopover at Badanah.

Vacationers

The Ken Pritchetts departed on long vacation July 2, and the Rhodes family left July 14. Prior to their departures, the Ken Currans entertained both families at a steak barbecue. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Vernon gave a party in honor of the Rhodes July 13.

The Paul Caesens returned from long leave July 20.

Shuffleboard Tourney

A spirited bout of shuffleboard between Turaif and Badanah took place here July 24. The game attracted general interest of the station and there was wide participation. Among the female enthusiasts Sally Booth took the spotlight, contributing greatly to the victorious Badanah team. August Ashkar, Abboud Hilany and Vince Noreen also made a brilliant showing. Final score: 227 to 213 in favor of Badanah.

Rafha

by N. RENO

Service Foreman Emil Minder, who is transferring to Turaif, was guest of honor at an Arabic sheep dinner given for him by the station employees and their families. Emil's replacement will be Samir Abu Hamad.

Mrs. E. J. Wright and daughter, Linda, of Badanah were recent guests of the Pres Grahams.

Mr. Dudley Harbin visited her friends in Turaif as guests of the Earl Schmidts during the month.

New residents are Mrs. H. P. Perry and daughter, Pamela, who joined Hank (Mtce) July 13.

A dinner party was given July 22 on the occasion of Dr. Thaddeus' departure for Beirut. Dr. Suhail Boulos has replaced Dr. Thaddeus.

Supt. Pfister attended the superintendents meeting held in Beirut, July 21 and 22.

Adeeb Samaha departed for Beirut on his mid-contract vacation July 23. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pickett left for Beirut to board the SS. ESPERIA. The Picketts will spend their local leave in Alexandria, Egypt; Venice and Naples, Italy.

After a pleasant long leave, your reporter has returned to the field on his third contract. After three summers out here this one appears to be the hottest. But, it won't, bother much as long as the AC keeps running!

Qaisumah

by MARY CROSTHWAIT AND MUFID JABBOUR

The Bill Edwards family of Rafha visited with the Harry Luicks and Richard Crosthwaits July 9 and 10.

Prior to the Luicks' departure on long vacation, Mrs. Lettie Burnitt entertained the ladies of the station with a canasta party in honor of Mrs. Luck. Enroute to Beirut, the Luicks visited one day in Turaif with the John Terrys.

Mike Jiha of Construction and Engineering has been transferred to Rafha. Peter Katul, formerly of Turaif, took Mike's place.

M. Y. Chakar of Community Services was transferred to Badanah on temporary assignment. In his absence Dick Laanen will take over Mr.



King Hussein I of Jordan disembarked at Badanah July 12 enroute to Riyadh. During the brief stopover he reviewed the SAG army at the airport. (Photo by M.B. Mohammad Amer.)

Chakar's duties.

Long-leaver Ben Davies departed for Beirut, July 21. Before leaving for the States, Benny will spend a week at one of Lebanon's summer resorts, probably at Dhour Shoueir.

I. L. Hallaq, payroll clerk, will leave for Beirut the first week in August on long vacation. He intends to spend his vacation in Damascus with his 90-year old mother and family.

A group from Rafha consisting of Dr. Thaddeus, Adib Samaha, Nimer Reno, Emile Takla and Hassan Mohammed visited us July 17.

BEIRUT

by ROSE SAWDAH

The following personnel departed on home leave during the month of July: Boris Tarnovsky, the L. K. Stewarts, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wallace and daughters, C. R. Macfarlane, Fred Sorenson, F. F. Van Eysden, J. Hobbel and G. Gubitz.

Mark Gastovitch (Medical) returned from local leave July 26 after visiting Turkey and Yugoslavia.

Andy Sims (Acctg.) left July 27 on local leave which will take him to Switzerland and Austria.

Back at their desks after Stateside vacations are Bud Bigelow and Carl Schaefer of Accounting, also Harry Walker of Organization and Planning.

Bob Powell (Medical) arrived in the field July 5. No newcomer to Beirut, Bob was on loan to the company from the contractors during construction of the pipe line.

Barney Hass (Acctg.) transferred to Aramco and left for Ras Tanura July 5.

Gene Finnell, formerly of Oil Dispatching, has transferred to Creole Petroleum Corp. as asst. supervisor of the Tanager Pipe Line Catia Del Mar, Venezuela.

John Hoffman of Communications returned July 15 from a business trip to Holland.

Jack L. Beckley, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Beckley, and Elli Keenan of Dhahran were married July 28 in the American Community Church of Beirut. A reception was held in the Beckley apartment after the ceremony. And, who caught the bride's bouquet—Charlotte Gossens.

Word was been received that Miss Agharnic K. Boghossian, former clinic nurse, was married August 2 to Mr. Armen Khandikian of Fresno, California.

A chess tournament organized by George Abi-Rached is now underway at the Sporting Club. The group is composed of 13 members. Started July 20, the tournament will continue daily until August 5.

Arrangements have also been made for a table tennis tournament to be held under the auspices of Mrs. W. E. Locher. The tournament is scheduled to commence August 16 and will last for a week or ten days.

Sidon TERMINAL

by MOSES BEZIRGANIAN

Capt. and Mrs. J. R. Jones are spending their local leave in Cyprus.

Capt. E. E. Greenwood and family left for London July 26 on their local leave.

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Other vacationers during July were A. Faddoul, A. Fayyad, J. Geha, E. Mandour and your reporter.

Mesames Ray Massey, O. E. Ritter and Everett Tracey left July 30 on a short tour of Jerusalem.

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In November, 1943, he returned to the Middle East — this time for the Bahrain Petroleum Company. While on Bahrain Dal helped build a catalyst cracking plant, and in June, 1945, he transferred to Aramco-Dhahran as superintendent of MC&S.

With the number of "firsts" to his credit, it was natural that Dal transfer to Tapline in April, 1947. As one of the "old-timers" he has watched

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Loaned to International Betchel in September, 1942, Dal moved to Canada on their CANOL project — a war emergency program to construct a pipe line with pump stations for supplying aviation gasoline to planes ferried to the Allies. Dal served as manager of the British Columbia area (which featured 140 inches of rainfall yearly!) and later was sent to the Yukon area.

In November, 1943, he returned to the Middle East — this time for the Bahrain Petroleum Company. While on Bahrain Dal helped build a catalyst cracking plant, and in June, 1945, he transferred to Aramco-Dhahran as superintendent of MC&S.

With the number of "firsts" to his credit, it was natural that Dal transfer to Tapline in April, 1947. As one of the "old-timers" he has watched

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Checking off last minute details, Georgia Schantz looks forward to a vacation in Italy prior to return to the States.

Georgia Schantz, Collector, Tourist, 'In the Spotlight' for September

Georgia Schantz, chief nurse at the Tapline hospital in Beirut since November, 1949, is a collector. She has dolls from all over the world, local costumes of many of the people of the Near East, brass from nearly every country in the area. She even has a pet parrot, "an exceedingly intelligent bird," in the United States.

But all these things, except the parrot, are inanimate, and from Georgia's effervescent personality one suspects that the collection she values most highly is the circle of friends she has gained in her nine years of work as a nurse with Aramco and Tapline.

Georgia seems to think it was the most natural thing in the world for her to enter the nursing profession. It had

been the one profession that attracted her even when she was in high school. She began her training in the Milwaukee County hospital in Wisconsin, her home state, in 1934. In 1937 she received her nursing diploma. Later, she did graduate work at the University of Chicago. From 1937 to 1942 she worked at the Milwaukee hospital.

The lure of California took her west in 1942 to work for the North American Aviation company—as a nurse, of course.

In 1943 she heard about "an exotic position in the Middle East." She began her investigations that finally led to her coming to Saudi Arabia in 1945.

The trip over at that time was quite an experience. She flew by Army transport to Casablanca, thence to Cairo, making stops along the way. In Cairo "we got bucket seats all the way to Bahrein, then we went by sea to Dhahran. I stayed in Dhahran one month then went to Ras Tanura and was there until 1948. Then back to Dhahran until March, 1949, when I took a patient home by boat." Georgia gave exact dates on all her transfers and has a phenomenal memory for details.

When she returned to Arabia in June, 1949, she was

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Personnel Report

Proud Fathers

Beirut

Joe Bustany (P&S) a daughter, Rowena.
Tom McNee (Acctg.) a son, Thomas Edward.

Sidon

Joe Ghanem (Operations) a daughter, Jizelle.
Panos Havandjian (Operations) twins: a son, Hamparsoun and a daughter, Mary.
Elias Halaby (Operations) a son, Antoun.
Richard E. Khattar (Mtce.) a son, Michel.
Ahmad M. Fakh (Mtce.) a son, Ibrahim.

Weddings

Beirut

Fouad Khabbaz (Eng.) to Muna Khabbaz.
Mohamad Siblini (Traffic) to Fawzieh Helou.
Victor Shiha (Eng.) to Rose S. Feghali.

Sidon

Nadim Hayek (Operations) to Nabila Yazbeck.

ANSWERS TO AUGUST CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Horizontal:

- bit? addam.
- (s) i (n) i.
- nistawrid.
- w (a j a) 9-(s) aa (f).
- djaaj - maa.
- uy - wama.
- waswas - si.
- ra 9 abik.
- (ja)ab - dayni.

Vertical:

- banaduwa.
- jyaab.
- tisw - s (am) 9.
- ? it 9 awwad.
- jaaba.
- dawa - misiy.
- rama - k (aa) n.
-
- madaaris.

Available

Fiat, 1952, "1400", 8000 kms, like new. Contact: W. P. Harris, Ext. 218.

Found: Travelling case, light brown, split cowhide, zipper, containing toilet articles. Left on milkrun flight. Owner can claim by contacting Room 106, Assaily building.

Test Your Arabic

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hal bint Hilwi.
hal bint il Hilwi.
bintak Hilwi.
bintak il Hilwi.
kull il banaat Hilwiyn.
kull il banaat il Hilwiyn saakniyn hawn.

II

?ootoombiyl Hiluw (indefinite phrase)
il ?ootoombiyl il Hiluw (definite phrase)
il ?ootoombiyl Hiluw (sentence).



Huda Sawaya Reports On Her European Trip

It's been two months since Miss Huda Sawaya of Personnel returned from a month's trip to Europe, but when you ask her about Paris or Rome or Florence, she is still just as excited as the day she returned, July 10.

"Now Paris," she said, "The longer you stay there, the



Barbizon, France

more you love it. Each arrondissement has its own special atmosphere, but all combine to make Paris a truly unique city. There's first class painting, music—everything."

And Huda visited just about everything all good tourists should visit: the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, and of course all the famous boulevards including the Champs Elysées.

The art galleries attracted a good deal of Huda's attention. She spent nearly four hours in the Louvre. "I never realized that it was so rich." At the Museum of Modern Art she "learned to slightly enjoy modern painting." Previously, she had only tolerated it.

One of the highlights of her

Paris visit was the **Kermesse aux Etoiles**, the garden party for artists for the benefit of disabled soldiers. At the party she collected the autographs of many notables including those of Gary Cooper and Gregory Peck.

Naturally, she attended some of the showings of the famed Parisian dress makers. She had no comment on Dior's new short skirts. "That announcement came out after I had left."

Near Paris, she visited Versailles, Fontainebleau, Malmaison, Trianon and Barbizon.

From Paris she flew to Zurich, Switzerland. Her former piano teacher in Beirut, Miss H. Sutermeister, lives in Switzerland and made certain that Huda saw nearly all the country in the few days she was there. Among spots visited were Berne, Lausanne,



The Alps



At Versailles

Cossonnay, Rocher de Naya, Caux, Montreux and Geneva.

Among the sights: the parliament house in Berne, the Chateau de Chillon and Mt. Salève.

In Italy Huda decided to divide her time between Rome and Florence. She liked Florence better than Rome. "It's as rich, if not richer than Rome." But neither could compare to Paris. "It has more harmony as a city—and more variety. It's as rich in painting and history as Rome."

She saw the Vatican, many cathedrals, the Roman ruins, the Colosseum. In Florence she visited the Pitti and Uffizi galleries.

In Rome she attended the Caracalla performance of "William Tell." Staged in the Roman ruins, the opera, according to Huda, was an excellent production, much better than "La Bohème," which she saw at the Paris opera house.

Asked which of the cities she liked best, Huda replied: "Well, I think Paris would be a fine place to spend your youth. Switzerland would be a good place for your old age."

Huda is all enthused about another trip to the continent. Next time it will be the Riviera, more of Italy and possibly England.

A personnel statistician, Huda has been working with Tapline since July 1, 1949.

(Photographs are by Miss Huda Sawaya.)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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transferred to Tapline at Ras el Mish'ab, where she stayed until November when she came to Beirut.

On August 30 Georgia left for the States. Typical of the numerous farewell parties given her was one the Medical department staged at the Tapline Sporting Club August 25.

Georgia is undecided about her future plans in the States. She will stay in nursing but doesn't know where. She's going to Wisconsin first, then later to California.

The tourist bug is still with her. She has seen "all of the Middle East," spent a fascinating seven weeks in India (her favorite trip), has been to Europe and North Africa, but "there is still South America, and I also want to see Alaska. I had thought about going to Alaska when the Aramco position came through."

Georgia found nursing over here very fascinating and especially enjoyed working with the Saudi Arabs. "I've thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it," she said as she hurried off to finish her processing.

Bob Khalaf Finds Safety Training Comes in Handy



"Practice what you preach" might well be the motto of Bob Khalaf, Safety Engineering lecturer and inspector. When fire broke out in a resort spot at Aley (Lebanon) last month, one of the patrons making a hasty retreat from the burning building fell into the swimming pool. Bob took over the job of applying artificial respiration (back pressure—"lift arm" method) and in ten minutes had the man breathing normally.

Bob not only won the gratitude of the victim but also the admiration of medical doctors present.

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TAPLINE RADIOGRAM

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GLENN NORMAN FOULKE ARRIVED IN FIELD
August 29, 1953 Stop Reason for Trip, To
VISIT PARENTS MR. AND MRS. F. N. FOULKE

0100 / Aug. 29, 1953

TIME REC.



Superintendent Ray Sullivan (left) reviews trainee progress records with Walter Lehn, linguist.



Superintendent Sullivan (standing) conducts one of his daily lectures to a new group of trainees.



Instructor Michel Rihan (standing) goes over pronunciation drill in colloquial Arabic with trainees (seated left to right) Jack Murphy, Bernard Hogan, Fred Fricke, Harry Stauffer, Lee Kirby and Keith Dungan (center foreground).

Below : Part of the facilities of the Training Center are (left) Stores and Issue (center background), Administration, and (right) recreation hall and dining room.



Meet Sidon Training Center

The Sidon Training Center was officially opened July 21, when the first group of trainees arrived in Lebanon from the United States. Three years previously the Center had been located at Rivershead, Long Island.

It is here at Sidon that Aramco U.S. hires for Saudi Arabia are brought for four weeks indoctrination to life in the Middle East. Instruction in colloquial Arabic is given each employee so that he will understand the rudiments of the language and

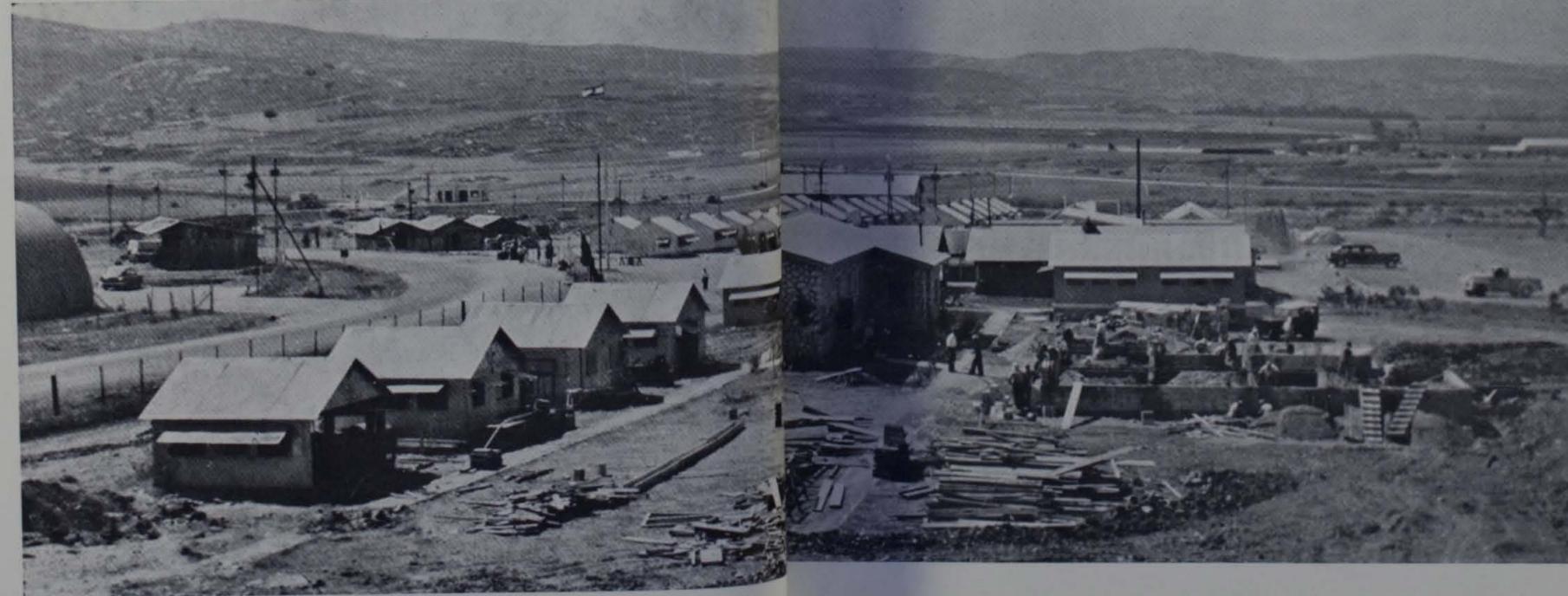
will be able to converse with his co-worker from this part of the world. Likewise, lectures are conducted which brief the newcomer on the history, culture and customs of the Middle East.

The training complement of the Center is composed of Superintendent Ray Sullivan, Linguist Walter Lehn, and a staff of 18 instructors, six of whom are Saudi Arabs that devote a part of their time to study as well as teaching.



Trainees Harry Stauffer (left) and James Hammond (right) freshen up one of the shower rooms of the recently opened dormitory.

Below : General view of the Training Center as seen from the new center foreground is the auditorium; to its right, foundations of the Saudi Arab quarters and classrooms; and in the far background, housing and classrooms.



It's chow time! Though the main dining room burned down a few months ago, the Center's administration building was quickly converted into a cafeteria.



Trainees (left to right) Keith Dungan, Fred Fricke and Louie Donoho prepare for class in their room in the new dormitory. Each room is attractively decorated, spacious, and with adequate facilities for each of its three occupants.



Administrative functions of the Center pass through the general office and are handled efficiently by (left to right) M. Badour (Mtce.), Fuad Accaur (Communi. Services), Kassem Yhoyd (Multilith Operator), Huda Wehbe (Clerk-Typist), George Salameh (Services Supvr.) and Violet Cattin (Steno-Typist).

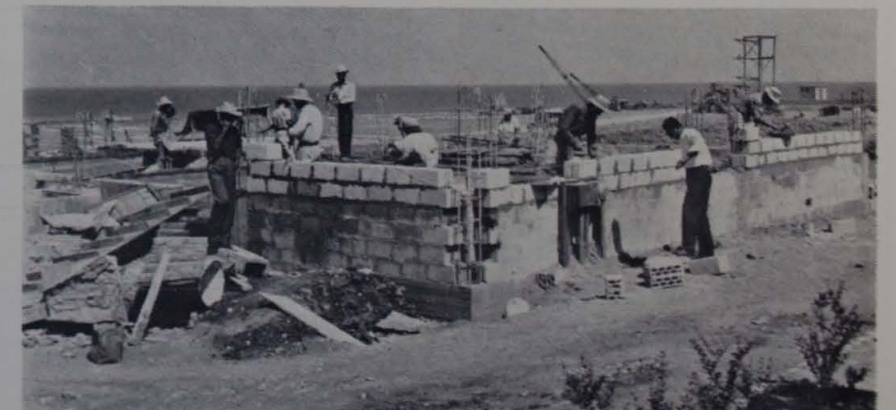


With classes over for the morning, this group of trainees heads for "The Rig," the Center's rec hall.



It isn't all study at the Center. Trainees Lee Kirby (left) and Keith Dungan (right) engage in a fast game of ping pong during the noon break.

Below : Foundation work is now complete on the new Saudi Arab dormitory and classrooms building. Occupancy of these quarters is planned by the end of the year.





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This beautiful girl.
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All girls are beautiful.
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A beautiful automobile.
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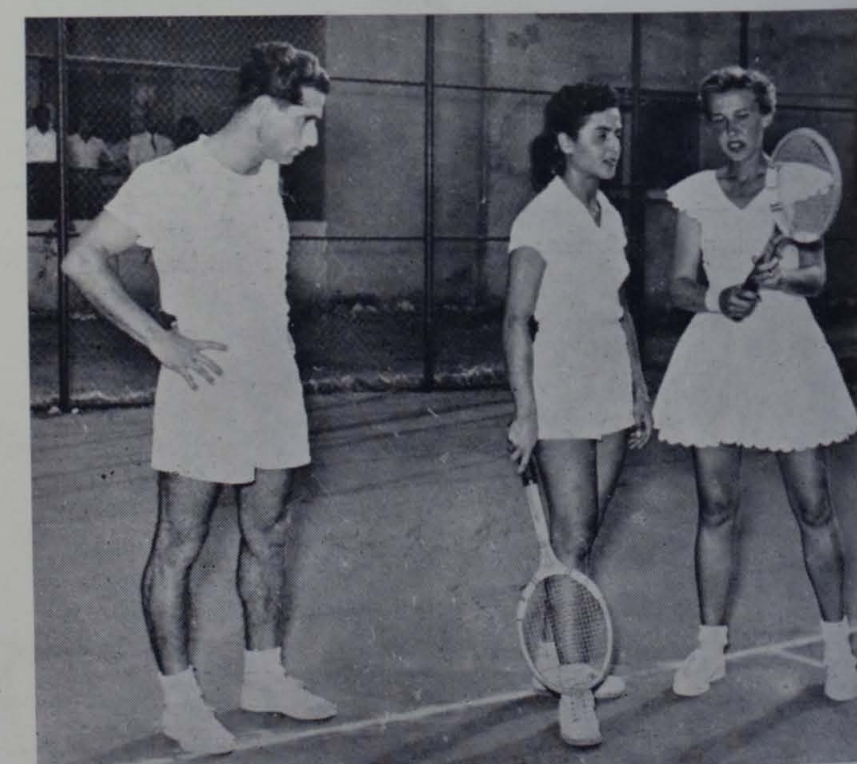
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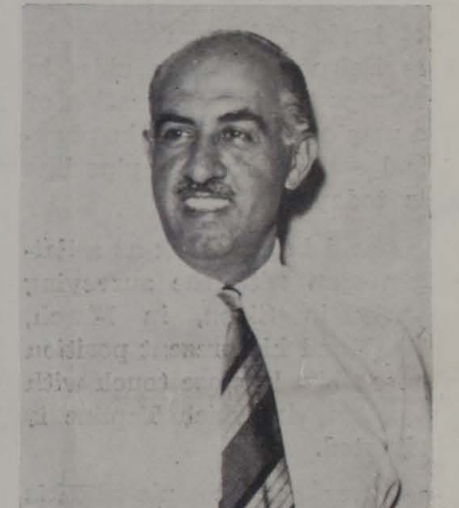
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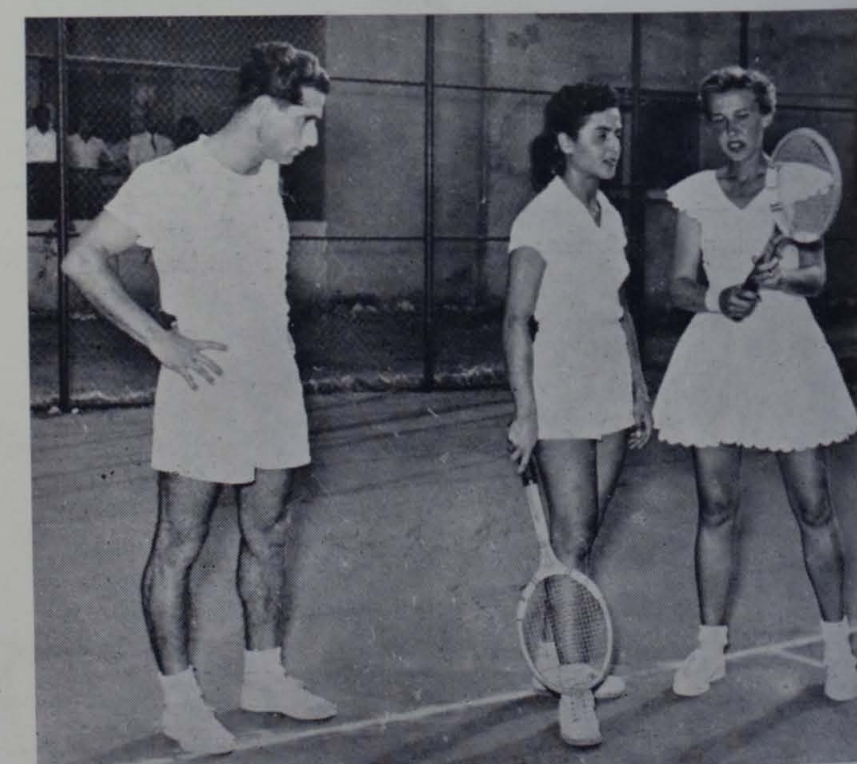
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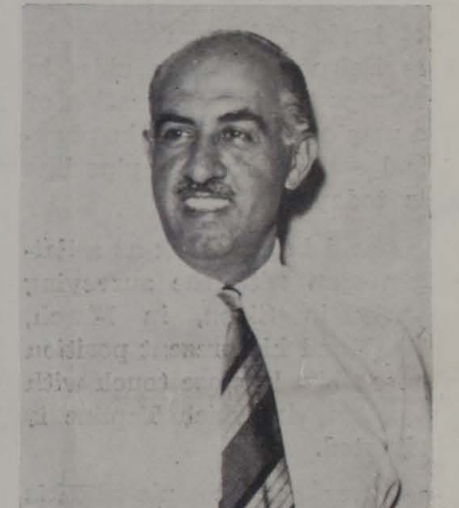
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Farid Najjar, supervisor, lands and permits section of Government Relations.

As the fourth Lebanese hired by Tapline, Farid Najjar, now supervisor in charge of lands and permits section in Beirut, has been able to witness the transformation of a plan on paper into the physical reality that the pipe line is today.

Farid began work as a liaison man with the surveying party in Sidon, in March, 1947, and his present position keeps him in close touch with the area in which Tapline is situated.

After he completed his preparatory work in the Section Secondaire at the American University of Beirut, Farid majored in political science at the University proper. He won his B.A. in 1942. While at AUB he was active in village welfare work, teaching villagers how to read and write.

In his hometown, Abadieh, Lebanon, he assisted in the formation of an agricultural cooperative society, first of its kind in Lebanon. The so-

ciety was sponsored by Farid's uncle and the Near East Foundation.

After his graduation from AUB he was a clerk for the CAT company. In 1943 he taught English, history and geography to fifth and sixth graders at the AUB elementary school. In 1944 he became an assistant correspondent for the Arab News Agency, a position he held until 1946.

In sports Farid goes in for swimming, tennis and hunting, with hunting at the top of the list. He also likes to ski. As for recreational reading, it's mostly Arabic and French literature and some political science and history.

Farid recently found himself surrounded by camera fans, so he had to take up the hobby of photography in self defense. "Not a good photographer," Farid admits, but he is fast becoming engrossed in the discussion of shutter speeds and lens openings.

Right now most of Farid's attention is focussed on Miss Naj'la Hamza, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hamza of Abey. Farid and Miss Hamza plan to be married in one or two months.

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Some DUMB BUNNIES depend on LUCK to prevent accidents

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Average bbls per ship	126,387	121,325

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laa twaffa?t
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fi gindak maanig?

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On The Litani River With Ibrahim Thomas



It was while a chief scout in the *Eclaireur de France*, a boy scout organization affiliated with the international scout movement, that Ibrahim Thomas conceived the idea of navigating the Litani River by rubber boat. That was in 1950, but it wasn't until a few months ago that he and two companions managed to assemble the necessary equipment for the trip—five rubber boats, sleeping tent

vines. It took two hours of constant hacking to clear the way, and the fact a horde of mosquitos pestered them through the ordeal brought about a reconsideration as to whether this trip was absolutely necessary.

"We found the water particularly swift further downstream," remarked Ibrahim. "And, the shore was frequently so rocky that getting up on the banks was a problem. Some times we had to swim ashore, pulling the boats after us. This was particularly difficult for the two who had an extra boat to manage."

The second night their tent was invaded by a mammoth land crab who, failing to announce its intentions, gave Ibrahim a few bad moments. Ignoring his pleas to investigate the eerie noises, his



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and miscellaneous camping paraphernalia and supplies.

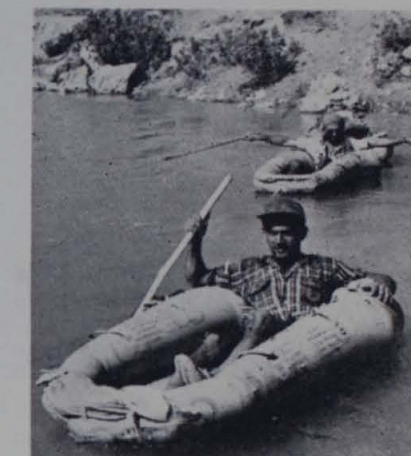
As in most undertakings the first step was the easiest—by car from Beirut to the town of Chtaura in the Bekaa valley. However, it was a two and a half hour hike from there to a point where the Litani flows some forty-odd kilometers from its source near Baalbek.

"The banks of the river were covered with a thick growth of weeds which extended far out in the stream and made it difficult to get the boats in the water. Too, there were lots of snakes around and large turtles. For awhile we weren't so sure we'd make the trip," reported Ibrahim.

However, by early afternoon they were able to get their boats afloat, and at the end of the day had paddled some seven kilometers downstream.

Reveille was at six o'clock each morning. After breakfast (nothing was said about who did the cooking) the boys mapped out their proposed course for the day. "Our daily average was between 15 and 20 kilometers," estimated Thomas.

The second day they found the river blocked with many saplings and overhung with



On the Litani River.

friends spoke only in Greek while the third acted as "interpreter."

By the fifth day the party had reached the vicinity of Marjayouna. Visiting the town the boys were impressed with the friendliness of its people and the old church there. Replenishing their supplies, the boys walked on to the river where they camped for the night.

Enroute to Nabatiye-Tahta the next day to buy bread, Ibrahim and one of his companions were picked up by a supposedly good samaritan (but who actually suspected them of being alien agents bent on blowing up the bridge at Marjayouna). Taking them to a shop in a nearby village, their benefactor demanded to see their identity cards. Refusing to produce the papers, the boys were taken via donkey to the police station at Nabatiye-Tahta. Upon showing the authorities their credentials the boys were released with apologies. "At least we got a ride all the way to Nabatiye-Tahta," replied Ibrahim with tongue-in-cheek.

The threesome returned to Beirut the following day, having covered 75 kilometers of the river's course in six days' time.

"Next year we're going to make the same trip without stopovers and go all the way to the Litani's outlet in the Mediterranean," declared Ibrahim.

With the company since 1952, Ibrahim is a clerk in Organization and Planning.

Personnel Report Proud Fathers

Beirut

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Dr. S. Boulos (Medical) a daughter, Cherene.
C. E. Pace (Air Division) a daughter, Hattie L.
J. D. Hoffman (Communi.) a son, Eric R.

Sidon

Ahmad Daher (Operations) a son, Salim.
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Weddings

Beirut

Edward Hajjar (Engineering) to Margueret Peress.
Michel Abu-Zeid (Traffic) to Soueid Abu-Zeid.

Sidon

Alfred Hourani (Operations) to Claire Abboud.
Zuhair Shehadeh (Marine) to Malakeh Kaddoura.

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(Acctg.), Odette Fernainy (Acctg.), Janet Garbushian (Community Services), Haifa Kasty (Eng.) and Huda Sawaya (Personnel).

Weekly bridge lessons are now given at the Club on Wednesday evening. The first session took place September 30 with a turnout of some 35 members.

The entertainment committee has announced that the weekly bingo game will continue throughout October. Four special events have been scheduled by the committee for this month: a quiz contest between members from Medical and Engineering October 13; classical music October 20; a play reading October 27; and a costume ball October 31. Prizes will be given for the best costumes at the ball.

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Now a national tennis champion, Joe Jabbour displays the silver cup which he and Samir Khoury of the Ministry of Education won in Lebanon's men's doubles competition for 1953 at the Alumni Club, Beirut, October 31. (Photo by Sayak)

When Joe Jabbour switched from soccer to tennis in 1945, little did he realize that a few years later he would be among the champion tennis players of Lebanon, as resulted from the men's doubles finals of 1953.

Joe's interest in athletics dates back to his school days at the American University of Beirut, which he attended for sixteen years—from kindergarten to a BA in Business Administration. Joe played on the varsity track and field team; was a member of the soccer team for six years; and participated in numerous other AUB athletic activities. Interested in swimming, he passed the Red Cross lifeguard test in 1941.

Some of his most pleasant experiences, recalled Joe, occurred during his summer vacations of 1941, '42 and '43, when he assisted in arranging recreational programs at the University for members of the Allied Middle East Forces that were in the Lebanon.

After graduation in 1945, Joe worked for a year in the Treasurer's office at the University. In September, 1947 he came to work in the Cashier's office of Tapline.

The following year Joe was released to the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he was attached to the protocol department of UNESCO. He returned to Tapline's "fold" in 1949 and is now employed as personnel specialist in employee benefits and insurance.

When the Company opened its summer camp for children at Ras Ballout, Lebanon in 1952, Joe was on hand to help with the youngsters' recreational activities that ranged from baseball games to donkey rides.

As a member of Tapline's tennis team, Joe has competed in the first two tournaments of the Persian Gulf Tennis Association, and this year will play in the annual meet to be held at Kuwait. In the 1952 tourney, he and Ida Schehadeh (now Mrs. Jean Abumansur of Sao Paulo, Brazil) won the mixed doubles of the PGTA. For the past six years Joe has also participated in the annual international tennis tournament held at Broumana, Lebanon.

Though offered a scholarship to Pennsylvania State College in February of this year, Joe declined in the expectation of going to the USA at a later date.

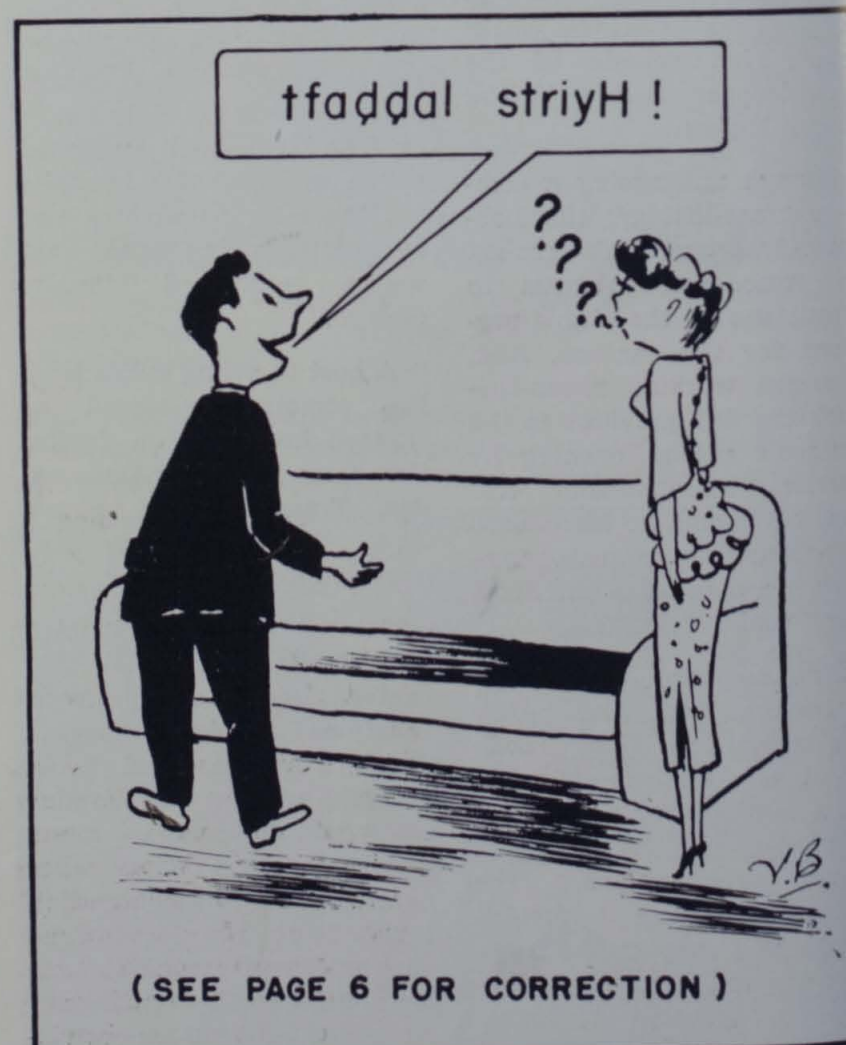
Active in the founding of the employees' Sporting Club, Joe has served two terms as treasurer of the organization



OPERATIONS REPORT

	Sept. 1953	Year 1953
Average BPD received at Sidon	315,034	306,153
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Sidon Welfare Society AND How it "GREW"

Some organizations are founded on the proverbial shoestring, but in the case of Sidon's Welfare Society an elastic band would be more apropos. For, Vi Jones and her sewing group managed to stretch an initial donation of 120 Lebanese pounds for material, plus contributions of thread and like items from its then few members, into 49 garments for students and teachers at the Ain El Helweh refugee camp.

That was in March, 1951. However, the beginning of the Society goes beyond that time, and results from the humanitarian efforts of first one woman, then two and so on until today over thirty Lebanese, European and American women in Sidon meet each Wednesday to sew for the refugee and needy children of their area.

As a former principal and supervisor of Fairmont and Castro schools in Richmond, California, Vi Jones has a natural interest in the welfare of children, wherever they may be. Joining her husband, Captain J. R. Jones, in the Near East in 1949, Vi became active in the Beirut group which sewed for Palestinian refugees. Not only that, she took turns cooking in special diet kitchens at the camps; and collected odds and bits of paper, pencil stubs and, when possible, money to aid the camp schools.

Moving to Sidon in 1951, Vi visited the Ain El Helweh camp to offer her assistance. As usual, it was the children who needed her help most. Finding a staunch supporter in Lily Stephan, wife of Dr. George Stephan, the two women set forth on a sewing project to cloth the camp's school children. As soon as news spread of their work, other Sidon ladies rallied to the cause.

Contrary to the favorite pun that sewing circles are nothing but "stitch and chatter" clubs, with strong emphasis on the latter, the most audible sounds at these weekly meetings are the snip of pattern shears and the hum of sewing machines. The Society is unusual too in that it has no elected officers; functions without benefit of by-

laws, parliamentary order or even roll call. Yet, without hesitancy, Vi can account for every piaster contributed and how it was spent. And, she can also estimate how much more is needed.

The Society's work has spread from clothing children of refugee and needy families to making baby garments for the newly-born arriving at Ain El Helweh clinic. A "play-school", or kindergarten, for under-school-age children at the refugee camp is their latest undertaking. The "play-school" will be conducted by the camp's older girls and guided by the Society. Too, the Society plans to provide the necessary furnishings and toys for this project.

Although financed mainly by individuals at its start, among the Society's first contributors were the Fairmont and Castro schools of Richmond, California. Besides their financial assistance, pen pals were developed between the refugee school children and the California students, with the latter sending food and clothing parcels to their friends in the Near East.

The inspiring work of the group was brought to Tapline's attention in 1952. Since then the Company has included the Society in its yearly contributions to worthy organizations. In conjunction with the Society's work, the Company likewise furnished prizes awarded winning contestants in the refugee schools trackmeet held at Sidon this year.

Words of praise for the community spirit shown by these women have been received from government officials in South Lebanon, leading citizens of Sidon, and from relief organizations who recognize the Society's success as a challenge.

But the greatest praise of all comes from the faces of the children clothed by the Society. Over two thousand garments were made and issued by them in Sidon during this year. If contributions increase the 1954 turnout will be considerably more. "Just give us the materials," says Vi, "and we'll do the rest!"



These members of the Sidon Welfare Society meet every Wednesday to sew children's garments for Palestinian refugee and other needy families in their area.



Mesdames J. R. Jones, George Stephan and A. A. Brickhouse (left to right) fold completed garments made by the Society. A total of 2345 garments were made during the year and represent cloth and materials costing over 3000 Lebanese pounds which were purchased from Sidon merchants.



Midst the hum of sewing machines, baby packages are assembled and wrapped for the Ain El Helweh clinic. Each package contains 3 diapers, 2 gowns and 2 bands.

Below: By a class at a time, the Society has clothed Palestinian refugee children attending the Ain El Helweh school.



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A Abboud, J. Badawi, M. Bassoul, R. Badran, A. Bellama, R. Bikhazi, C. Haddad, J. Issa, F. Jabir, H. Cross, G. Fitch, A. Gilcreast, W. Haley, W. Hough, H. Little, P. Rattle and H. Seeley served on the door committee during the five-day period.

In a letter to the company dated November 5, Commander Edwin B. House, U.S. Naval Attaché, Beirut expressed the appreciation of the U.S. Navy, Admiral Casady and Ambassador Hare "for the assistance rendered by officials and employees of Tapline during the recent visit of units of the U.S. Sixth Fleet to Beirut. In particular, Mr. G. H. Gossens and Mr. R. P. Anderson rendered invaluable service as chairman of the Canteen and Transportation Committees respectively...To use a strictly Navy phrase, I am honored to say 'To All Hands, Well Done!'"



'Tea for Two' by Ted Van Leeuwen. Ted, who is an artist as well as photographer, is the Line's business machine repairman, based at Qaisumah

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of TV shows, public appearances, and "other irons in the fire," Florence still hopes to retire to her home town of San Diego, California. However, she's only ending her professional swimming career. Next comes golf. Claiming to have never held a club in her hands, Florence plans to take up this new sport for exercise. But, being of the "stuff" of which champions are made she's bound to become a winner.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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Tennis is not Joe's final goal in athletics. Next is American football which he saw played for the first time while visiting at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. "What impressed me most about the game," commented Joe, "was the team spirit of both sides and the fair sportsmanship practices observed by each team. I hope I can take part in a game in the States."



Service pins were recently awarded to Sidon Terminal mooring masters (left) M. Rutherford, (second from left) J. Verwaayen, (second from right) M. Nesheim and (right) A. Odegarden by Captain J. R. Jones, Terminal superintendent, (center). Mr. Rutherford, formerly with Esso Transport Company, Ltd. of London, received his 15 year pin and Mr. Odegarden, formerly with The Texas Company (Norway), received his 10 year pin. Awarded five year pins, Messrs. Verwaayen and Nesheim were formerly affiliated with the Netherlands Pacific Tanker Company and Overseas Tankship Corporation respectively. (Photo by Sayak)

Personnel Report

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Beirut

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Mahmoud Homs (Traffic) a daughter, Hassibeh.

Sidon

Ahmad M. Kamal (Mtee.) a son, Kamel.
Habib Y. Khoury (Operations) a daughter, Noha.
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Joseph M. Geha (Operations) a son, Maroun.
Elie C. Constantine (Mtee.) a daughter, Suheila.
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Naim A. Diab (Operations) a daughter, Mounifi.

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Elie Abi-Rached (Acctg.) to Jeannette Assouad.
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Available

Morris Minor Convertible, late 1949 model, good condition. Contact: G. S. Aronson, Ext. 289.

Riley Convertible, 1950 model, in good condition. Contact: Farid Najjar, Ext. 287.

Buick Super, 4-door sedan, 1949 Dynaflo drive model; excellent radio, heater and ventilation system; automatic windshield washer; tires and battery in good condition; engine in top shape; driven only 31,000 miles. Contact: Harold Cross, Room 209, Ext. 247.

Opal, 1949 model; can be seen in Tapline Parking Lot, Beirut. Contact: Les Weiler at Qaisumah.

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Romeo must be confused by the fair damsel's charms for his "please sit down" in Arabic carries the masculine word endings. He should say: tfaddaliy striyHiy.

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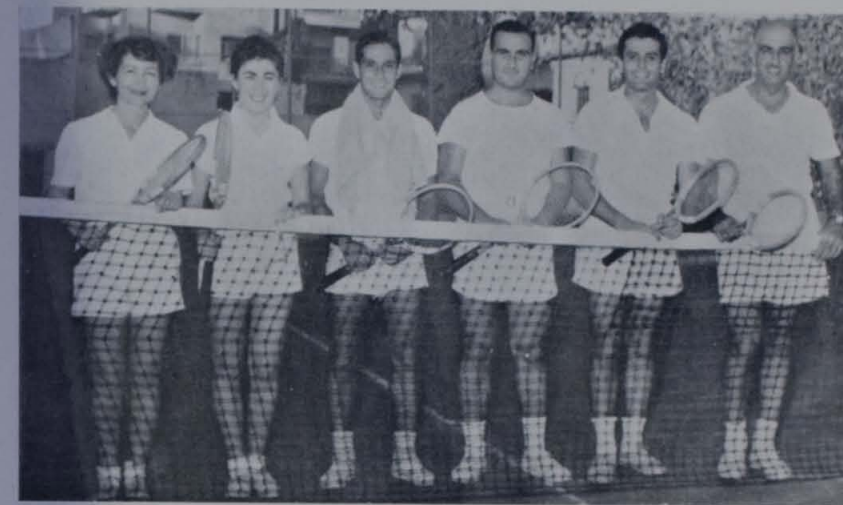


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In a letter to the company dated November 5, Commander Edwin B. House, U.S. Naval Attaché, Beirut expressed the appreciation of the U.S. Navy, Admiral Casady and Ambassador Hare "for the assistance rendered by officials and employees of Tapline during the recent visit of units of the U.S. Sixth Fleet to Beirut. In particular, Mr. G. H. Gossens and Mr. R. P. Anderson rendered invaluable service as chairman of the Canteen and Transportation Committees respectively...To use a strictly Navy phrase, I am honored to say 'To All Hands, Well Done!'"



'Tea for Two' by Ted Van Leeuwen. Ted, who is an artist as well as photographer, is the Line's business machine repairman, based at Qaisumah

Famed Distance Swimmer Makes Visit To Beirut

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of TV shows, public appearances, and "other irons in the fire," Florence still hopes to retire to her home town of San Diego, California. However, she's only ending her professional swimming career. Next comes golf. Claiming to have never held a club in her hands, Florence plans to take up this new sport for exercise. But, being of the "stuff" of which champions are made she's bound to become a winner.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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and at present is in charge of the Club's athletic program.

Tennis is not Joe's final goal in athletics. Next is American football which he saw played for the first time while visiting at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. "What impressed me most about the game," commented Joe, "was the team spirit of both sides and the fair sportsmanship practices observed by each team. I hope I can take part in a game in the States."



Service pins were recently awarded to Sidon Terminal mooring masters (left) M. Rutherford, (second from left) J. Verwaayen, (second from right) M. Nesheim and (right) A. Odegarden by Captain J. R. Jones, Terminal superintendent, (center). Mr. Rutherford, formerly with Esso Transport Company, Ltd. of London, received his 15 year pin and Mr. Odegarden, formerly with The Texas Company (Norway), received his 10 year pin. Awarded five year pins, Messrs. Verwaayen and Nesheim were formerly affiliated with the Netherlands Pacific Tanker Company and Overseas Tankship Corporation respectively. (Photo by Sayak)

Personnel Report

PROUD FATHERS

Beirut

Glenn L. Buettner (Eng.) a daughter, Katherine Diane.
Hussein Mokdad (Communi.) a son, Haidar.
Mahmoud Homs (Traffic) a daughter, Hassibeh.

Sidon

Ahmad M. Kamal (Mtee.) a son, Kamel.
Habib Y. Khoury (Operations) a daughter, Noha.
Hassan Akkad (Marine) a son, Adnan.
Joseph M. Geha (Operations) a son, Maroun.
Elie C. Constantine (Mtee.) a daughter, Suheila.
Mohamed M. Nakib (Marine) a daughter, Salwa.
Naim A. Diab (Operations) a daughter, Mounifi.

WEDDINGS

Beirut

Mohamed I. Chahine (Traffic) to Zeinab Chahine.
Vicki Shirikjian (Traffic) to Onnic M. Marashian.

ENGAGEMENTS

Beirut

Elie Abi-Rached (Acctg.) to Jeannette Assouad.
Nicolas H. Habre (Office Services) to Lody M. Abboud.

Available

Morris Minor Convertible, late 1949 model, good condition. Contact: G. S. Aronson, Ext. 289.

Riley Convertible, 1950 model, in good condition. Contact: Farid Najjar, Ext. 287.
Buick Super, 4-door sedan, 1949 Dynaflo drive model; excellent radio, heater and ventilation system; automatic windshield washer; tires and battery in good condition; engine in top shape; driven only 31,000 miles. Contact: Harold Cross, Room 209, Ext. 247.

Opal, 1949 model; can be seen in Tapline Parking Lot, Beirut. Contact: Les Weiler at Qaisumah.

ANSWERS TO TEST YOUR ARABIC

Romeo must be confused by the fair damsel's charms for his "please sit down" in Arabic carries the masculine word endings. He should say: tfaddaliy striyHiy.

Joining other business organizations in the area, Tapline and Aramco each contributed 500 J.D. for relief of the victims of the Qibya massacre.

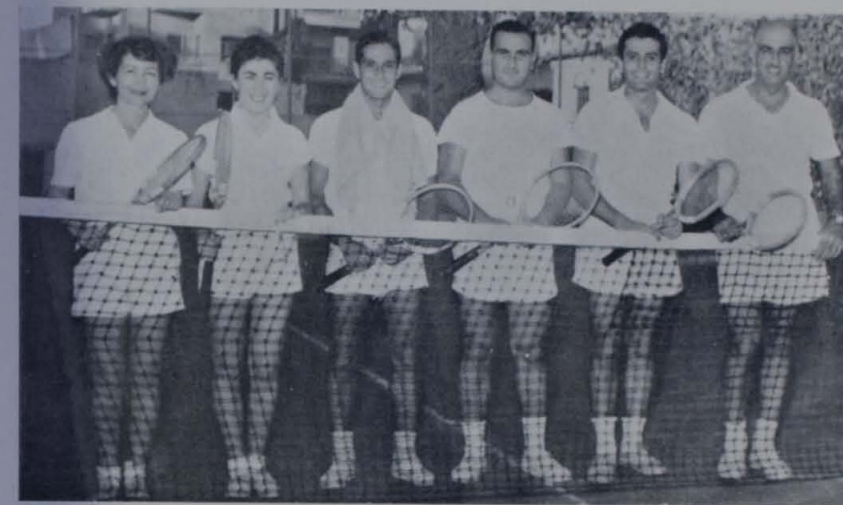


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Jaap Hobbel checks communications equipment at Beirut headquarters. (Photo Sayak)

A man of action is Jaap Hobbel and his past experiences read with the intrigue of the latest adventure story—and a true one at that.

Jaap (Dutch for Jim) is a native of Holland and a college graduate in radio, mechanical and aeronautical engineering.

In 1937 he enlisted in the Netherlands army and became a radio operator. After the German invasion and the battle of the Netherlands Forces in May 1940, he joined the Netherlands underground movement, heading a sabotage group. Until the capitulation of Germany, Jim and his group was active in the sabotaging of German installations, passing information to the Allies and rescuing Allied airmen who came down in German occupied territory. As could be expected under such circumstances, casualties of the group ran extremely high.

Recalled into the Netherlands army in 1945 he was first assigned to Gen-

eral Headquarters at The Hague and was later transferred to the East Indies. While there he followed a versatile career of gunman, tank commander, reconnaissance pilot, intelligence officer and commander of large combat units, winding up as a high ranking officer on the Staff of the Commander in Chief of the Netherlands Forces.

While serving in the latter capacity, Jim was in charge of numerous construction and repair projects that eventually were turned over to the Indonesian civil government. Among these projects were a radio communications system of more than 400 stations; a broadcasting system of 17 stations with 22 studio buildings and 47 transmitters; radio facilities for long distance communications; as well as building and repair of hydro electric plants.

During his tour of duty in the East Indies, Jim managed to spend several months on Bali, "Island of Demons", world-known for its temple dancing. He also went in for big game hunting and made several jungle expeditions. Jim can relate for hours his experiences on these hunting trips and has hundred of photographs to show.

Leaving Indonesia in 1950, he returned to Holland and his factory, which he had founded before the war, that produced radio parts and ceramic insulation materials. Due to unfavorable economic conditions in Europe, Jim closed his plant and signed up

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OPERATIONS REPORT

	Nov. 1953	Year 1953
Average BPD received at Sidon	309,302	308,106
Ships loaded	79	842
Average BPD loaded	329,334	309,365
Average bbls per ship	125,064	122,717

Test Your Arabic



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LIFE in Saudi Arabia



Mrs. John Kelley of Turaif exhibits specimens of her extensive collections of stamps, plants and flowers. (Photo by J. C. Kelley)

Don't try to tell Mrs. John Kelley of Turaif that life in the sands of Saudi Arabia is dull and uninteresting. First of all she'll assert the theory that with hobbies, such as hers, "one can content himself most any place." Then, she'll produce her numerous collections to prove that, contrary to general belief, the desert abounds with animal and plant life.

She and her husband, Superintendent John Kelley, are avid collectors of rare plants and flowers. Since her arrival in Arabia, December, 1949, she and Mr. Kelley have collected various types of desert plants from the Jordan border to the Persian Gulf. These species range from wild asparagus to ancient myrrh.

The Kelley's interest in unusual plants was aroused many years ago when they were living in the Tropics. "During the first few years, we collected and preserved specimens for our own pleasure," related Mrs. Kelley, "but soon requests began to come in for us to find special plants, birds, beetles and even butterflies."

Their first outside request was for a complete run of "bromeilads", or air plants, of Southern Brazil and Central Colombia. This was followed by a request for seeds of various palms of the Tropics, then roots of the highly aromatic spray orchids of Western Venezuela.

Of the various birds they were asked to procure, two in particular impressed

Mrs. Kelley. One was the large Toucan with its rain-bow-colored bill; the second was a Hotzan, an immense prehistoric bird with six inch spurs in its wing joints.

"However, our rarest of all finds was a white vampire bat, a species that occurs once in a million," acclaimed Mrs. Kelley.

On their search for beetles in Central Colombia, the Kelleys came across one as large as a man's fist known as the Rhinoceros beetle. Another was the Hippopotamus beetle then so extinct an institution paid \$1500 for a pair.

Pursuing their plant collecting in Central Colombia, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley found some of the largest and least known of pure white orchids. They also gathered two kinds of flowers that were exceptionally uncommon. One of these was the "Palo Cruz", or Tree of the Cross. Springing from the body of the tree, its heart was a cone-shaped mass of silky petals with long spines, shading from flame to gold, and formed into a ball. One blossom alone made a complete bouquet. The other rarity was a massive, bell-shaped, fuschia, blossom which grows only in two localities of Colombia at an altitude of between 2300 and 2400 feet and having an annual rainfall of 200 inches. Due to its sensitivity, this flower will not thrive at an altitude of 100 feet above or below the aforementioned. "Not only difficult to gather,

this beauty is almost impossible to transplant," commented Mrs. Kelley, "still it is my favorite of all the flowers we have seen."

Of all their many interests, collecting butterflies and moths is the Kelley's main hobby. Not only is their collection considered one of the best in the United States, they have furnished numerous specimens to museums, schools and private collectors.

Unable to pursue this latter hobby in Arabia, the Kelleys have extended their bird, bug and beetle collections and added scorpions, reptiles and petrified wood. Somehow they find time to keep up their extensive stamp and coin collections as well as photography.

Definitely life in Saudi Arabia is not dull for the Kelleys!

cording to Dr. Zukoski, this forum is of particular interest to Tapline's medical department due to the similarity of medical problems found at the line stations compared with those of companies operating along the Gulf.

Among the guest speakers at the 1953 meetings were Dr. J. C. Snyder of the Harvard University School of Public Health; Dr. J. J. McDonald, Dean of the American University (Beirut) Medical School; and Dr. Y. Jidejian, Professor of Surgery, American University of Beirut.

Dr. N. J. Conan, Jr. of Aramco, was named president-elect of the Society for the coming year.

KEEPING UP WITH CHADWICK

Friends and followers of Florence Chadwick, famed distance swimmer and ex-Tapliner who visited Beirut in October, will be happy to hear the following which Florence wrote recently to the Dal Pinckneys:

"I expect to have my own television program, originating from New York, and I also have commitments for several swimming exhibitions in connection with Sportman's shows, plus another tour of the United States for the Catalina Swim Suit Company. These will be worked around my own TV appearances."

Florence also added that her visit to Beirut was one of the highlights of her summer, and she extended her regards to friends here.

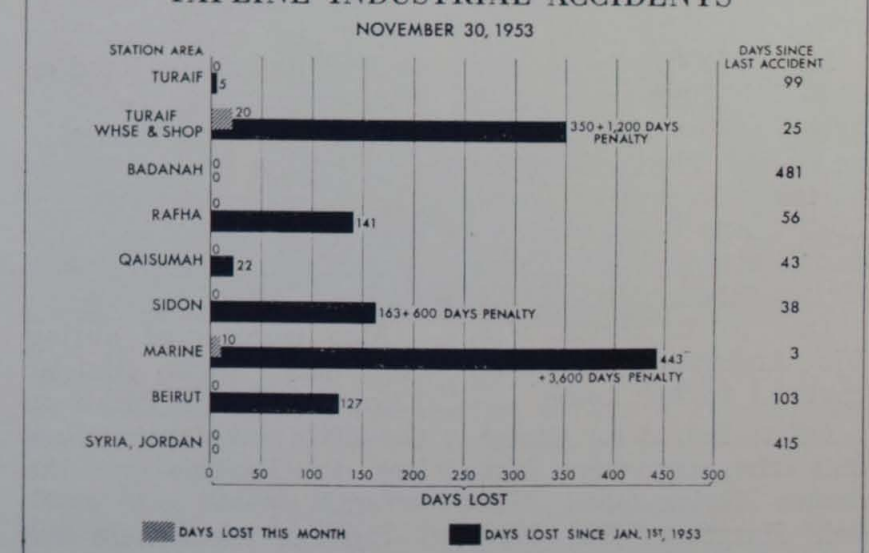
DOCTORS ATTEND MEDICAL MEETING

Drs. Frank Zukoski and Jacob Thaddeus attended the annual meeting of the Persian Gulf Medical Society at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, December 7 and 8.

The medical society is composed of members of the medical profession representing oil companies operating in the areas of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain Island, as well as from the missionary group at the latter location.

The purpose of these yearly conferences is to exchange ideas and discuss medical problems effecting the Persian Gulf area. Ac-

TAPLINE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS



ALONG THE LINE

Turaif

by M. JAOUNI

Arriving on special assignments during November were Messrs. C. H. Pope, H. E. Cross and D. W. Murray. Also, Richard Olson and I. W. Deets were transferred to our station from Badanah. Other arrivals were Y. Zakhli, formerly of Sidon, and E. Bacha. N. Ghattas, a teacher, transited Turaif enroute to Rafha.

The Charlie Koellners returned from Stateside vacation November 11, and J. Van Der Broeck arrived November 9 after home leave in The Netherlands.

T. Homsy has returned from long vacation, while B. Sader reported back from mid-contract leave November 21.

W. O. Munsell of Relations spent his work leave in Cairo and Beirut.

Superintendent and Mrs. John Kelley motored to Jerusalem for a few days during November. Enroute home Mrs. Kelley stopped off in Beirut to visit the Walter Houghs.

Matt Matherne departed on emergency leave November 22 to be with Trudy, who was scheduled for surgical treatment in Louisiana.

Leaving Beirut November 3 enroute to the U.S.A., Bill Heinel plans to tour Europe via Jaguar. Frank Fletcher has been named as Heinel's replacement.

Former residents, Ray, Ann and Barbara Thomas recently visited Turaif. Daughter Beverly remained in Badanah with the Ed Wrights.

Mrs. H. C. Davis and Mrs. C. G. Rush were house guests of the John Kelleys and the Earl Schmidts during December. Also, Miss Linda Wright of Badanah visited Miss Norma Krapp this month.

Due to ill health, Mrs. Vic Anderson has been confined to her home.

Off to Beirut for Christmas shopping were Messdames Harlan Giles, Haskell Hargrove, Bill New, Matt Schau, Earl Schmidt



In recognition of five years of service with the Company, drivers (left to right) K. B. Abdul Karim, Abdulla Sulaiman, Rashia Ibrahim and Dokhi Bin Sulaiman were presented service pins by their supervisor, Al Alamed-dine (center), at a luncheon given by Superintendent John Pfister at Rafha, December 9. Also attending the presentation were W. R. Pickett, N. Reno and R. N. White.

and John Lerry.

Omar Faour of Transportation suffered head injuries in a crane accident last month and was flown to Beirut for hospitalization. Two contractor's employees were also hurt in the same mishap. All are reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

The station's construction program is progressing rapidly. The new hospital is now in use and the office building is expected to be available for occupancy soon.

Latest private construction: chicken houses. Current topic of conversation: How many eggs a day?

Qaisumah

by Mufid Jabbour

A hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ritter and children who arrived here from long vacation the first of November.

Other new arrivals at our station are M. Melhem of E&C and A. De Raad of Communications.

After spending his vacation in the States, Benny Davies returned to Qaisumah only long enough to pack up and move to Rafha.

Also transferred during November were Bahjat Khouri (P&S) to Turaif on the fifth and Johnny Paolini to Rafha on the seventh.

Current vacationers are John Rego (General Serv-

ices) who is in India, Rashid Awadh and Hamad Hathal (Operations) now on Bahrain Island, and Aref Farage (General Services) who is visiting in the Lebanon.

An epidemic of engagements has hit Qaisumah vacationers. Returning from leave in Beirut, Nabih Abboud (Mtce) announced his engagement to Miss Jacqueline Sa'adeh; next Yousif A. Majid (Relations) arriving from Bahrain Island advised he had taken a similar step towards matrimony; and now George Helou (P&S) scheduled back from the Lebanon December 19 is expected to announce his candidacy as a future husband. Congratulations to all of you! Any more?

Shortly after their return from home leave December 1, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Davis departed for Badanah where Mr. Davis will take over the station superintendency.

After fifteen continuous months in the field, Jamal Shakhtour of Relations will depart December 15 on home leave. Jamal plans to spend part of his vacation with his family in Bethlehem and the remainder in Egypt.

Rafha

by A. H. HAMADEH

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Luck of Qaisumah visited the Bill Edwards the first week

end in November. During the Lucks' visit a shuffleboard competition was set up between them and their hosts, followed by a match between the Lucks and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Murphy. Both games were enthusiastically followed by a large number of station personnel. However, it appeared that the Lucks were "Luck-less" when it came to shuffleboard.

Another Qaisumah visitor in November was Mrs. John Strader, who was guest of the Bill Picketts. During her week's visit, Mrs. Strader was guest of honor at a large dinner party given by the Picketts November 12.

Back from local leave in Italy are Louise Pfister, Dudley and "Peach" Harbin. Sailing from Beirut on an Italian liner, the Harbins and Mrs. Pfister disembarked at Naples, where they spent most of their leave. They also visited the Isle of Capri. The evening prior to their return to Rafha, November 21, the threesome were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hough in Beirut.

Enjoying vacations in the Lebanon during November were Z. Aroutian (Operations) and H. Kharrma (Office).

Hunters among our personnel report a good bird season with a copious quantity of habaris, katas and other feathered friends in the region.

Mr. R. White, Abdul Majeed and your reporter recently called on Amir Sulaiman Al Shunaifi of Lina, a government frontier post established some fifteen years ago. The site itself dates back to the days of King Solomon and was of ancient importance due to the 360 cisterns that supplied water to thirsty travellers on the caravan and pilgrimage routes from Iraq and Kuwait into the interior of Saudi Arabia. These man-made catch basins were dug through flint by means of a softening process. Hence the name of the town, Lina, which when translated means "soft". Due to the extreme

rockiness of the soil no cultivation is possible, and all foodstuffs must be imported. The trip was indeed interesting and it was a pleasure to visit with the Amir.

Badanah

by A. Siblani

New residents at our station are the C. G. Rushes, formerly of Qaisumah, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Davis. Mr. Davis has been assigned to Badanah as station superintendent. Bill and Nancy Haley are also newcomers who transferred from Beirut. Bill has joined the Government Relations staff here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Curran were guests of honor at an eventful dinner party given for them December 5 by the Don Robinsons. The Currans enplaned for the U.S. December 8 and will fly direct to New York. After spending a few days in New York City they will head for California. This will be Ken's first Stateside Christmas in twelve years.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis moved into the first of six new family houses under construction on the hill. The second house is nearly completed and will be occupied by the W. O. Vernons.

Sonny and Sally Booth spent most of their local leave in Beirut. Also on local leave are Ed and Mary Wright.

Christmas shopping "in the city" (that's Beirut) were Mrs. Vernon, Mrs. Paul Caesens and Mrs. Fouad Ilyia. Speaking of Christmas gifts, Paul Caesens was overheard to say that he'd settle for a 1954 Cadillac from Santa Claus.

Dick Manougian, Elias Lutfallah, Khalil Hamdan, Abboud Hilany, Yahya Mazboudy and your reporter were hunting party guests of local friends December 8. With the efforts of "Arrouje", the falcon, plus two shot guns, a total of 25 habaris were bagged during the day. Your reporter is convinced that an invitation to a habari hunting party should never be turned down, not only because of the sport and fun involved, but so many "tall tales" can be told afterwards.



Badanah hunters (back row, left to right) Dick Manougian, Elias Lutfallah and Khalil Hamdan (fourth and fifth from left); (front row, left to right) Yahya Mazboudy and Abboud Hilany prove that this season is tops for bird hunters. (Photo courtesy of A. Siblani)

Beirut

by Rose Sawdah

Departing on long leave November 10, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Beckley stopped off at The Hague before proceeding to New York. The Beckleys have taken an apartment in New York



Mr. and Mrs. Farid Najjar.

City and expect to spend the majority of their vacation on the East Coast with their daughter, Luella.

Other personnel departing for the States were Al and Ruth Gilcreast, December 1; Mike Spivey, December 6; and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Kendrick on the latter date.

R. A. Prusinski and family returned to the field from home leave Dec. 3.

After fifteen days in Europe, mainly Paris and Italy, Gregory Thomas is back at his desk in Transportation, as of Dec. 5.

Farid Najjar of Government Relations and Miss Najla Hamza were married November 8 at the Najjar residence, Abadie.

In a recent letter to Joe Volkmann, Ted Kroner asked that the "Periscope" extend Holiday Greetings to the Kroners' friends out here. Ted writes that they had a very enjoyable vacation and are now settled at 2020 Verdugo Blvd, Glen-

dale, California.

H. H. Hall, former Vice President and General Manager of Tapline, transited Beirut November 13 enroute to London from Pakistan. Since Mr. Hall's retirement from the company he has acted as consultant to Bechtel International, Inc. and other firms. In the capacity of consultant, Mr. Hall had been in Pakistan to determine possibilities of gas development and construction of a pipe line for the Burmah Oil Company. During his stay there he was hospitalized for a week, but those who met him at the airport report Mr. Hall looked hale and hearty. He was greeted on arrival at Khalde field by Messrs. Swigart, Campbell and Olson as well as a host of other Beirut friends.

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Sidon Terminal was the site selected for the periodic superintendents' meeting held December 15. Attending the meeting and visiting the Terminal's operations were: (bottom row, left to right) W. E. Locher, C. H. Pope, H. L. Krapp, A. E. Olson, O. T. Swanson, James Grimes and A. C. Nelson; (middle row, left to right) Captain J. R. Jones, N. E. Bibby, H. C. Davis, W. H. Koehler, D. K. Wallace, J. R. Terry and J. H. Strader; (top row, left to right) D. T. Pinckney, J. F. Pfister and J. C. Kelley (Photo Sayak)

Tapline Tennis Team Places Third

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final score: 6-2, 6-4 Aramco's favor.

The Tapline team praised the splendid hospitality of their hosts and were impressed by Kuwait Oil Company's newly-opened tennis courts. Spectators at the daily events were estimated at 800.

The Persian Gulf Tennis Association's tournament brought to a close Tapline's organized sports activities for 1953, with the exception of bowling.

To Receive Awards

Prizes are to be presented at the Sporting Club's New Year's Eve dance to winners of various intra-club sports events which took place during the year. Scheduled to receive these awards are: Elie Wakim (Acctg.) for chess; Mike Chehadeh (Acctg.) for ping pong (men's singles); Huda Sawaya (Personnel) for ping pong (women's singles); and, Mike Bassoul (P&S) for tennis (men's singles).

Reactivated this Fall, Tapline's bowling team played its first tournament November 30 against A.U. B. Company team members were: Norah Bezjian, Moses Bezirgianian, Al Gilcreast, Bill Keane and Herb Seeley. Final scores were in favor of the opponent.

Bowlers Wanted

As spokesman for the bowlers, Norah expressed an open invitation to all employees interested in this sport to join their group at the American University alleys every Monday evening at six p.m. Current bowlers in addition to the above are: Ray Badran, Raja Bikhazi, Odette Fernainy, Ray Humiston, Howard Martin, Sameer Mutran, Jane Ringlund, Raja Salibi, Sarkis Sarkissian and Josephine Zeitoun.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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with Tapline's communications division in March, 1951.

One of his favorite past-times is sailing on the Mediterranean in his small boat. Even this has proved adventuresome when on

one occasion a heavy gale caught him while far out at sea. Friends gave him up for lost, but like the proverbial "bad penny" he turned up safe and sound.

Returning to Holland on vacation this year, Jim drove his Renault, which he'd shipped to the south of Italy, through Europe and then back to Naples for reshipment to Beirut at the end of his leave. On the trip he was frequently mistaken for a Russian due to the unusual license plates on his car.

Looking back over the past ten years of narrow escapes, Jim feels that cats aren't the only ones limited to nine lives, and he'll continue to count on the luck of the felines in future escapades.

Available

Morris Minor Convertible, late 1949 model, good condition. Contact: G. S. Aronson, Ext. 289.

Studebaker Champion Convertible, 1951 model. Contact: Raja Shabshah, Ext. 245.

Peugeot 203, 1950 model, mileage 42,000 kms, in good condition. Contact: Farid Sakri, Beirut Medical Department.

Zenith Radio - Phonograph, 1953 console model; also wide assortment long-playing (33-1/3) records. Contact: G. S. Aronson, Ext. 289.

Room Air Conditioner, Mitchell, 3/4 HP, 110 V, 50-60 cycle, 15 amp, fits in window, one and a half years old with 5 year warranty. Contact: C. E. Pace, Air Division.

Baby Crib, maple, adjustable height, springs and mattress, both sides can be lowered. Contact: C. E. Pace, Air Division.

Personnel Report

PROUD FATHERS

Beirut

Vladimir Savelieff (Eng.) a son, George.

Mohamed Edelbi (Traffic-Air) a daughter, Jamanah.

Hussein Khraibateh (P&S) a son, Khalil.

Hassan Mehzen (G.O.S.) a son, Mohamad.



Joe Saba of Personnel (right) was presented his five-year service pin by Superintendent Don Wallace, November 28. (Photo Sayak)



Completing five years of employment with the Company, November 20, Abdo E. Shushani (left) received his service pin from Nicolas Habre of General Office Services. (Photo Sayak).

Sidon

Youssef M. Geha (Operation) a daughter, Dalal. Abdallah Assaly (Marine) a son, Jack.

WEDDINGS

Beirut

Farid Najjar (Gov't Relations) to Najla Hamzeh.

ENGAGEMENTS

Qaisumah

Nabih Abboud (Machine Shop) to Miss Jacqueline Saadeh.

Rafha

Farid Khalaf (Operations) to Miss Mary Tahmazian.

ANSWERS TO TEST YOUR ARABIC

Confusion and skepticism reign when Howard, the American chap lounging in the hammock, starts to sing in Arabic. Lyrics to the tune go "sing for me and I'll sing for you" (ganniy-li ta ganniy-lik). The l-loma l-loma has no translation but adds to the rhythm of the music.

Sami (in the tarboosh) says to his American friend, Alan: "What's this? Howard knows how to sing Arabic well!"

Alan replies: "You also find it strange."

Apparently Sami isn't aware that Howard, like numerous other American employees, attends Arabic classes that are conducted by Joseph Kiamah three times a week.

SIDON

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Shop has announced his engagement to Miss Nadia Safi.

The Frank Foulkes departed for the States November 8.

Mrs. A. A. Brickhouse and young Terry Hamad were victims of accidents during last month. Both were hospitalized but are now recovering.

Sidon Terminal was chosen as host for the December 15 superintendents' meeting. Discussions were held in the Training Center's auditorium, and following luncheon a tour was made of the terminal. For some of the visitors it was a rare event, particularly Superintendent John Kelley of Turaif who had never before visited the terminal.

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H.M. King Hussein of Jordan (left) joined H.M. King Sa'ud (right) at Badanah, January 23, during the latter's trip along the pipeline route. (Photo by A. Siblani)

ROYAL PARTY VISITS PIPELINE

KINGS CONFER AT BADANAH

Following his visit to Dhahran and other cities in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, His Majesty King Sa'ud ibn 'Abd al 'Aziz arrived at Qaisumah, first Tapline station, January 16. The King and his party were welcomed to the station and the Line by President Swigart and Messrs. Chandler, Locher, Pinckney, Bibby, Strader and Dr. Zukoski. F. W. Ohliger, W. Burleigh and George Mandis of Aramco were also present. A reception was held in the community center where refreshments were served and station personnel presented to His Majesty.

After visiting Hafar al Batan the next day, the royal party moved up the Line reaching Rafha January 19. Here His Majesty was greeted by local Gov-

ernment officials. The King was invited for tea and coffee during which time speeches of welcome were given. At ten o'clock the following morning the royal entourage left for Badanah.

Abdullah Siblani, Badanah reporter, maintained the following chronology of events which took place during the King's visit at that station:

January 21

The first of the King's tents were put up some three kilometers east of Badanah. His Majesty arrived in the afternoon after a short hunting trip while enroute from Rafha. About three hundred vehicles of various kinds transported the party. That evening Amir Mohammed

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BASSOUL AND WELLS RE-ELECTED TO TSC OFFICES

Election of the Tapline Sporting Club's officers and executive committee for 1954 was held January 29. An estimated 100 members cast their votes between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

MIDEAST OIL GOLF TOURNEY SCHEDULED

The Middle East Oil Industries Golf Association will hold its annual tournament at the Beirut Golf Club, April 24 and 25. Scheduled to compete in this year's event are teams from Aramco, Basrah Petroleum Company, Iraq Petroleum Company, Kuwait Oil Company and Tapline.

Organized by the major oil companies in the Middle East, the association was formed last year to promote golf interest among oilmen as well as to serve as a relations medium among these companies. The first annual tournament was held at Tripoli, Lebanon in the late spring

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While the returns were being computed by Chairman Ibrahim Haddad, George Shuheibar and Joe Jabbour of the Election Committee, a general meeting was called to order by President Mike Bassoul.

As president for the past year, Mike opened the meeting with a message of personal thanks for the cooperation he had received from his fellow officers, committee members and the membership in general. Reviewing the club's activities in 1953, he reminded the organization that they had realized their goal of a clubhouse and tennis court. Mike extended his appreciation of the beneficial services rendered by Mrs. Howard Wells and Mrs. A. C. Nelson in preparing the clubhouse for

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Newly elected officers of Tapline's Sporting Club are (seated, left to right) Howard Wells, secretary; Mike Bassoul, president; and Kalim Saliba, treasurer. Members of the executive committee for 1954 are (standing, left to right) Emile Boustani, Emile Saad, Ray Badran, Jane Ringlund, Samir Mutran, Vartan Bezdikian and Joe Saba. Committee member, W. J. Keane was not available for the photograph (Photo Sayak)