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. "From the looks of their country." Beirut YMCA social organization could gain from the US, to study operating methods with new business machines and procedures.

His trip to the local YMCA headquarters in New York, received his five year pin from Stu Thoits, superintendent of accounting, and Gene Crowell, accountant in the Beirut office, who completed five years of service last month.

Visit Navy Ships

On April 8, 24 employees from St. Michael warehouse were the guests of Lt. J. B. Baylor aboard the USS Chusan, a 410 ton oil tanker attached to the US Black Fleet, which paid a courtesy visit to Beirut.

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 complex apparatus which controls and operates the ship. Joe Rustani, Joe Asaad, Rida Abu Noor and Rashid Ghazali 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 Assely building toured the USS Canoe, 17,000 ton destroyer tender, upon invitation of the US Navy, on April 9.

Operations Report

March, 1955

Field: North

Received at Sidon (Average HPD) 312.569

Ships Loaded

80

Average HPD Loaded

304.406

308.832

Average Bbl per ship

118.722

118.270

Recent Visitors

Recent observers of company operations, as well as of the Near East oil industry, were Arthur President of Creole Petroleum Corporation; David Frame, vice president of Humble Oil and Refining Company; M. L. Haidar, Standard of New Jersey; James A. Clark, Standard of New Jersey; and W. T. Campbell, Mission Manufacturing Company.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nachtrich of San Francisco were guests of the Company during the month.

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Tabline Golfer Play in Tourney

Representing Tapline in the first Atlantic Oil Industry golf tournaments were Paul Okerson (Arc'teryx), Dan Funk (Arco), Chick Nelson (Operations), Don Murray (Community Services), Harald Cross (Arc'teryx), Dale Foster (F&D), Chuck Woodall (Operations), Bud Ford (payroll), Milt Cross and Derril Volkman competing in the factor division, peaks Wallace served as alternate as did Stu Thoits, team captain in Tripoli.

The meet was held on the Ras el Lados golf course, Tripoli, Lebanon, May 15 and 17 under the sponsorship of the Iraqi Petroleum Company, Ltd. Participants in the 1953 tournament other than IPC and Tapline were Aramco, Kuwait Oil Company and Burmah Petroleum Company.

Six Thoits and Chick Nelson were selected as opponents to represent Tripoli at the meet. The former selected Tapline at the initial meeting of the golf tournament held May 15 at Tripoli. The committee designated two representatives from each company to compete for the championship cup for the association and held in the north of the Tripoli and 54 events. Nelson received the green at the present for the next tournament to be held in 1954 with Aramco as host.

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Mahmoud El-Yusuf, Damascus Representative, 'In the Spotlight'

The Children’s Activities Association, organized by the Ministry of Education, has carried out a series of projects to improve the living conditions of children in Damascus. One such project was the construction of a new playground in the suburbs of the city. The association is working with the government and local communities to ensure that all children have access to safe and healthy environments.

Our Sympathy

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

Vertical
1. Relations
2. Attached Parachute - Two
3. To one (attached person)
4. To me (attached person)
5. Beating the air
6. Used in soaring Somebody
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8. Vertical
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Final filming of the Tapline movie 'Pipeline for Progress' took place in Bari, just before 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, and Beirut by cameraman Bryan MacDonald. The film will have a running time of half hour and round tracks in both Arabic and English.
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 saw 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 occasionally provide excellent duck hunting for employees in the winter months.

Historically, this area is primarily noted for the Darb Zubaida and the nearby cities, 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 travelers today as they did hundreds of years ago.

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**RAHJA**

*by Ken Armoush and Betty Hall*

Despite an afternoon sandstorm, Bill Potter displayed his presence as chief in arran-
ging a moonlight meeting. The first of May was ably assisted by Chuck Wood-
ell, Chuck Slow and Mark Vanderbeek. The evening was accompanied with music by John Phelan. Attending the party from out-of-town were the W.O. Vernon and D.R. Khoshnani of Badnah and Dr. Frank Zakoon from Riyadh.

Following seed-ship barbecue on successor sights by Dr. Thaddeus and Abhas Hamad, Niner Bono, of the Information Service, departed for Lebanon on a well-earned long vacation.

Enjoying a recent visit to Jerusalem and the Holy Land were Mrs. A. L. Truex and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Oympy. Back from home leave in the USA in C. D. Templeton (Mutie) who arrived May 11. "Temple" reported a fine vacation. All reports from the Middle East are most appreciated.

**BADNAH**

*by Ellis N. Ludliffe*

It was a family reunion when Mr. and Mrs. Elton joined in a picnic at Badnah on May 19. The weather there at Badnah is exceptionally good. Truthfully, there are not the rainstorms (that blow in here) every now and then, by law and large this has been a very pleasant May.

The green grass and many water holes in the vicinity have attracted a large num-
ber of wandering Badnalis. During the past month the town has grown immensely-
tents are scattered throughout the area, the Badnalis finding Badnah a very pleasant and convenient place to settle at this time of year. Thousands of grazing camels continue to graze — almost as far as the eye can see.

**SIDON**

*by Mous Binzarkos*

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

Matthys R. Gjorsteen, maintenance electrician, was temporarily transferred to Sidon to replace Khalil (Rah-
le) Bandel. Mrs. Walter Harte and son were on a visit to Mr. Harte in Sidon soon. They are expected to leave June 27.

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*by Ray Selkiss*

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Mrs. Wallace Serves As Chairman Of Successful Dance Festival

For the second consecutive year, Mrs. Don Wallace was selected as chairman of the annual Folk Dance Festival held on the American University's athletic field May 22. Both Mehdi and Din, as well as their twin daughters, are devotees of folk dancing, and for the past five years the Wallaces have taught numerous groups in the Beirut area how to circle and square, as well as the quaint folk dance steps of many different countries. The entire Wallace family participated in this year's festival.

Groups from 20 various schools and organizations in Beirut, Tripoli, Sidon and Baalbek took part in the colorful performance of Greek, Armenian, Russian, Lithuanian, English, Scandinavian, Mexican and American folk dances. A special group from Baalbek performed the renowned “mohtal,” national dance of the Libaneses.

Other Tapliners taking part in the festival were the wife Vera and two sons, Wendall and Dean.

The Tapline Sporting Club will open Friday, July 3, with an inauguration party, according to an announcement received from President W. H. Koehler, safety engineer.

Open to all club members, the party is expected to draw about 200 guests on opening night. All those who have not paid their dues for the past year are eligible to attend, even though they have not paid their dues. Dues may be paid the night of the party.

On the committee planning the inauguration party were the following: J. M. Shaw, R. C. Keating, Eddy Najjar, Josephine Zirah, and Mary E. Dougher and Jane Englund.

Tapline has reminded prospective members that the club is open to everyone working for the company, even those who are eligible just for Beirut personnel.

Tapline has hopes that a great many employees on the line will take advantage of the opportunities the club offers.

A number of new members have been added to the club, in addition to providing a pleasant atmosphere for meetings, the club offers tennis, ping pong and other facilities.

Books for the club's library are still being sought. F. B. Schott in the Assisted building will accept all contributions.

**ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**Horizontal**
1. Sera
2. F. Y. Michael
3. Men
4. A. C. Robinson
5. H. Sakakini
6. Warmington
7. V. A. Majeed
8. N. K. Akkaoui
9. I. Faheem

**Vertical**
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2. Na—
3. 0: ftikir
4. 7: yidQjib
5. 0 :o Qrift
6: ?asHaab
0 :o Qrift
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**Elected Treasurers**

Two former Tapline employees have been elected treasurers of organizations in Dhahran. Ken Smith was chosen treasurer of the Aramco Employees Association, Dhahran chapter. The new treasurer is the new leader of the Tapline Lions Camera Club.

**Despair Dies**

Kenneth R. Despain, former Tapline employee stationed at Rafha, died June 2 in Flagstaff, Arizona. He is survived by his wife Veen and two sons, Wendall and Dean.