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

Georgia Benthin, chief nurse at the Tapline hospital in Beirut since November 1952, is a collector and a dreamer. She dreams of many people of the Near East, drawn from nearly every country in the area. She even has a pet; an "exceedingly intelligent bird," in the United States.

But all these things, except the pastries, are hand-me-downs, and from Georgia's offbeat personality one suspects that the collection she values most highly is the circle of friends she has gained in her nursing career. She has been a Tapline nurse with Aramco and Tapline since July 1, 1949.

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Huda Sawaya Reports
On Her European Trip

It's been two months since Miss Huda Sawaya of Persia 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 31.

"Now Paris," she said, "the longer you stay there, the 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 that 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," she said. At the Museum of Modern Art, she "learned to slight, to enjoy modern painting." Probably, she had only brushed it. One of the highlights of her Paris visit was the Kermesse de Khodoo, the garden party for artists of the beneficent Khodoo painters.

Naturally, she attended some of the openings 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, Malmous, Trianon and Bal-Stanton.

From Paris she flew to Zurich, Switzerland. Her former piano teacher in Beirut, Miss M. B. Buttonfiger, lives in Switzerland and made certain that Huda saw nearly all the country in the few days she was there. Among spots visited were Bern, Lucerne, Consonsway, Bosco da Nova, Claus, Montreux and Geneva.

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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 Riverhead, 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 Lehr, 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.

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

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

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.

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

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Superintendent Ray Sullivan (left) reviews trainee progress records with Walter Lehr, right.

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

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

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

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

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.
Pipe Line Periscope

Miss Jane Perry, who arrived late this summer to vacation with her family, the Bankers Association, is now returning to Rafha in about two weeks. Rafha's fast becoming popular, it seems. As yet we haven't planned to visit any of the other stations; however, we're ready to welcome any competition that might like to drop around.

J. (Twy) Evans of the Machine Shop complained for Beirut August 4 to meet his wife and two sons, who arrived from August 10.

Celebrate Birthday

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Visit to Italy

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As a graduate of Texas Technological College, Ann will take up post graduate work in the field of genetics working towards her doctor's degree.

Pickney Receives Pin

The award, from Page 2-Tapline grows from a one-room office in the Dhahran administration building to its present organization. As superintendent of Tapline's eastern division during construction, he not only guided the laying of the line but also the establishment of Ras el Misha'ab, the company's construction contractor in Arabia, as well as installation of the Skyhook which accelerated work on tapline.

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