TAPLINE TENNIS TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN TOURNEY
(Cont. from page 1.)
singles and doubles, ladies,
singles... Badanah during the ceremonial opening of the new
medical center, while Tapline President C. A. Swigart watches
proudly.

... banquet will be given
for the tournament winners.
... on September 4, and... that
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... Tapline: What is Tapline; what it does;
and Tapline, and the direct and indirect,
Tapline employees are cord—
... to answer questions and assist
... duties at the exhibit every day
... to the exhibit every day
... various developments in
... work of Graham Amato—
Corporation in collaboration with
Honore M. Meta of Public

Tapline employees are cord—
invited to visit the Company's exhibit.

Personnel Report
PROUD FATHERS

Boise
Ibrahim S. Halboud (E&C) a daughter, Lamyia
Alomir, J. Taha (Hyi. Trasp. ) a son, Naji

Sidon
Alf N. Hannous (E&C) a daughter, Amal
Alfred A. Hourani (Operations) a son, Bernard
Samir K. Kattar (Marine) a daughter, Lyla
Mostafa M. Khourib (Marine) a son, Mughrabeth
Assaad A. Thayib (Operations) a daughter, Samia
Ghazal, K. Wakin (Operations) a son, Harcha

Station 6-4
Mohamed O. Takrouri (Rig. & Misc.) a son, Oscar

Weddings
Beirut
Michel A. Makdissi (Operations) to Miss Alix R. Wehbe.
Dr. Nizar V. El-Take (Medics) to Miss Huda Fakhoury.

Sidon
Joseph S. Safi (Misc.) to Miss Nefaa Khalil.

Tapline driver pins awarded qualified personnel
(Cont. from page 1.)
... in conjunction with any other
duties. (During the months of June and July, qualifying pump
station personnel received the following):

Oualoun
3 Years (Silver) — Fadel M. Ruffin
2 Years (Silver) — Jamal S. Marrouk
1 Year (Silver) — Sulaiman J. Alahm.

Rafiq
3 Years (Silver) — Yousif Abdul Majed
2 Years (Silver) — Mohammad Abdul Hayr
1 Year (Silver) — Nael Bin Mohammed, Sulaiman B. A. Ansari, Hamid B. Rosul,
Abdalla B. Faraj and Maroun B. Mutaleh.

Badanah
3 Years (Silver) — Fadl Bin Abdullah, Mohammed Bin Othman, Abdon B. Barho and
Aman Ahmad.
2 Years (Silver) — Mohammad Bin Jassim, Shurda Bin Nabi and Hassen Bin Mohamed.
1 Year (Silver) — Badarun Bin Tabha, Fahim Bin Mohamed and Youssef Abdul Ban.

Turaif
3 Years (Gold) — Mohammad Bin Sultan, Ali Bin Soltan, Ibraheem Bin Sulaiman,
Khalil Bin Amman, Rashid Bin Ibrahim, Abdulhadi bin Saleh, Souhaib Bin Mohammed
and Abdullah Bin Sager.
2 Years (Silver) — Hamid Bin Ali and M. M. Ansari.
1 Year (Silver) — Mohammad Bin Hilal, Nasser Bin Abdulhamid and Abdul Safi.
2 Years (Silver) — Abdul Kadam Bin Mohammad. Gulsam, J. H. Shyayest, E. J. Taha,
Nasser Elshich, Y. A. Marbouchi, F. M. Najim, M. Zba and V. K. Zinta.

1 Year (Silver) — Abdul Mohammed Bin Mohammed and A. W. Hf.

One-year driver pins (silver) have also been awarded to E. M. Dhiab and A. A. Hmeisi,
and the daughter of Dr. Dura’s (Syria) and to Mohammad
Ahmad and M. O. Takrouri at Qariatain (6A).

ANSWERS TO TEST YOUR ARABIC

1) L — With whom were you talking at the door more than half an hour? "With our neighbor, Ali.
Why didn’t you ask her to come in?"
"She was in a hurry."

II. Judge: "May I know what your name is?"
Lady: "My name is Nat." 3rd Place:
Judge: "Single or married?"
Lady: "I am married."

Judge: "Put single or married.
Judge: "Is your name Nady?"
"I have no future in any job. The future lies in the man who holds the job." — Dr. George W. Cruse.
(Continued on page 11)
That pleasant voice over the telephone announcing it's Mr. Swigart's office" belongs to a law department secretary. Upon completion of her job, she will transfer to Tapline's top man less than a year later. A "dyed-in-the-wool" New Englander, Jane hails from Philadelphia, Pa. is strictly red-skin territory.)

President. Jane arrived in the spring of 1950 and secretarial efficiency she was selected as secretary to Engineer, Jane now has an excellent collection of color slides taken of Lebanon. Petra, Aleppo, Amman, Jerusalem, and the spring of 1950. About a year later the lure of sports. In winter it's skiing at the Mediterranean terminal in Sidon, Lebanon. Trans-Arabian began operations in 1950, at a time when tanker rates were high. While it cut straight through the Suez Canal, where a toll of 121 cents a barrel was charged. The pipeline from the Arabian desert sands. The story of Arabian Pipe Line, explains why oil has caused pipelines to lose their popularity as a means of transporting Middle Eastern oil.

Now approaching its fourth year of operations, Tapline's importance in the world oil picture has slipped considerably. Oil loaded in the Sidon terminal has shown roughly a 10 per cent drop this year. According to Tapline officials, an average of only 282,802 barrels daily have been lifted from the Sidon terminal since January Jan, as compared to a 312,824 daily average in 1953.

There is one big reason for this drop—tanker competition. Available tanker space is interesting steadily, both in number and the size of tankers. Tankers are being built at such a rate that by the end of 1955 the surplus of 480 is expected by some. While it cut straight through the Suez Canal, where a toll of 121 cents a barrel was charged.

Tapline's rate-cutting strategy has sent rates plunging downward since work on Tapline began.

(End note: This article was written earlier in the year. For current operating data refer to Page 2 of this issue.)

SAFETY ENGINEER RETIRES

Though his service record with Tapline, the Parcel Companies and affiliated organizations ranks 22 years and 4 months, Walter Koehler, retiring Safety Engineer, has been associated with the oil industry since 1919. And, while pursuing this career he has covered a considerable portion of the earth with assignments in the West Indies, Central America, Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia, West Africa and the Middle East.

In November, 1949 Walt transferred to Tapline and was assigned to the Western Division as a construction engineer. While working in this capacity he has supervised the construction of Turnip, acting as an intermediary between the Company and the contractor.

When Tapline passed from its construction to operations stage, he was put in charge of the Company's new Safety Program. During his tenure as Safety Engineer, Tapline's accident frequency rate has been reduced from 27.29 to 16.00, the number of man hours lost from 147 to 63, frequency of vehicle accidents from 14 to 7 per year, and the frequency of vehicle accidents from 65 to 37 per year.

One of his most interesting experiences, Walt relates, happened in 1945 when he made a 2,000 mile trip, covering all of West Africa from Camorra south to Douglas, and east to Kano, to evaluate U.S. Army terminal, pipelines and marine installations in the British Colonies. On the same trip he investigated the potential for new oil installations in the French territories. These new installations have since been built or are now under construction.

Bidding farewell to his many friends in Beirut, Walt and his petite wife, Sarah, sailed aboard the S.S. Exochorda September 6 for New York. However, Walt has no intention whatever of joining the swankie chair clubs in New York, nor does Walt, wishing to finish his engineering career elsewhere.
M. A. Makdissi, oil dispatcher, was the proud recipient of a five year pin in July. Presentation was made by Chief Dispatcher A. C. Nelson. (Photo Sayak)

At Quinneba, John Rigo reached the five year mark May 14th. He was presented his service pin by John Shadrer, then acting station superintendent. (Photo by M. K. Jabour)

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Wreathed in smiles on the occasion of their pin awards were (left to right) Huda Ladki, S. F. Khasou, and (second from right) E. H. Bustany, as they posed with Bob Anderson (second from left), T&AT supervisor. (Photo Sayak)

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Shuttling back and forth between Arabia and Beirut, J. N. Allen of Accounting was a hard man to catch enough for H. L. Seeley, Assistant Superintendent, to award him a one-star pin. (Photo Sayak)

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Village for Refugees Dedicated in Jordan

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his father. After the ceremonies, the guests and villagers enjoyed a luncheon provided by Tapline and supplied in the kitchen of the new houses.

Al Manara is the third of a series of five such villages which have been, or are being, built under the auspices of this volunteer committee to provide homes for refugees from Palestine, thousands of whom are still living in tents, huts and caves in Jordan. The fourth village is now under construction, and land has been bought for the fifth, to be built at the expense of the Arabian American Oil Company, inspired by Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company's example in sponsoring Al Manara.

With the aim of providing practical rehabilitation for refugees, rather than mere relief, the village-building idea was conceived and implemented by a group of private citizens who formed the Jerusalem Committee for Rebuilding Palestine Villages, Chairman of the Committee in Bishop Westen Stewart, Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem, and its Vice-Chairman is Mahmoud Abu Elish, prominent citizen of Bethany. Both have long been active in efforts to help the refugees. Much of the actual planning and on-the-spot technical guidance during construction of the village is provided by Stewart Peterson, O.B.E., retired British Colonial Service administrator, educator, archaeologist and historian.

The Committee raises funds through private contributions to buy land and materials for the village. It provides technical aid during construction, as well as building major facilities such as approach roads, perimeter walls, water cisterns, community ovens and sanitary facilities. Most of the actual building of the houses is done by the prospective villagers themselves. The villages are built entirely of local materials and in the traditional Palestinian style, so that the inhabitants originate from the same area or family group in Palestine, so that they will feel at home together in their new community, built to resemble as closely as possible the villages from which they were driven six years ago and to which they hope ultimately to return.

At Al Manara, contrasted, besides the communal facilities, 20 or more family houses. The total cost to Tapline of its construction, including the price of the land and all expenses up to the time when it was turned over to the villagers as a going concern, amounted to 6,565 Jordanian dinars. It now becomes the corporate property of its forty families, held in the name of the Mukhtar and his successors. In case of a vacancy in the future, the villagers themselves will choose a new family to join their community.

The name Al Manara, meaning the "light of the light," was chosen for the new village not only as being appropriate to its prominent situation, a hilltop one mile east of the biblical town of Bethany, but because this new community, built by a private American company to shelter a group of homeless families, represents a bright gleam of hope for the hundreds of thousands of other Palestinian refugees still living in misery, and a shining example to those who are interested in helping them.

Just inside the village, beside the Mukhtar's house, a stone tablet has been set in the native rock from which the village was built. The tablet bears, in Arabic, the inscription: "Allah is the Light of the Heavens and of the Earth." The founder of this village is a prominent citizen of Bethany, and the inscription was chosen for the new community, built by a private American company to shelter a group of homeless families, represents a bright gleam of hope for the hundreds of thousands of other Palestinian refugees still living in misery, and a shining example to those who are interested in helping them.

Government Relations personnel who have been with Tapline for five continuous years are (left to right) Nida Simaan, secretary to M. N. Abu Said, Supervising N. H. Haddib (center) who made the presentation was also eligible for a five year award. (Photo Sayak)
The Damascus International Fair

The Damascus International Fair, held during the month of September, proved to be one of the most interesting events of the year in the Arab world. It served to honor the world's admiration for the industrial and commercial potential of the Middle East as well as its cultural attractions. Visitors from all the inhabited world came to see the many modern exhibitions, where dozens of nations and private industrial firms competed for attention with their designed pavilions and glittering displays of goods.

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A view across the central plaza toward the pavilions of Russia (left) and France and Austria (right).

The Tapline pavilion, with a 30-inch W. K. M. valve and 40-foot length of pipe at the entrance. (Photo Sayak)

A map of the pipe line route covered one wall of the Tapline exhibit. (Photo Sayak)

Joe Asar of Engineers, who supervised the Tapline exhibit, answered hundreds of questions each day from visitors who were interested in Tapline and its activities.

The pavilions of the Arab nations were grouped around the southern end of the main promenade.

This impressive building at the head of the promenade housed the main Syrian Government exhibits.

The entrance to the exhibit of the Saudi Arabian Kingdom.

The entrance to the exhibit of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan which faced a reflecting pool.

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Meet Beirut Headquarters

For the first time since construction days in Ras el Mika'a, says Bob Prusinski, Tape's Engineering Division is under one roof and practically all located on the Annex Building's third floor. Still it is not possible to pictorially review in this edition the entire E&C organization in Beirut, as scheduled for next issue are the offices of Safety Engineering and E&C Files as well as Photo Reproduction.

Visaam Bezdikian, E&C draftsman and "Periscope" artist, submitted the above cartoon which, it is believed, portrays better than any wordy description the scope of activities and current dilemma of the Engineering and Construction group.

(Photos by Sayah)

Below: Occupying the remainder of Room 306 are draftsmen for construction projects at all locations. They are (left) Elie Nasrallah, structural; (upper right) Igor Melnikoff, piping; and (lower right) Boutros Hamam, electrical.

Known as the man with the calculator brain is A. E. Olson, Chief Field Engineer. Recently departing on home leave, Art will also take a year's leave of absence before returning to the Field.

Mary Rubeiz, secretary to the Chief Field Engineer, will be found in Room 311-A.

Electrical engineer Souheil Sibai (left), and mechanical engineers Emad Rahayeb (center) and Sulekman Deeb (right) occupy Room 311, as does Ibrahim Trabulsi (not shown) of Safety Engineering.

Fred Khazb, chemical engineer, shares office space in Room 310 with concrete engineers Fred Massey, Joe Anez and Ahmed Bok, all of whom were out checking the "line" when the photographer came by.

Below: The architectural drafting section is located in Room 308. Here will be found left to right: Aram Balian; Nicolas Louka; Elias Najjar, who is in charge of the section; Simon Menkah; and (back to camera) Vartan Bezdikian.

Prior to departure on home leave, Hal Norby (left), contracts representative, turned over the details of his job to Howard Martin (right), community development representative. Their office will be found in Room 307-B.

Out-of-office out was Glenn Bandrata, electrical engineer, who should be sitting at the desk on the right but who was down the "line" when the photographer called; and, mechanical engineer Walter Hoof, who would be at the opposite desk except he's on Stateside vacation. Another absentee from this office is engineer Bob Thompson, who was tending to construction affairs in Sidon.

Effectively October 11, Robert A. Prusinski was named Acting Chief Field Engineer. Bob's office is located in Room 309.

In Room 306 will be found right (left to right) Sami Haddad, design engineer; and (left) Joseph Nasrat, cost estimator.

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Recent newcomers to Turaif include Mr. and Mrs. James Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. John Hargrove and son Phillip, to all of whom we wish a happy time in this growing community.

Salim Al-Abad has transferred permanently to Qaisumah on September 13th.

It was a pleasure to have Richard Curran, son of B. K. W., with us here for a few days. Wish it could have been longer. He stopped off on his way home to Dahran, where he will be residing.

Mrs. Hargrove and son David also visited friends here in September, giving them a chance to look over their old home state.

Cupid’s arrows have worked havoc among Turail’s bachelors lately, among the victims being Philip H. Donald, Bill Eaton, S. (Ch&s) Yucet, A. A. Nasser, Mohammed Ali Hassan and F. A. Said. We’ll have to check on this, it’s reaching epidemic proportions.

A series of invitations were issued to beoga Khanin who is returning from his pilgrimage. He is now entitled to the honor of being called Hajji Khanin.

The sports Committee met on September 10th to outline future sports programs.

A large number of the station turned out for the celebration of the Kidde fire extinguisher.

A fire demonstration was put on by B. E. Al-Nad and D. L. Turner on September 8th to show employees how to operate and exchange the Kidde fire extinguisher.

Mrs. J. C. Kelley was welcomed back to the station, having returned from a visit to her home back in her home in the States. Her return means school days again for the kids.

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NEW HOSPITAL FOR LINE INAUGURATED AT BADANAH

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"The construction of this hospital, it seems to me, is a striking manifestation of the far-sightedness of His Majesty, the King, my great friend, His Excel- lency the Amir Muhammad; and the Government and the people of Saudi Arabia generally. As so many other recent events have shown, it establishes clearly the desire and deter- mination of His Majesty and His Majesty's faithful representa- tives to bring the highest degree of health, happiness and progres- sion to the people of this ancient land. This is only one of many far-reaching health projects which have been launched under His Majesty’s leadership.

"We of Tapline have always been keenly interested in the health and welfare of our em- ployees. First of all, we want our employees to be happy and only healthy men can be truly happy. Secondly, we know that a happy employee makes good employees. And only good employees can keep our enterprise at the high level of efficiency necessary for its successful operation.

"This hospital, as well as smaller medical establishments at the other pump stations in Saudi Arabia, will have three main purposes: First, to provide medical care to em- ployees in order to preserve the physical and mental health of our personnel. Second, to provide general facilities for the families of our em- ployees. And, third, to fulfill the obligation contained in our con- vention with the Royal Saudi Arabian Government to provide medical care of an un- gent and emergency nature to travelers and residents in the vicinity of the pump stations. This is an obligation which we were happy to assume.

"As medical institutions go, this is a modest project. The type of treatment available here will, of necessity, have to be limited. Our institution will not be able to fulfill the func- tion of a great general hospital, such as those in Beirut, Cairo, Jiddah and other large popula- tion centers. It will not be able to treat patients with certain chronic or infectious diseases which require prolonged treat- ment or rest. Nor will it be able to handle other unusual cases which require highly special- ized forms of treatment normally available only in the largest hospitals, such as brain surgery, for example. Nor will it be able to admit patients with hopeless conditions which hospital care could not improve. Neverthe- less, the Badanah hospital and its trained staff should be able to provide a high degree of medical care for the normal ill- ness and affections to which most of us are subject.

"The establishment of a new hospital, especially in a relatively- isolated community, is always a complicated task. We cannot hope to offer the max- imum in service and efficiency at the outset. We shall have to begin on a minimum basis with a minimum staff and then move forward step by step in an orderly manner until the hospital is able to perform the full function for which it is intended.

"Those of you who are entering the hospital for the first time today may be interested in a few statistics concerning it. It covers 1300 square meters of space and contains clinics, X-ray treatment rooms, labora- tories, surgery, a pharmacy, doctors’ offices, store rooms, and private offices and wards for both men and women. Its cost was approximately $250,000 or SR 1,300,000. Bed patients will be assured of excellent care by experienced medical personnel whose chief concern will be to see to it that the patients regain their health and get back to their jobs and their homes as soon as possible. The best available materials have gone into its construction and it contains only up-to-date and tested equipment.

"I repeat, this is a modest project as medical institutions go. Nevertheless, I am confident that it will contribute substantially to the welfare and pro- gress of this community and to the efficiency and success of our industrial enterprise.

"We of Tapline are proud to have played a part in bringing this project into being. It is one more instance of the friendly cooperation which prevails between His Majesty’s Govern- ment and our company. As I said earlier, this hospital is a striking example of the desire of His Majesty, the King, and of those who aid him in the always difficult business of government, especially my friend, His Excellency the Amir Muhammad, to bring the highest degree of health, hap- piness and progress to the people of Saudi Arabia. We of Tapline share this desire in every way.

"On this happy occasion I am sure the Amir and his associates will want to join me in saying «Mubarak» to you all.

A gracious reply to the Tap- line President’s address was delivered on behalf of the Amir by his son :

"On the occasion of the inauguration of this magnifi- cent hospital, which is but one striking manifestation of the fruitful accomplishments pro- duced through the cooperative efforts of the Government of My Lord, His Majesty the King, and of the Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company, I am glad to present my thanks and felici- tations to those who have brought about this gathering, as I wish also to express to you how nicely we feel about it.

"I feel the fullest gratifica- tion, and the utmost appreci- ation of what Mr. Swigart has already pointed out in his address. Taking into considera- tion all the philanthropic deeds which hospitals perform—deeds which are indispensable for any nation that has undertaken to pave its way through its important and progressive in order that it may stand equal with other civilized nations, we have contributed to those needs with the Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company, thanks to His Majesty King Sa’ud’s encouragement and support, in construct- ing this grand hospital in this area, and in equipping it with ultra-modern medical instruments and skills. This blessed step which has taken place in the days of His Majesty the King will un- doubtlessly be followed by similar ones.

"I am very delighted to see this hospital starting its opera- tion on this day at this blessed hour; and I also hope and expect that those concerned will carry on their fruitful efforts to provide this hospital with the most skillful physi- cians and the latest medical techniques and equipment, so that it may fulfill to the utmost extent its mission of serving humanity. This is what I hope for our friends, Tapline’s personnel, will, with God’s will, achieve.

"Lastly, I wish to end my words as I began them, by thanking the Company’s execu- tives in general, and Mr. Swigart, Tapline’s President, in particular, for their diligence, prying to the Almighty to grant this hospital and its personnel continual progress and success, under the auspices of His Lord, His Majesty King Sa’ud, and of his crown Prince, may God support them both.

His Excellency then cut the green ribbon stretched across the doorway to symbolize the start of the new medical institu- tion’s career of service. The guests were then escorted on a tour of the facilities by Dr. Fouad A. Ilyia. They found several patients already being treated by the three physicians on duty in the new hospital.

On concluding their tour, the guests and the hospital staff gathered in the main ward for coffee and refreshments.