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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

H. S. Smith, Tapline's new Industrial Relations Manager

People are the absorbing interest of Tapline's new Industrial Relations Manager, H. S. Smith, who admits to having “another hobby.”

Mr. Smith has been lucky, from the time he started with Aramco on June 1, 1944, his jobs have centered around people and he has been able actually to work at his hobby.

In Dhahran, Mr. Smith's first job was in the personnel department. Next he was placed in charge of labor relations and Arab Personnel in Ras Tanura, followed by a job as a division superintendent in the department of Community Services. After eight and one half years in Ras Tanura, Mr. Smith went back to Dhahran headquarters in May, 1952, in the Industrial Relations Department. Since then, he has been able actually to “work at his hobby.”

Aranco will finance the project at the rate of $100,000 annually. The company will also make available the facilities of its central clinic in Dhahran, through Dr. Robert Page, Aramco's Medical Director. A large part of a second floor wing of the Dhahran clinic, including three ultra-modern laboratories, has been reserved for the project. Harvard will provide the professional and technical staff for studies in the Middle East and in its laboratories in Boston.

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This month five "residents" of the Fourth Floor make their debut in Meet Beirut Headquarters. The rest will appear in the New Year - 1955.

(Photos by Sayak)

Introducing Administration on the Fourth Floor, we present, first of all, D. T. Pinckney, Assistant Manager of Operations and Maintenance. The camera caught Mr. Pinckney just before his departure on leave. Bon voyage, Mr. Pinckney!

Room 408 brings to the Fourth Floor a feminine touch. All its occupants are girls. Seated at the left, busy about some weighty problem (or is it the dictionary she is reading?) is Janet Garbushian, secretary to Mr. Pinckney. Mary Khoury, who sits at the rear desk, is secretary to W. E. Locher, and one of Tapline's champion tennis players.

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Another Second Floor resident whom we return to meet is James F. Mahan, supervisor of housing and community services. He sits in Room 203, and with him we see Adnan Abi-Lamah, special clerk.

All blueprinting and photostating for the Company is done in the basement of the Assaily Building. Photo reproduction is a division of the Engineering Department, and here you see some of the equipment manned (left to right) by George Chabouh, Joe Basil, and Victor Shih.

In our temporary pause on the Second Floor, we find, in the far north corner (Room 202), Paul S. Rattle, supervisor of Policies and Benefits. The photo shows him dictating to Samira Abdelnoor, his secretary. Also present is Joseph E. Sabo, personnel specialist, makes a few notes.

Nicolas Haj is secretary to R. A. Puskarsi, who is now Acting Chief Field Engineer.

Ruth A. Frey, who an occupant of Room 408, has a far career to herself, which she willingly leaves to greet a visitor or lend a helping hand. Ruth came to Beirut in 1952, after serving with Tapline in San Francisco and New York.

George Fitch, supervisor of special services, occupies Room 412.

Pipe Line Periscope
Rafta after receiving medical treatment in Beirut.

Rafta was the Shuffle Board Cup presented by Mr. N. E. Bibby following a Tournament for all stations, held at Qaisumah on November 19 and 19. Mr. Rafie, K. Hamadeh was winner of the Individual Championship Cup. The winning team was enthusiastically received at the Airport on their return from the Tournament. We hope to keep it this way, Mr. Hamadeh said, telling the boys about the game. Rafta also played against Badanah and Qaisumah during November 19.

Five year pin awards were made to Mesaul, Kameal Severn, George Khoury, and Seid B. Alain on November 5. EY Minder made the presentations. A dinner party was given for Badanah and Rafta teams on November 5, with speeches by Henry J. Pfister, E.L. Wright, A.B. Hanemah, and J. Donin, about the fine spirit of sportsmanship among the players.

A number of family parties are planned for the holidays, and some hunting parties will take place on weekends. The week before Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Bush return from their leave on November 4, after a visit to Egypt and Gren. Mr. and Mrs. Bush are transferring to Turai in December. During their departure week, the family will be a host to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Vernon left on their long vacation on October 26.

Mr. J.V. Torres is leaving on long vacation December 2. L.L. Gray is leaving on long vacation early in December.

Rafie won both ping pong and shuffleboard games in the tournament held at Rafta on November 4. Unfortunately we lost both games during the Grand Tournament held at Qaisumah on November 17.

The Rahn twins were brought to the station from the hospital in Beirut on November 17. They look so much alike that Mr. Rahn had to tie a pink ribbon to the foot of one and a pink ribbon to the foot of the other to tell Mike from Pat.

A party is planned for children on December 24.

A bridge party was held at Tapline Sporting Club on November 29, with Mrs. H.C. Wells in charge.

With a score of 40 correct answers, the Personnel Department defeated the Accounting Department in a rubber game at Tapline Sporting Club on November 28. Members of the winning team were Joe Saba, H. C. Wells, J. W. Bevis, D. K. Wallace and H. S. Moncrieff. The losing team, comprised H. L. Scovell, B. E. Pemberton, S. Chami, D. H. Bamber and S. V. O'Brien.

A full party was recently held at Tapline Sporting Club, with entertainment furnished by Flyby and his orchestra. Mohamed Hambary (Traxax) presented some Arab dances. The Bimda prize was won by Mike Ajjar (Personnel) and his partner, J. Ajjar. All who attended reported that the party was a great success.

Mr. W. K. Fallier, formerly from Turai, is here temporarily on a training program for the Sidon Waterfront.

Mr. A. M. Sims is taking the place of Mr. E. W. Becker, who left December 5. Mr. E. W. Becker planned a visit in Europe before departure for home.

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Season’s Greetings

A holiday atmosphere has invaded Beirut, with shops appropriately decorated for the season, and full of attractive gifts. A light-hearted spirit of anticipation pervades the Assyali Building, while Christmas trees, lights, and full of attractive gifts” light the spirit of anticipation pervades the Assyali Building, while Christmas trees, lights, and other seasonal decorations are being planned. Toys and decorations from many countries have been arriving for weeks at the Port of Beirut. In addition to the song-and-dance after local gifts, such as figaloo jewelry, inlaid woods, brocades, embroideries, and leather work, there are dolls, games, toys, tree ornaments and lights from Italy, France, England, Germany, Japan and the States.

Artificial trees and small electrically lighted trees are here to supplement live Christmas trees, which are expected from Europe. Exciting new tree ornaments in many shapes and colors are being shown in Europe. Exciting new tree ornaments in many shapes and colors are being shown

The usual Company parties will take place in Beirut, and, as well as on the line, “Consult the Calendar of Events for dates.

Happy Holidays and a Prosperous 1955

Calendar of Events

December 19 - Concert - TAR-UB 5 p.m.
December 20 - Concert - Casa d'Italia 6 p.m.
December 20 - Company Party for Sidon Personnel at Tar-UB Hotel
December 21 - Company Party for Sidon Personnel at Tar-UB Hotel
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December 21 - New Year’s Eve Ball at Tapline Sporting Club

Holiday Shopping in Beirut - You Can Find

TOYS
- Mechanical - Automobiles - jeeps - motorcycles - planer - racing cars - fire engines - ships - animals - singing top - electric railroads.
- Dolls - Walking dolls - dolls as tall as a child - sleeping dolls - dolls in national costumes of Scotland, Japan, China, Sweden, etc.
- Housekeeping Toys - Doll houses - Shoe-shine sets - Tutor and Nurse Sets - Kitchen-Cabinet Sets - Sewing Sets - Sewing Machines - Carpenter Sets.
- Large Toys - Stuffed animal rocking-horse - pandy - teddies - bicycles - automobiles - firetrucks - fire engines.
- Games - Ring toss - dart - croquet - ping pong - ping pong - squash - tag - squash - rummy - Monopoly - Chinese checkers - puzzles of all sorts.
- Creative Toys - Modeling clay - sponge block toys - painting sets - microwave ovens - art sets - transparent model models.
- Musical Toys - Pianos - harmonicas - trumpets - music and instruments.

WRAPPINGS FOR GIFTS
- Wrapping paper - cellophane paper - ribbons.

TABLE DECORATIONS
- Candles - Snow balls - Santa Claus - Angels - potted trees, topiary trees.
- Centerpieces - Cut-outs of stage decorations - nautical items - holiday trees.
- Resin figures - White figures of angels - shrubbery - border sets - tray sets - candle holders.

PARTY DECORATIONS
- Crepe paper - Japanese lanterns - Masks - Snappers - Paper champagne bottle fillers with paper streamers - joker of all kinds.

TREE ORNAMENTS

TREES
- Tall and tiny artificial trees.
- Live trees exported from Europe.

TURARIO OPEN REC HALL FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEES

General employees at Turaif are now enjoying the facilities of their recreation hall and snack bar which was opened the latter part of last year. 

The red hall has been set up in a wing of the No. 2 messhall which also houses a classroom for general employees enrolled in the Company’s training program. Constructed of locally-made concrete block, the building has central heating and air conditioning.

Recreational facilities available to the employees include table tennis, shuffleboard and billiards. Domino enthusiasts have not been overlooked. Daily newspapers and a radio have been provided, and shelves of various items like magazines, etc. have been put on display.

Nearly one hundred general employees were present at the hall’s “opening night.” K. E. Bibby, K. C. Curran and George Heide were also in attendance.

Recreational facilities are also available to general employees at Batroun, Batroun and Quaisn/ stations.