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 Assaily Building, while the spirit of anticipation pervades the Assaily Building, while Christmas trees have been arriving for weeks at the Tapline Sporting Club headquarters. Trees inlaid woods, brocades, embroideries, and lighting sets—colored glass ornaments in champagne bottles filled with paper streamers—jokes of all kinds. Particularly mentioned is the expression of appreciation from the membership, having served as senior executive since the club's founding.

Happy Holidays
and a Prosperous 1955

### Calendar of Events

**December 19**
- Concert - AUB - 5 p.m.
- Company Party for Sidon Personnel at Tanios Hotel
- Company Party for Sidon Personnel at Tanios Hotel
- Company Party for Beirut Personnel at Tapline Sporting Club
- Children's Party at Tapline Sporting Club

**December 21**
- Company Party for Beirut Personnel at Tapline Sporting Club
- New Year's Eve Ball at Tapline Sporting Club

### Holiday Shopping in Beirut - You Can Find

**TOYS**
- Mechanical - Automobiles - jeeps - motorcycles - planes - racing cars - fire engines - ships - animals - singing top electric railways.
- Dolls - Walking 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 - Bureau and Nurse sets - Kitchen-Cabinet Sets - Sewing Sets - Sewing Machines - Carpenter Sets.
- Miniature Toys - Drinky Toys - soldiers - animals - wooden villages - cars - trees - houses.
- Large Toys - Stuffed animal rocking-horses - pandaladdy bears - traysets - automobiles - truckboards - swingsets.
- Creative Toys - Modeling clay - screw block toys - painting sets - microscope sets - chemical sets - transparent model models.
- Musical Toys - Pianos - harmonicas - trumpets - music boxes - ukuleles - accordions.

**WRAPPING PAPER**
- Candles - Snow balls - Santa Clauses - Angels - poinsettias in red cardboard - wooden logs with candles.

**PARTY DECORATIONS**
- Crepe paper - Japanese Lanterns - Masks - Napkins - Paper champagne bottles filled with paper streamers - jokes of all kinds.

**TREE ORNAMENTS**

**TREES**
- Tall and tiny artificial trees. Live trees expected from Europe.

### TOURAIF OPENS REC HALL FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEES

It was held January 31st, new officers and Executive Committee members were selected for the new year. Serving as president will be Dr. J. Thaddeus (Medical), unopposed candidate nominated for that office. This year's secretary is Joe Saba (Industrial Relations), who tied with Nick Habre for the Elections Committee, the annual business meeting was called to order by outgoing president Mike Bassoul. Bassoul opened the meeting with his farewell address to the membership, having served as senior executive since the club's founding.

Following a nostalgic review of T. S. C. activities during his tenure in office, Bassoul extended his thanks to the members for their cooperation in helping organize the club; to Tapline President C. A. Swigart for his never-failing help; and to those committees that planned the club's entertaining, sports events and supervised its general operation and maintenance.

Particularly mentioned in this expression of appreciation were Dr. Thaddeus for his quiz programs, Don Wallace and Paul Flattie for film slide productions, Mrs. Howard Wells for organizing the bridge sessions.

### TURAIF OPENS REC HALL FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEES

General employees at Touraif are now enjoying the facilities of their recreation hall and snack bar which was opened the latter part of last year. The reel 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 cigarettes, etc.

Nearby one hundred general employees were present at the reel hall's "opening night." K. E. Bible, R. K. Curran and George Biele were also in attendance.

Recreation facilities are also available to the general employees at Batnash, Batna and Qaisu- miah stations.
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Meet Beirut Headquarters

In touring the Assaily Building to line up each department’s functions, the management has raised a new familiar form. Therefore, prior to bringing the remainder of the Management group into lens’ view, the camera has been focused on members of The Organization Planning—Wages & Salaries section of the Industrial Relations Department, as well as employees of Special Services and Community Services.

Other divisions yet to be included in the Assaily Building round-up include Communications and Medicos. (Photos by Suyak)

That type-writer-like contraption Adla Sima’an so ably operates is another for Ibrahim Thomas, Wages Clerk of Organization & Planning—Wages & Salaries. Ibrahim is also located in Room 401.

A. V. Syed (Operations—Sidon)
Dr. A. A. Aras (Medical—Sidon)
G. Y. Saleh (Oper.—Qaisumah)
K. B. Bashir (P & T—Beirut)
N. A. Talhouk (T & AT—Beirut)
N. T. Baradi (Marine—Sidon)
C. G. Hagi-Touma (P&T—Beirut)
O. M. Jebeily (T & AT—Beirut)
M. S. Wehbe (Marine—Sidon)
A. H. Ghaddar (Operations—Sidon)
B. K. Harb (Operations—Sidon)
M. Hassan (Qaisumah)
G. A. Quares (Operations—Sidon)
A. A. Hourani (Operations—Sidon)
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**Badanah** by Elias Lutfaliah

Badanah was recently honored by the visit of H.E. Emir Fished el Sabah, a member of Kuwait's royal family. While visiting the pipeline site, the Emir with Pipeline Operations Manager, E. H. Emir Muhammad el-Sudairi, toured the station, stopped at the pump station and new house.

Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clevenger of Aramco’s relations department. The Clevengers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Haley for a few days.

**Additions to our community** include D. R. Boatsey and family, the L. G. Grays and Betty and Dudley Harbin. The Harbins and Grays recently returned from Stateside vacations.

Both a new resident and new employee is Joe Purdin, medical administrative assistant. Joe arrived in the field January 31.

Back from vacations in Beirut are Jawdat Mirza, Joe Sayyegh and Joe Zaitlo. E. C. Wright also returned from long vacation March 5.

Hospitalized in Badanah recently were Mrs. Paul Casens and Johnny Van Der Meulen. Both are back in Badanah now and reportedly feeling much better.

Vie Anderson and Beverly Coates departed for Beirut February 10 to participate in the qualifying play-off of Tafila's golf team.

**Qaisumah** by D. K. Kofahs

The hunting season at Qaisumah got off to a fine start in January with H. M. King Saud and H. H. Sheikh Issa bin Sultan al-Khalifa, Crown Prince of Bahrain, heading the list of distinguished hunters.

The Crown Prince invited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kelley, Dr. and Mrs. Ayoub, Franklin Fairly, O. E. and Joe Ritter on one of his hunting parties that month. Everyone enjoyed a memorable day which was climaxed with the traditional outdoor luncheon of game hunted. Movies of the hawks and falcons in action were taken by Mr. Kelley.

Permanent construction is nearly completed at Qaisumah. The additional wing to the community center, the main office and the new guest house were turned over to operations in January.

The guest house, formerly the station’s hospital, was properly invited by Messrs. H. E. Britton, W. E. Lofton and N. R. Bybee during their recent meeting with Messrs. Hardy, Hilton, Seager and Saud of Aramco. While its decor and comfort are outstanding, we are trying to keep the malicious rumor that Mr. Britton is changing his pipeline profession to that of interior decoratations. Any comments, Mr. Britton?

Twelve construction employees, headed by Melhem Melhem, were recently transferred to Rafha. Other transfers include Yida Abdal Samad and Karien Nauser to Rafha; Abdulla Moussa, Rashid Sadek and Ahmed Balouchi to Badanah; and Ahmad Issa and Wahid to Qaisumah.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Terry is Glenn Robert, born February 6.

Congratulations to Abeer Souha (Warehouse) and Miss J. M. Kotlik, formerly of Badanah’s Oil Fields office, who were married December 5. The couple honeymooned in Cairo.

**Rafha**

Good morning to Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Burnett and children who arrived in Beirut February 10. Mr. Burnett was previously with Tapline’s New York engineering department.

Some leavers who have recently returned are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hougb, H. J. Melhem, formerly of Qaisumah, and George Yazbek, formerly of Badanah; and Ahmad Issa to Turaif. George Yazbek, formerly of Badanah, has joined the list of distinguished hunters.

Additions to our community these days. Not only is our community growing rapidly, our community is getting better.

**FIN. EDITOR VISITS**

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hansen

W. E. Holloman of Operations with Safety Engineer R. K. Punter visited Beiruth and Diabran on a six-day fire inspection tour.

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Joan McCarthy was born August 1, 1955.

To celebrate Valentine’s Day, February 14, the school children at Qaisumah sang double-valued valentines and presented an appropriate paper and notebook to the Superintendent. Happy Valentine’s Day, Superintendent John McMillan.

Harry Walker, matron of house and W. E. Lofton, host surgeon, Mr. H. R. Britton gave the bride in marriage. Ushers were W. B. Chandler, D. K. Wallace and C. H. Pope. A reception was held at the Beirut Hotel immediately after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson spent their week’s honeymoon in Egypt.

The wedding of Miss Ada A. A. Kanzani was married December 19, 1954 at Nazareth St. Rosario.

**AMMAN NEWS**

Mohammed A. Youness of Qafiratian camp (Jordan) has sponsored the arrival of daughter, Mona, January 30.

Employee of the company’s Amman (Jordan) office wish to express their sincere sympathy and condolences to the late Miss Mouss, wife of Tapline’s Amman representative, whose father, Colonel Jacques Rene Petter, passed away February 3.

Colonel Peter had been suffering from an illness contracted during his service in German concent...
PIPELINE PERISCOPE

T.S.C. ELECTIONS
(Cont. from page 1)
Bob Pursel for loan of Bubble Bath and other... work assignments. (Photo courtesy H. E. Cross)

T. S. C. He also reproached "that the manner of giving is... unfortunate that more employees... difficulties."... the club's nume—

Prior to announcing the election returns, awards were... club's three best customers in 1954.

TURAFI GOLFERS BUILD
'NEVER GREEN' COURSE

In helping Tapline achieve its recent safety record of over one million man-hours of work without a lost time accident, Mr. W. L. Locke, manager of operations, complimented company employees in the follow—

MAYORS FROM LEBANONS,
U. S. A., TERMINAL

Lebanese of the Middle East met its namesakes of the West when seven mayors, or their representatives, from towns representing Lebanon in the United States arrived in Beirut as one of the first activities planned for Lebanon's International Bicentennial Year.

Representing their particular Lebanon were: Mayor and Mrs. Robert B. Rashed of Lebanon, Indiana; Mayor and Mrs. William Fraser from Lebanon, Ohio; Mayor and Mrs. Ralph S. Bennett of Lebanon, Oregon; Dr. W. E. Fowlie, mayor of Lebanon, Missouri; Dr. Frank M. Barbas, vice—mayor of Lebanon; Dr. George P. Fawaz, representing Lebanon, New Hampshire; and the late Charles B. Harris, who represented Lebanon, Nebraska.

Note: Employees in Saudi Arabia are reminded that facilities of the Tapline Sporting Club are at their disposal.