PIPEDLINE CREW SETS LEAK REPAIR RECORD

Rafha — A series of four corrosion leaks in the Km 390 area, banded early in 1956, were welded in a record of 5 hours in mid-December when a scheduled shutdown of the line was made.

Section Stored

A radar unit was moved to the site for full communication coverage of the operation, and at 8:30 a.m., December 18, pipeline pressure was reduced to permit repair. About 96 feet of 30 inch pipe held to be sleeve—ed a section of pipe was placed over the damaged section and welded to the original pipe.

Additional Help

Welding machines were moved in from other stations and with the machinery came additional personnel—George Haum, Jim Hughes, Eugene Eckert, H. Panjour and N. Harva from Turaif, and Bill McDermott from Badanah supervising the job was C. M. Mathere, superintendent of pipeline maintenance.

For a job well and expeditiously done, all hands were feted at a banquet in Rafha's community center.

A. H. R.

TAPLINER RESCUES TWO FROM WRECK

MEON — Quick thinking Hamish Bur, terminal driver, helped save the lives of a Beirut businessman and his son when their auto crashed into a utility pole, overturned and burst into flames shortly after midnight, December 16. A third occupant of the vehicle burned to death.

En route to the terminal in a company station wagon, Bur came upon the accident halfway between Beiteddine and Zahra. Without regard for his own safety, he rushed into the blazing Fiat and helped drag the two to safety, then drove them to Sidon hospital where they were treated for burns. Both have since recovered.

BRITTON HOUSE DEDICATED

TURAIF — A brief but impressive ceremony on January 28, Mr. C. A. Swigart, Chairman of the Board, dedicated Turaif's new guest house in the name of Harry B. Britton, late Executive Vice President of Tapline.

Present at the ceremony, along with some 75 employees and their wives, was Mrs. Margaret Britton, widow of the late Harry B. Britton, former Company executive. (See below, first row, far right)

In dedicating the guest residence as “Britton House,” Mr. Swigart said:

“Harry Britton was too well known to all of us for me to make this ceremony the occasion of an extended eulogy of him.

“We are indebted to Bob Prusinski for first suggesting that Harry's name be associated with this building as Britton House.

“Harry Britton was too well known to us to need introduction. I know to all of you for me to say that Tapline’s congratulations for his life-saving act were extended to Bur by Captain A. A. Brinkhouse, terminal superintendent. He will also receive a token safety award from Safety Engineer R. N. Pursel.

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Enemy of Complacency

“I can't recall ever having heard Harry say: 'It can't be done,' or 'It is impossible.' He was convinced that no problem was too difficult to solve if people worked together and if it was approached with determination and an open mind. He was at all times the enemy of complacency. He was never satisfied with the status quo. He continually sought to improve our performance.

‘If I were asked to cite Harry's outstanding characteristics in his association with Tapline I would say they were his unfailing enthusiasm and his consideration for those with whom he worked.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Progressing with Tapline is Mohammed bin Suleiman, lead water well mechanic at Rafha. Dubbed "Slim" by Mr. Richard Ragsdale, water well mechanic at Dhahran, who knows his job and does it well—including operation of the water well rig and supervision of a seven-man crew.

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BADAÑAH FOURSOME WINS 'LINE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT'

TURK—of Badañah's ten-roots bridge players matched wins with their Turkal counterparts on January 10 in two 32-board sessions and proved themselves champions of the line.

Badañah's team of five—August Ackbar, Dr. A. M. Alath, J. A. Al Malak (all of Medical) and Abdallah Alshibli (Almin)—led at the halfway mark in the afternoon with a decisive 340 points. The evening session found Turkal's team, Mrs. C. G. Rush, C. Board (EBC), Dr. M. Khayyari (Medical) and Marzouq Nestor (Shrent), taking the lead by 20 points, but Badañah dragged their team with a score of 300. Play was in accordance with tournament rules of the American Contract Bridge League and all rule violations called for once penalties by H. E. Cross, tournament director.

Kibbey's Rally

Though not considered a competitive sport, the tournament attracted several "kibbey" who rallied for moral support of the players. The afternoon session was held in Turkal's theater, while the decisive evening match was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cross.

HOLYDAY PROGRAM GIVEN BY TURAIF YOUNGSTERS

A happy rendition of "Single Bells" followed, sung by Sharon Knaider, Mary Louise Kelber, Anna Pannesi, Kelly and Terry Arnold, Connie New and Bobbi Norman.

A short play, "The Nativity," was done by General Superintendent R. A. Pannesi and performed by Turkal's school children.

The program was concluded with the arrival of Santa Claus and distribution of candy and toys to the little folks.

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THE CRADLE ROW

Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahmoud A. Horro (T&T), Rafha

Hamadies, son of M. and Mrs. Sudi Y. Ya'coub (Oper.).

Berri, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Tomlinson (T&T)

Turaif's school-age youngsters entertained their families and friends with their holiday party on December 25. Refreshments of sandwiches, sweets and soft drinks were served to a capacity crowd that thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Attending from Beirut were President John Noble; W. E. Lockyer, Executive Vice President; W. E. Lockyer, Manager of Operations and Industrial Relations Manager W. E. Lockyer; Mr. Noble was introduced to his delegates by Dr. George Stephenson, Terminal physician (Photo by Sayde).

Faces And Places... In The News
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TURAIF, SAUDI ARABIA

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From the island handsome guests enter a combination lounge-conference room. A unique overhead fluorescent system permits high and low level lighting. The building has been floored with terrazzo tile. (Photo by Nasr).

Among the guests who signed "Britton House" register was Mrs. W. R. Chandler, wife of Tapline's Executive Vice President. After signing the register, guests toured the new building. (Photo by Nasr).

Guests assembled in the community center theater for buffet luncheon. (Photo by Nasr).

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ALONG THE LINE

Badanah

by Abduliah Siblani

Though the holiday season has passed, it’s pleasing reminiscing of the joyful and colorful celebrations of the Bedouin children’s party where Santa put in his highly anticipated appearance; the Tapline-Comco (Mizu) with 25th held in the community center theatre, attended by some 60 employees and family members—the dance that followed lasted until the last box of the night, the turkey dinner cooked (with a minimum of help from the ladies of Badanah) for nearly 40 guests by bakers Dave Hart (Gov’t Rel), John Van Dyl (Comm) and Tony Aiga (Mizu) on New Year’s Eve.

F. S. Vital

Dr. Marcel Prince

A new hire, Dr. Prince was formerly a resident surgeon of the American Hospital of Beirut and a general surgeon at the St. Luke’s Hospital, Amman, Mideast.

An avid tennis, volley and basket ball player, Dr. Prince represented Lebanon in these sports at the 1951 World University Games, and as such surgeon at the St. Luke’s Hospital, won the singles competition.

A native of Lebanon, Vital was educated at the University of Beirut and received his medical education at Harvard Medical School.

On a tour of five stations January 14-16, (right to left) President and Mrs. John Noble, Executive Vice President and Mrs. W. R. Chandler, and General Superintendent and Mrs. R. A. Prusinski inspected hospital campuses and reviewed the operations of the hospitals and facilities.

Mrs. Vital will join her husband here within a short time.

Mrs. Vital

New faces

Badanah welcomes two new residents in the community, F. S. Vital of Government Relations and Dr. Marcel Prince, hospital surgeon.

With Arabia since February, 1951, Mr. Vital transferred to Tapline on January 5. While with Arabia he was assigned to local Government Relations, Arabian Research Division. In 1954-55, he was on temporary assignment in Arabia’s New York office and at the Harvard Business School.

An anthropologist by profession, Mr. Vital has made studies for the Arabie Research Division on the oasis of al-Hassan.

Surprise Party

A surprise birthday party was given January 14 for Chief Nurse Judy Dorn by the Bill McComb (Mizu) with Mr. Dorn, Husbelt Hospige as anchor of. While Judy was notonview, she was celebrating, she willingly re-ported on her shopping spree in Beirut during the holiday season.

New Club Members

At a recent meeting of rocky Acres Golf Club six new members were enrolled—Nurse Dar-esa Saber, Dave Hart, Doctors J. A. Malak, R. B. Hesbeiri and K. H. Amad and Aspar Ankar of Mizu.

Plans for an early retirement and reservation of the course for youngsters on Thursday morning; the turkey dinner was serving items as usual.

Wedding Announcement

The wedding of Ahmad Ghanim was an event one-foot his wedding in December, then a week’s trip to Beirut. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Arabian Employees with Habara

A business trip to Beirut enabled Ria Yammie to spend the holidays with his wife and children.

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Turaf

by A. H. Homedeh

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At the invitation of HHR Amr Abudla ibn Saud, John Tomlinson, president of the group, his son, Kenneth, Harsh Tababarca of Entropi, Naitha Ghatas and A. R. Kerin, Jr. of the Arabian Oil Co. attended the banquet party on a 12—foot Gregori, Beirut.

The group bagged a large number of trophies in the annual "Arabian—Bdust" tournament.

Back to duty after 40 days’ hospitalization in Beirut is Bill Faller (Stores). Though "ulcer—free," Bill is still on special diet.

FALLARIEF PARTY

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HOLIDAY PARTIES

Of the numerous parties given during the holiday season, representative will always be:

Open house at the bachelor quarters of the Swedish Consul, Bill Faller, Red Hot Holder, Police, Customs Director, Wren, General Superintendent and Mr. R. A. Prusinski entertained the staff and guests at their house which was attended by senior staff members and their families. While here, the group used the summer facilities.

Welcome home to Superinten—
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The New Year was merrily celebrated. Mrs. Lee Attia, a former resident here in the 1950s, is back with us after a two—month vacation in Beirut.

Vacationers during December were Fouad Khoury (P&T), Miss Edy Harara (MIZ), Miss Nada Semaan (Gov’t Rel), George Hajer (FR), Amn Khalifeh (Gov’t Rel), and George Abu—Zed (T&T).

In SYMPATHY

Beirut employees extend their deepest sympathy to Fuad Hadad of the Police, Red Hot Holders, on the death of his mother, January 17.
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... tended that anyone who was willing to rest on his laurels was in fact moving backward and losing ground. A closed mind, an unwillingness to accept new ideas, a lack of initiative in the search for better ways of accomplishing one's work—these were in Harry's views cardinal sins which he felt compelled to combat whenever he encountered them.

But it is his enthusiasm and determination to get a job done he never forget the other fellow. He knew that organizations and corporations are made up of the people who comprise them. He was a great champion of team play. He knew what all of us need to remember: That it is only through team play that we can assure the continued success of our enterprise.

In dedicating this house in Harry Britton's name, therefore, let us also dedicate ourselves to the principles which he advocated. This will be the best tribute we can pay to him.

The brass plaque at the entrance was then unveiled by Walter Hotel of Tripoli (Secretary).

Before signing her name as Britton House was constructed by a Saudi Arab contracting firm under the supervision of C. G. Rush (left) of Turaif. With Mr. Rush is R. G. Thompson of Royal Engineering, whose office designed the building. Completed in September, 1956, it covers an area of 3000 sq. ft.

Britton House was dedicated by a Women's Club committee which had been organized for the purpose.

“... the late Mr. Britton. (Photo by Nasr).