LINE FAILURES CAUSE SHUTDOWN

Rafha — A blown gasket in the sampling flange adjacent to this station's scraper trap, followed by six breaks in the pipeline at Kms 390, caused intermittent shutdown of the Tapline system between February 2 and 7. Normal operations were resumed at 9.33 a.m., February 7. Line of throughput during this period was estimated at nearly 250,000 barrels.

 Blow out of the gasket occurred at 1:30 a.m., February 2. Approximately 7,000 barrels of crude were lost before the line was closed and new asbestos and bakelite gaskets installed. Re
duced flow was resumed by 1:30 a.m., February 7.

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Leaks at Kms. 390, between Rafha and Bartad, were reported by the contractor's maintenance crew at 1:30 p.m. on February 2. Four preparatory holes and a 16 inch long weld failure were found on a welded pipe sleeve. Before repairs could be made, an estimated 7,000 barrels of oil had to be drained from the line to reduce pressure. The four pipeline leaks were banded, but the weld failure necessitated a second sleeve, the first having been welded over an earlier corrosion leak. Due to failure of rubber packing covering the cracked weld, considerable difficulty was encountered in welding on the second sleeve. Total loss of throughput during the period was estimated at nearly 7,000 barrels. Two breaks at Kms 390 resulted in intermittent shutdown of the Tapline system between February 2 and 7. A thorough inspection and patrol of the entire pipeline is now in progress. (Photo by R. N. Pursel).

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TAPLINERS HELP AT NAVY CANTEEN

BEIRUT — The traditional Navy Canteen opened its doors again at the Lebanese American Club, January 18, to welcome 2,312 officers and enlisted men of the USS BOSTON, WADLEY and REMEY, units of the U. S. Sixth Fleet.

As in the past, Tapliners joined the Unterlagen (sub group) which functioned under the chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Grenier (P&T). President and Mrs. John Noble were on hand to greet the bluejackets entering the canteen.

Commenting on the club's impressive financial status, Dr. Thaddeus pointed to an increase in both employee and family memberships. To cut expenses, he said, a full time club manager was replaced by committee member Mike Ajhar who donated considerable effort to the job. Food service was also contracted to a caterer.

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In the Spotlight

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by Executive Vice President W. R. Chandler on completion of fifteen years service with Tapline and its affiliated companies.

Relying on the adage that "he who hesitates is lost," the "Periscope" selects H. S. Smith, industrial relations manager, fifteen in fnct, almost fifteen...on a half-century of service with Tapline and affiliated companies.

Father of the late president of the American University, Beirut, Dr. Petros, Mr. Petros, Jr., was a number of TAPLINE's technical teaching positions.

In 1944, the Smiths moved to Saudi Arabia where Mr. Smith, now an engineer, was employed in the Ras Tanura refinery. Mr. Smith has a daughter, Diane, who will attend a Washington State college.

Though he considers this both vacation and employment, Mr. Smith still finds time for an occasional game of golf. During previous seasons, he won the championship at the Williamsburg golf club.

Capt. E. C. Cole (Marine) and Capt. W. H. Winters (Opera-Tashes) have been chosen president of the Williamsburg University golf club.

At the present time a thorough inspection and pat of the pipeline is in progress, and engineering research and study of the gasket failure is being carried out, and the Tapline sporting club.

"In seconds through the gasket, the restoration of the outlet presents a challenge to us all," a management spokesmen commented. "We are confident that by an all-out effort to learn the reason for the high peak of effectiveness we can solve the problem.

Effective March 1, all operations in the Gaza Strip will be under the supervision of General Superintendente R. S. Prinston and the Arab Division.

For our next post we have to Lebanon and Syria, with these activities.

Wuyong, able and an efficient dog, was released when his master, E. J. Weber (marine) entered into the yard in mid-October, 1956.

How to Catch a Thief

Khalid Akhras

Back from his third trip to the Continent, Tapline's Office Supervisor Khalid Akhras is firmly convinced that a European vacation is a hank of a lot cheaper than a month's rent in Beirut. This vacation he toured Denmark, Sweden and Greece and revisited Switzerland and Austria. The only countries he has yet to tour are Spain and England.

Flying tourist-class from Beirut to Frankfurt, Germany, where he stayed overnight, Khal- id then headed for Copenhagen. His first visit to Denmark's capital, he was highly impressed with the gay people, the many interesting sights and the attractions that he had heard of during his trip.

"The most wonderful thing about traveling is the friendly, gay people, the many interesting sights and the attractions that you hear of during your trip." he commented. "It's too much like you-know-what!"

FREED TANKER

RESTREETS PORT

SIDON — The S/S Statue of Liberty and the S/S Khalid, laden with dried fruits and vegetables, are docked at the mainland terminal.

Mr. William Axilbrook, superintendent of Tapline Terrestrial Lebans Beirut Employee Union, is in charge of the operations.

Average BP of a corresponding tankers are expected to be at the same point as the above.

REACHES PORT

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Next morning Sheikh El- with the help of the company agents, the company agent, and the terminal agent, is expected to arrive.

Bear "It's a deal.

Methinks I'll have both!"

Rafha — An episode with the hang-up of an old-fashioned redrope took place here recently. A visiting 50-year-old man, with cane, was told by the local police to return with his belongings and write him a note, and we tour the continent in 1954. A week later he was on route to Beirut where his engagement to Miss Els Bokhobha was announced at a party.

HOW TO CATCH A THIEF

Rent a car and really see the country...

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That night the Lebanese Stuart occasioned a change in the round-the-clock tour of Lebanon.

The trip, with the exception of the road trip, was a family trip, with the passengers and crew on board, to the small model ; Air Conditioner, Washing Machine, Hoover, Room 408, Tel.: 20240 or 40874.

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African Safari

by Howard T. Jensen

It was a late Fall afternoon when our plane landed at Nairobi's airport as Kenya, British East Africa. Waiting at the airport was Harold Prowse, a white hunter that I had engaged, and after the usual customs formalities we drove to the New Stanley Hotel. That afternoon we took a rest before the following morning's hunting trip.

Late in the afternoon all was ready for departure. Our entourage included, besides Hal and myself, Bill Market, another white hunter who was going along to locate new hunting areas, two skinners, two gun bearers, two trackers, two personal attendants, a cook, driver, head boy and two porters. All this, plus our equipment, was loaded on a jeep safari-hunting car and a ten-ton lorry. Destinations: Samburu, about a hundred miles north of Nairobi. Accommodations for that night were sleeping bags, as camp won't set up until the following morning. During the interim, Hal, Bill, myself and two trackers went out for the camp's meat supply—my first attempt at African game.

**Makes First Kill**

Some thirty minutes after leaving the camp, we came across a herd of zebra which Hal and I proceeded to stalk. Music trick of tricking towards the animals at a steady pace. This brought me within 200 yards of the herd from where I was able to fire. A zebra, hit in the lungs, dropped immediately. Although the zebra is as large as a horse, it lasted only two days as camp meat for the African consumes about 10 to 15 pounds of meat daily. Zebra meat is exceptionally tasty, and the skin makes excellent rugs.

**Shoots Elephant**

A short time later, our party came upon a herd of Thomson gazelle, one of which I felled at 252 yards. That night we feasted on "Tommy" steaks—highly recommended for the gourmet. Returning to camp in the afternoon, we decided on an evening forage—a profitable decision as I was able to take my first Impala and a Dik-Dik. The latter is a miniature gazelle, also good eating.

**Wastes Impala**

While rounding off my plains game the next morning with Wildebeest and Burch bear, oryx and gazelle, I also had my first look at a rhino. Unfortunately, the herd was running an open plain which made approach difficult. It was agreed that we should await more favorable circumstances for this trophy.

**Shoots Elephant**

What about an elephant? Coming up. This required moving camp some hundred miles further north to Voi. With the help of local trackers we tracked roughly for two days. But, the morning of the third day brought results.

**More Trophies**

By using field glasses from a high point overlooking a valley, we spotted an enormous bull elephant. Exchanging my .300 Weatherby Magnum for a .458 No. 2 rifle (an exceptionally heavy double-barrel gun), we began an approach. About half an hour of tracking brought us nearer to our prey. It is amazing what little sound an elephant makes. Unknowingly, we were within 40 yards of the bull without either seeing or hearing him. The wind was perfect. As we carefully stepped into a small clearing, the wind gradually shifted, blowing directly towards the bull. We got our first close-up view of him. The bull got our scent. I froze, having been forewarned not to move a muscle as an elephant has poor vision but any motion will attract his attention.

**Running Out**

Moving out from behind a tree into the open, the bull extended his ear and his trunk in attempt to seek us out. He was barely 20 yards away. My heart thumped so loudly that surely the elephant could have heard it. As he moved dangerously close, Hal quickly told me: "Take aim." My rifle shouldered, he shot it, kept on coming. After six rounds—five heart shots—he dropped 12 paces from where I stood.

The bull's carcass measured seven feet long and weighed 890 pounds—its two tusks weighing 89 pounds each—a four-hour job for the skinners. Natives came from around the meat and in 24 hours only the bones remained.

**Gazelle**

Loading up the safari car the following morning, we headed into the Masai Reserve. On the third day brought results. Here, I took my first trophy—a handsome eland (oxlike African antelope). After spraying horns over 30 inches long. While on route to base camp, my second trophy-to-be appeared, a beautiful Grant gazelle.

**Genera Trophies**

Returning to camp in the afternoon, we decided on an evening safari. We would have shot a second elephant had we not been so far away from base camp. The following morning we returned to Voi to take a rest before the next hunting trip. Returning to camp in the afternoon, it was decided that we would start on an evening safari.

**Antelope**

A successful trip is evident from this partial display of trophies. Antlers and horns are from left to right: Thomson gazelle, eland, oryx, Grant gazelle, horned oryx, and wildebeest.

**Rhino**

The two elephants weigh 89 pounds each.
Sidon
by Dr. G. M. Stephan
Touring Europe and visiting
in California ... wish to express
their heartfelt thanks to each
and every individual who gave
so willingly of his time and ef—
fort.

Table. All families were invited
didn’t help much, “not even
were feted at several dinners
are the E. R. Robertsons
(Transp.) R. W. Bowe (Gov’t
Prince as president. Other mem—
include Storekeeper Adel Noujaim
ma and is now held by Charles
small pox during the December—January epidemic in Lebanon.
Even bribes of chocolate candy failed to dispel vocal protests when
and their mothers on February
brated his fourth birthday with a
heralds a new America building in the
called home of Maudie C. Wells and A. C. Nelson. We
hope to learn more about their
Retained standing honor luxv-
and family (E&EM) and Mrs. and Mrs. A.C.
Nelson (Opz). My—
now on temporary duty in the
Arrived here February 16.

TSC ELECTIONS
(Cont’d from Page 1)
and additional chassis and domes. This latter equipment is avail-
able for outside rental, he added. During 1956, the club was
tastefully decorated with the dandy help from artist Victor Breánik.

The Vidals, the Wrights and
were approved the suggestion
Bahrain resident at a dinner party given by
Mr. Habib spends with club
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not except every child who wants to
since the rating, top rating on the
he has been club’s top
A. B. Habib, son of
H. G. Glenn, is a graduate of
the Sanayeh School (Bei—
chaser, Jr., Jim, sport’s interests ar—
Vacations
Vacations
In the soul...,” Dr. Thaddeus
soz–Z.—
of the University of Louisville

A construction engineer, Mr. Zid
was generally employed by
several firms in Louisville.

Starts cutting connec-
several months in 1955. Dr.

Samarkand and is a °56 grad—
line was effective January 15.

Congratulations to Anne Y.
Chedid at Public Relations and
Jo John M. Mackenzie (Comm.)
of Turaif who announced their
gagement February 24.

Turaif
by S. M. Sălătuči
Turaif’s community continues
to grow with arrival from the States of Mrs. Harry Seider and
sons, James and Steven; EBC employees Malderon Smith, Lawrence Cerk and Hans Has-

Aloxe Wolfron
Recent arrivals at the
is a new hire, and A. E. Wol-
his family and family from Dhah-

Recent visitors from Ques-
were Mrs. J. F. Pliner and
her three-month daughter, Carolina. The latter
Touring Europe and visiting
in California ... wish to express
their heartfelt thanks to each
and every individual who gave
so willingly of his time and ef—
fort.

Taraab Ridab

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ALONG THE LINE - TURAIF

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of the late Kenneth B. Despain, formerly with Tapline.

Khalil Shaghouri

Senior radio technician Jacob Kips of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, has been a freelance technical writer in the electronics and communications fields. He has also been an employee of the Dutch PTT and worked for Siemens Halski in Germany. Bachelor Kips speaks Dutch, English and German and sailing is his hobby.

Charles Jones

Transferring to Tapline from Aramco on January 11, acting head mechanic Charles Jones has been in the field since August, 1956. Formerly employed in a mechanical capacity by various California companies, Jones also worked more than two years in Turkey with the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads. His wife and two daughters reside in California.

HOW TO CATCH A THIEF

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The usual Thursday night entertainment (censored) continues as the station's relations representative, Mr. Stupay and family, make brief visits to Beirut during the past month.

Dr. Faisal Haddad (Medical). 2nd: Ping Pong (Ladies' Singles) - Mrs. M. Harbouh, 1st: Miss Sylvia Youzai (AOC), 2nd: Ping Pong (Men's Doubles) - Adnan Balleste (Community Services) and Elie Youakim, 1st; Serki Sarkissian (Medical) and Dr. Thadokon, 2nd: Ping Pong (Mixed Doubles) - Nana Brion (Ass't) and Elie Nourallah, 1st; Sylvia Youzai and Elie Youakim, 2nd: Tennis (Men's Singles) - the Jabbeur (Brd. Rel.), 1st; Charles Badran (Ass'g), Ist; David Dodge (Gov't Rel.), 2nd; Tric-Tic-Ele Youakim, 1st; Charles Badran (Ass't), 2nd; Merit Badges

TSC ELECTIONS

More Activities

Many friends and co-workers here wish him a speedy recovery.

Hospitalized at Dhahran are Ali bin Hassan and Mansour Nabigan, while Musaalem bin Muhdi has returned to duty after treatment at the Badanah hospital.

Vacationers

On return of Khalid Akhrass (Admit's) from vacation in Europe, Edward Shalash, relief officer supervisor, has departed for Qaisumah, where he will take over during the vacation of M. Jumah.

Bill Bobb (Situs) is now based in Qaisumah on special assignment. Bill was recently appointed supervisor of Qeytan camp.

David Klein-Ott and Joseph Spanjaard of Maintenance have returned from The Netherlands where they spent the holidays with their families.

Vacationing in the eastern area of Saudi Arabia are: A. Hassan, Ahmed Ghiayan and Assaf bin Sami.

Back from vacations in Lebanon are: George Hanna, Abdalla Alameidene, Benoit Maximilien Nasser and Mustafa Amir.

Silver cups and plates were awarded to first and second place winners of TSC sport tournaments held in 1956. Silver merit badges presented to Dr. J. Thadokon and Mousri, M. Khoury, T. Berjiklian, M. Alah, and S. Sarkissian.

Snake skins make fine shoes and banana skins the best slippers.

Knowledge is not power but your danged nose out of Bill Edwards' hen house.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kerin, Jr., of New and J. J. Kelberer made a trip to Beirut during the past month.