MINOR FIRE PUT OUT IN PUMPHOUSE AREA

By February Ist, Sidon Operations had attained 774 disabling injuries with no disabling injury to pump station personnel. Earlier that morning, permission had been requested from the Beirut dispatcher to shut down No. 1 Turbine for repair of an oil leak on the main line pump. As the dispatcher wanted (continued on page 2).

WORK ADVANCES ON HOME LOAN PROGRAM

Tapline Engineering reports that progress on the community development program is rolling at a good pace. By the first week of February, in fact, twenty to twenty-five per cent of the construction work, undertaken on ten houses in Badanah and Qaisarah, was reported complete. Financial through Tapline's home loan program, the nine houses presently under construction in Badanah will be occupied in October by the families of the following employees:

Abdul Razzaq ALS. Muhammad Salim, Salim Naser, Abdul Karim Al-Azz, Ibrahim Muhammad, Ihab Faisal and Mohammad Ghareb. The only Qaisarah house being constructed for Abdullah Khalaf, is scheduled for completion in July.

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WINNING SAFETY TEAMS AWARDED SILVER CUPS

During the second half of 1958, safety contests were held between groups in each of Tapline's four pump stations in Arzata and silver cups were awarded to the following winning teams:

Arzata — Administration and General
Badanah — Industrial Relations (Medical)
Rafha — Water Well, Meter Transport, Accounting, Government Relations and Communications
Qaisarah — Operations and Repairs.

Individual members of the winning groups were also given silver money clips bearing the Tapline safety emblem.

Judging of the safety contest was on a frequency rate calculated on the number of injuries (time and disabling), including penalties compared with the number of employees in each team. The group with the lowest rate was judged winner.

Rafha station was the winner of a cup awarded for the best improvement of a safety record for the period July—December '58, as compared to the same period in '57.

Said terminal, although not a pump station contest, has an enviable safety record. To date, 1959, there have been no disabling injuries.

By February Ist, Silver Operations had attained 774 disabling accident-free days, while the Marine Operations injury records were kept separate. Henceforth, they will be combined.

By February Ist, Salim Operations had attained 774 disabling accident-free days, while the Marine Department had reached 367 days. On the same date, Sidon terminal (Shore and Marine Operations) as well as the small Deria, Syria complement) had worked 50,000 man-hours without a disabling injury, thus being eligible for an API (American Petroleum Institute) Award.

The safety contests will continue during 1959 with revised grouping and slight changes in rules. It is sincerely hoped that 1959 will be a safe year for Tapline employees.

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Fire broke out in Turafi's turbine pumphouse area at 10:26 a.m. on January 25. The blaze was extinguished in eleven minutes by Fire Chief Walter Herzel and his crew, aided by volunteers from other departments. Loss in equipment was estimated at $100. (Photo by H. E. Cross)
Minor Fire Knot at Tufarif

A fire knot was reported at Tufarif this week. Firemen from the Fire Department responded promptly and extinguished the fire before it could spread. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Operations Report

The following operations report is for the month of January:

**Average BPD received at Selwab:**
- January 22: 375,670
- January 23: 377,400
- January 24: 378,235
- January 25: 379,400
- January 26: 380,500

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**New Record**

With the tankers' lifting fixings reversed upwards at the marine terminal, the auxiliary pumping unit at Qatar Airways for 417 barrels of crude oil per day. With the addition of this unit, the overall capacity of the terminal has increased significantly.

**Duplicate Bridge Resumed at Tufarif**

After more than a month of inactivity, weekly sessions of duplicate bridge were resumed at Tufarif in early January. Since then, enthusiasm has reached an all-time high pitch that draws more than two players to each session.

On the evening of January 10, two pairs turned out for a double-matched movement. North-South winners were Mr. B. and Mrs. G.A. Halse, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Khalaf. South-West winners were Mr. H. and Mrs. M. Ali, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Khalaf. A total of 144 players participated in the two sessions, which were sponsored by the Tapline Safety Committee.

**Time to Love & Time to Die**

A lively word and music evening was held at the Tufarif Cultural Club on March 12. The event featured a variety of songs and dance routines, with local and expatriate performers taking part. The audience enjoyed a night of entertainment and music, with the event圆满成功.
NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR SPORTING CLUB

Beirut — Members of the Tapline Sporting Club met January 26 on the club’s premises to elect officers and committee members for the year 1959. Of a total membership of 85, only 30 were present. Lack of a quorum, election business was canceled. The club’s by-laws stipulate that the entire membership must be present for the new year to be opened.

Selected as president, treasurer and secretary were, respectively, Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Charles Bedran and Christa Nakouz.

Chosen as executive committee and secretary were, respectively, with the club’s by-laws, all committee members for the year

A suggestion to have a phosphoglen for the younger set was seconded by the new officers, has already added 32 Tapliners to the club’s rolls members were: Samira Abdelnour, Mrs. C. Bramkamp and Mr. Antonios.

To promote activities, the new committee has planned: play readings, quiz programs, tournaments, chess and other pastimes as well as beach parties for the coming summer. A suggestion to have a new president, suggested by the new president, suggested by the New York office, and Mrs. P. D. Hefner has submitted the following:

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During January, Tapline played a basketball court and a soccer field for the Baabda Athletic Club. Setting up the basketball court is a member of the American Airways, one of the companies that also controls the company also demands the balls and nets needed for both sports. Secretary, president and treasurer for the new basketball and soccer programs are shown above. Mrs. Y. Turk and her son are shown above. The basketball and soccer programs are under the supervision of their teachers, Mr. Hassan Shatour. (Photo by Nour)

Face and Places

Mita Wlana Jones Jones, former manager secretary, and Mr. Ralph T. River, owner of AFC The Hague (center) were in the audience at the club’s annual meeting held January 27. In the background, the hands of the players are shown (left to right) Mrs. H. E. Walker and Mr. T. H. Walker, who gave the toast; Mrs. Foster, who also intends to help mother in the kitchen. By the way, the children are presently attending classes at Hawthorne, California. Patrolman, she is also the head of the station’s golfers, this young Ben.

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"WHO’S WHO" AT RAFHA'S SCHOOL

Rafha — Nine youthful personalities are presently attending classes at the Senior Staff School at Rafha, under the guidance of Messrs. L. W. Wood and R. Magadine. In an attempt to keep up with "Who’s Who" among the nation’s younger generation, Mrs. D. P. Hefner has submitted the following:

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Meet Qaryatain and Dera'a Camps

From time to time most of us have heard or read the names "Qaryatain" and "Dera'a" but few of us are familiar with either operation. To acquaint our readers with both camps, the Periscope cameraman and reporter recently set out for Syria and Jordan for a pictorial review of Tapline's personnel and installations at the two locations, as appears on these pages.

Manned by four national employees, Dera'a camp functions as the base for patrol and maintenance operations of the portion of Tapline in Syria, as well as the maintenance of cathodic protection stations in the area. It is part of the Sidon Terminal organization.

Qaryatain camp in Jordan has a total personnel complement of eighteen, headed by Mr. George Haera who reports to Arabian Division Headquarters in Turaif. Qaryatain has the only remotely-controlled, non-portable turbine pumping unit on the 'Line.

(Photos by Nayar)

Service Foreman at Qaryatain is Mohammad A. Youssef, who was first employed by Tapline in 1947.

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Originally from San Francisco, California, Qaryatain Camp Supervisor G. A. Hearns is approaching the ten-year mark of service with Tapline. He was previously associated with International Refinery, Inc. and the Shell Oil Co.

Functioning as Foreman at Tapline’s Operations and Repairs division in Dowaia Street is Mr. Rateb M. Bustaon (left) who received a two-star service emblem on January 12, 1999. His assistant is Mr. Amin A. Hursen (right).

Exterior view of the community center at Qaryatain which houses the bachelors’ living quarters (upper floor), recreation hall, canteen, lounge, library, kitchen and dining room.

Connecticng radio transmitters at the Ken. IRL relay station is Senior Radio Technician A. C. de Raad, who hails from Woudenberg, Holland.

The only two family houses at Qaryatain are occupied by the G. A. Hearns and C. Van Der Klinks.

It's lunch time for Qaryatain's dining room personnel which includes (left to right) Cook-Baker A. Ka’war, Chef J. Adriani and S. M. Jaddal, lab and M. A. Youssef, kitchen helpers.
Faces and Places... In The News

In another step towards improving community life for children at Radnaun, a private kindergarten was recently founded by Mrs. E. M. McGovern for five preschool-aged youngsters. Under supervision of the station librarian and canteen clerk, the very little ones are attempting to form their names with wooden block letters. (left to right) Emma Sabit, James Terry, Helen Terry and Kara Jarem. Not available for the picture are Caroline Crosshanks. (Photo by Nae).

On February 3, Mrs. H. Hargrove (right) entertained her Radnaun Senior Staff School students at a special dinner in the station’s Dining Hall. The group also attended a western film at the theater to celebrate the victory of Manhal Ghanma (left) in a contest to design the new flag. seven staggered rows of seven white stars set in a blue canton within the field of 13 alternate red and white strips. Others shown above are Catherine and Jacqueline White, Altha Lewis and Moira Robertson. (Photo by Nae).

With a year’s leave of absence from Tapline, Dr. N. Y. Turk left the Badana Base Hospital February 2nd for England, via Beirut, where he will make post graduate study in obstetrics, gynecology and internal medicine and pediatrics at Queen Charlotte’s Hospital in London. A 1950 graduate of the French “Faculte de Medecine,” Dr. Turk completed 13 months of Internship in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, American University Hospital of Beirut, before joining Tapline in October 1951. His wife and two daughters, Mona 4, and Rima 2 years, will remain in the Lebanese capital. (Photo by nh).
**Badanah by Dora Sabor**

*The PIONEER staff welcomes Mrs. J. A. Salsal who will assist Badanah's reporter, Miss Dora Sabor, in keeping our readers informed of happenings there.***

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**Beirut by Rose Sowdah**

Welcome home to Mrs. W. E. Locher and her children and the A. C. Nahman family from their stateside vacation; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Koch; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Despain, from a three-week European tour; Miss Renée Yared, on return from vacation in Egypt where she visited Louxor and Aswan and visited in Alexandria; Chief Engineer A. E. Olive, on return from a one month assignment in the New York office; Miss Pauline Hodas, Senior Management Secretary, on return from a trip to Europe; the H. C. Wells, on return from a holiday in Lebanon, Madrid, New York and California; and Dr. K. Khayat, on return from a personal business trip to Washington, Boston and New York.

A warm welcome to Mrs. W. R. Walden who arrived in Beirut February 14 with children, Nancy Ann, 13, Beth Alice, 11, and Sue, to join the Waldens, an engineer, who transferred her home from New York to office last December.

Back at her desk after a brief illness is Miss Angelina Keshishian, who, we understand, is about to give birth to a girl. We thank all the Tapline friends who have been most kind in their telephone calls to Miss Keshishian during her illness. We also thank Mrs. Walter K. A. Salsal for her efforts in keeping the tapeline running during the last few weeks.

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A grand total of twenty-six Sand Tapliners are regularly attending English courses at the American University Hospital. The English teachers are, respectively, elected president and vice-president of the year 1959. Mr. Emile Saab, President John Noble departed for the USA on February 14, after a brief visit to Lebanon. Mr. Rush will undergo further treatment in the USA and will not return to Beirut during the semester. Aside from holding regular parties and receptions, the 1958 Executive Committee organized a trip to the Grand Canyon on February 13, to see the Grand Canyon for themselves. Cupid's arrows have wrought!" says Miss Salsal. The Twirlers Band performed on February 1, while the Executive Committee entertained a group of the station's back office staff that day. The following day, February 13, the station's dinner party was held.

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Sidon
by Dr. G. M. Stephon

The welcome mat is out for Mr. Dick A. Schipper who joined the Sidon marine group as Foreman on January 15. California Scheveningen, Holland, home, Mr. Schipper is the father of two children—Anton, 5, and Catherine, 2. He has done

D. A. Schipper

than six years of diving with the Royal Netherlands Navy and has been mainly associated with salvage operations—among them the United Nations clearance of the Suez Canal.

Captain Richard Belzer, on loan to Tapline from The Texas Co., is also welcomed to Sidon summat.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. Antoine Ghazi on his marriage at the Catholic Church in Sidon, February 8, to the former Miss Sofiye Harcasti. Wedding festivities are also due Mr. Emil Ansari who was married, January 31, to Miss Antonette Artema at the Maronite Church in Sidon.

Congratulations as well to Munir Zen on the marriage of his daughter, Shihart, January 16. Welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kennedy, who returned from stateside vacation during the last week of January with their daughters—Carmelita, 4 and Katheline, 6. Their sons, Albert Jr., 16, and Adrick, 15, are presently at the Military Academy in West Point, New York.

among us again are the E. S. Knappich and son, Stanley, on return from a hop over to Turail and Qatar stations; Motor

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vice-president J. H. Rantzen and Harvey Carter, and President and Mrs. D. C. Potter, of Ferguson Oil Corp.

Rafha
by N. J. Maunu

Congratulations to Shift Foreman Rida, Abdul-Sattar and the former Mrs. Lynda Abdul-Sattar on their marriage December 31, 3959. The newlyweds

and director of The Texas Co., and their wives: Mr. H. R. Book

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