During the six-day visit of His Majesty King Sa’ud to Qaisumah, the ladies of the station entertained with a tea, February 22nd, on the lawn of the P. E. C. Graham. His Majesty is seen above with the station’s tiny teashop. (Photo by P. E. Graham)

KING SA’UD VISITS QAISUMAH

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BADANAH WELCOMES AMIR IBN JILUWI

On Monday, February 23, thirty Taglilners from Badanah were the guests of H.H. Amir Abd Allah ibn Sa‘ad ibn Mousa Al Amir of the Northern Frontier, at a dinner party given in honor of his guest—H.H. Amir Sa‘ad ibn Jilawi, Amir of the Eastern Province. Amir Sa‘ad, who was visiting Amir Abd Allah’s father in Hayil, stopped overnight at Arar on his way back to Qaisumah and Damman. He was accompanied by the Saudi Minister of Health, H.E. Dr. Rashid Firas. A group of wellwishers, including the ladies from Badanah, gathered at the airport where a two-peaked tent, laid with carpeted mats in tents and the geometric building in the rug. The area around Qaisumah station entertained with a tea.

CURRENS LEAVE SAUDI ARABIA; RETIRE JUNE 1

With 35 years of Tatpine, affiliated and parent company service, Mr. K. K. Curran, superintendent of Turail pump station, and Mrs. Curran departed Beirut, March 5, on home leave that will terminate June 1. On that date the Currans will join the ranks of company retirees. Mr. Curran entered the oil industry on November 12, 1924 when he joined the geodetic department of the Standard Oil Company of California as a geodetic plant operator. Some fourteen years later the lure of foreign service beckoned, and he transferred to Aramco (then known as CASOC) in the capacity of Operator. His arrival in Saudi Arabia on October 14, 1938. During 11 years of service with Aramco, Mr. Curran progressed through various positions to become Construction Foreman in 1946 and Area Engineer—Beirut District in 1947.

Mr. Curran transferred to Tapline in May 1949 as an engineering and construction supervisor. In February 1950 he was transferred to the position of Station Superintendent at Badanah. (continued on page 2)
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

THE CRADLE ROW

IBN JILWI VISITS BADANAH

ARABIA’S WINTER WONDERLAND

Chalking up twenty years of service with Tapline, parent and affiliated companies on February 10, 1959, is Mr. H. A. Odegaarden, chief mate on the M/S GALLIA, who obtained his master’s license at the Norwegian Maritime Institute in 1958, the same year he was transferred to the Tapline Company of Norway in 1939. The Norwegian-born seaman has travelled everywhere, members of the Odegarden family have a common past - a capability mooring master, who, in the course of his work, has BETWEEN THE ocean and the mainland. This was the heaviest snowfall that can be remembered in two decades, according to old-timers. A number of the crew were on the tap line to Qaisumah, on route to Jeddah, to pay homage to H.M. King Saud.

THE CRADLE ROW

Badanah: Abdullah, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ghabir, and his wife, Manal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sonrud.

IBN JILWI VISITS BADANAH (continued from page 1)

Snow? In Saudi Arabia? Whoever heard of such a thing? But, there it was on the morning of February 28 when residents of Tarut, Badanah and Rapha awoke to their first snow. A light snow commenced to fall the evening of February 27 and by the next morning a blanket of white stuff covered the ground, roofs of buildings and homes, automobiles and shrubbery at these stations. Though the first snow ever to be seen by some employees, a number of old-timers recall snow flurries at Turaif in 1950. Badanah residents could not believe their eyes when they saw a snowball in the family-house area, Badanah, on February 28. But, the kids (background) had more fun than anyone. (Photo by R. E. Marsh).
LEBANON

COMPANY'S LOCAL PURCHASES

AID LEBANESE ECONOMY

Nearly two million dollars worth of equipment and supplies, purchased by Tapline during 1958, can be tagged "purchased in Lebanon." The year's total $1,600,000 adds up to only $200,000 less than purchases in Lebanon in 1957, despite five and a half months of curtailed operations.

Since Tapline contracts for its hauling, tens of thousands of dollars are spent annually on these services which benefit a great number of Lebanese truck owners, their employees, and families. The tank trucks and trailers are carrying 1,000 gallons of aviation gasoline to Turaif pump stations each week, originating in Beirut and distributed to Sidon Terminal, to Taraf, Bali, Rabia, Qaisumah, or allocated to Beirut headquarters.

G. H. Gossens, Superintendent of the Purchasing and Traffic Division, sends his staff to comb Lebanon first for supplies meeting Tapline specifications. The appearance of new industrial plants that can supply a Tapline need are welcomed — for Tapline's policy is to purchase just as much as it possibly can on the local market.

And for the past five years purchasing in Lebanon by Tapline has shown a remarkable increase. This is borne out by a recent statistical study. This five year analysis of nine months of purchasing from 1954 showed a 20 per cent increase in dollar value of purchases made in Lebanon for the first time in months of 1958, as compared with the first nine months of 1957, and a 100 per cent increase in local hauling during the same period.

Keeping track of the some 12,000 items a year purchased locally is no easy task. Everything from asbestos products to power wagons, automobiles, stationery and printing supplies, raps, grappes, and innumerable local purchasers from vendors, has to be ordered, checked, manifested, stored, or forwarded to its proper destination. Mr. Gossens has an always busy staff to assist him; G. P. Petne is Coordinator of Procurement, Standardization and Stock Control; G. M. Hajjar is Coordinator of Cargo and Traffic; M. H. Bassou is Supervisor of Local Purchasing; A. W. Abboud is Superintendent of Expediting, Sources Development and Files; G. E. Elabbas is Supervisor of Standardization. H. Zeitzmow is supervisor of Foreign Order Processing; J. H. Bustani is Office Supervisor at St. Michel Warehouse in the port area.

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Supplies ordered locally are usually assembled at the St. Michel Warehouse. At St. Michel you'll see waste paper baskets, road signs, carafes, clotheshangers, telephone wire, small tools, tires, to mention a few items. Orders are checked for quality and inspected for quality, and packed for shipment by truck or by plane.

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have traveled seven days and 1,403 kilometers by truck through seven customs offices and several check points, and through four countries. The amazing number of forms involved from the time the order originates until it arrives at its destination include: TF 35-Storehouse Requisition; TF 45-Materials Procurement Requisition; Registration; TA 17-Buyers Quotation Sheet; TA 354-Local Purchase Order; Dd-Customs Declaration; Vendors Invoice Certificate of Origin; TA 240-Manifest Declaration; Bill of Entry (545. Customs Declaration); Receiving Report; Order to Haul; Final Receiving Report; Issuing Document.

Tapline purchasing is not just going out and buying an article, like a housewife buys her groceries. No item can be ordered on the local (or foreign) market if the Bahraini customs officers, who control all items placed in Tapline's stock catalogue, do not order it. If a customer wishes some "Made in Lebanon" straws. You'll see cooks and waiters in Tapline mess halls wearing "Made in Lebanon" aprons and uniforms. "Made in Lebanon" cement was used in the construction of all new buildings and installations last year, and particularly during the Capacity Increase Program. All indoor and outdoor paint and enamels, including machinery enamels, used by Tapline in 1958 were "Made in Lebanon." The year's total S$1,600,000 adds up to only S$200,000 less than purchases in Lebanon in 1957, despite five and a half months of curtailed operations.

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His Majesty King Sa‘ud visited Qaisumah February 18th through the 24th. While in the area, His Majesty was guest of honor at numerous social functions.

H. M. King Sa‘ud was entertained at a banquet given by Tagline, February 20, in Qaisumah’s community center. At the banquet table with the royal guest are H.H. Sheikh Muhammed bin Sa‘ad al‘Kabe, H.H. Amir Muhammed bin Turki, Executive Vice President W. B. Chandler and Aramco Vice President T. C. Burger. (Photo by H. C. Van Pelt)

Flanked by his royal guards, H. M. King Sa‘ud walks from the transient staff house to the home of the P. C. Graham, where a tea was given in his honor, February 22nd, by the ladies of Qaisumah. (Photo by R. E. Marsh)

Hands of people, including Tagline personnel and local government officials, converged on Qaisumah’s society, February 15, to welcome H. M. King Sa‘ud (descending steps) upon arrival for a six-day visit. (Photo by R. E. Marsh)

The ladies and children of Qaisumah were introduced to H. M. King Sa‘ud at a tea given on February 25. Above, His Majesty receives Mrs. P. C. Graham and son Gregory. (Photo by P. C. Graham)
MADE IN LEBANON

No item can be ordered by the Purchasing and Traffic division unless it is found in the ... Sidon and Beirut will thus take place on those dates. Sandwiches and refreshments will be available.

Transport, P&T Supervisors Meet

Beirut, Sidon and Line supervisors responsible for purchasing and strengthening meet in Beirut on March 10 to review Tapline's present material supply system and to discuss ways and means for improvement. Means of maintaining the minimum level of efficiency, consistent with space requirements, turnaround, importance to the operation and value were re-emphasized. Present inventories were valued at over $54,000. In attendance were: Miners W. R. Chandler, R. B. Burnett, G. H. Georms, J. R. H. Gonyer, J. C. Heide, W. R. Hellemann, R. C. Hill, X. M. Hoad, J. F. Kal-her, H. L. Krupp, W. E. Lech- ter, A. C. Nelson, A. E. Owen, W. D. Price, D. T. Pinckney, C. H. Pepe, R. A. Prusinski, R. J. Quick and O. T. Swanson.

Supervisors concerned with transport and equipment were summoned to prepare a long-range forecast of equipment needs, looking toward standardization for maximum use of equipment available for the major currency. Tapline's budget for automation and equipment totaled $279,700 for 1959 and $250,000 estimated for 1960. Attending were: W. R. Chandler, R. A. Prusinski, J. H. Grimes, D. T. Pinckney, A. E. Owen, L. J. Foreaker, C. W. Bader, H. H. Amir 'Abd Allah ibn 'Abd Al-Malik, President of The Arabian National Bank in London, his assistant, K. K. Burnett, Mr. E. L. Krupp and R. G. Thompson.

Decisions were made, and preparations were underway for a luncheon in the Hotel Bristol that was attended by members of management and other company personnel.

KING SA‘UD VISITS QAISUMAH

Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Donald Heath and Rear Admiral Michael F. E. Fishbery, U.S.N., Commander—Middle East For- ces, called on the King. They lunched with His Majesty before embarking for a few hours later.

J. N. Samaha, L. J. Foreaker and Graham, Mrs. Emery presented H.M. King Sa‘ud with a cake bearing the Saudi Arabian coat of arms. Sounding and informing of His Majesty held pleasant con- versations with most of the ladies and clergy.


Qaisumah has again settled back into its normal quiet routine, but His Majesty’s visit will long be remembered. Credits are due the Assistant General Superintend- ent G. F. Hode and Meurs, G. Hughes and A. Ham- seen, of Aramco SAG Services, Damman, in co-ordinating all necessary arrangements for the King’s visit. Aramco’s chef L. Braço and his forty-six cooks and kitchen helpers are also to be congratulated on a job well done.

W. J. Bader

CURRAN’S RETIREMENT

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Five years later he moved to Turaif in the same capacities. Prior to their departure from Saudi Arabia, the Currans’ 54th service anniversary was (and is) a Turaif Women’s Group Va- nity Ball, on February 21, where the pin award was made by Manager of Operations D. T. Pinckney. Among the guests were Industrial Relations Man-ager and Mrs. H. S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. B. Rattie, and Mrs. D. T. Pinckney, of Beirut.

Friends and colleagues in Bas- ri were on hand to congrat- ulate the Curans, who were hosted by the D. T. Pinckney the evening of March 3rd. The following day Mr. Curran was presented a page at luncheon in the Hotel Bristol that was attended by members of management and other company personnel.

A. C. Nelson took first place in the tennis tournament with a low gross of 85 strokes for 18 holes. He was followed by: H. S. Smith (86), O. K. Bigelow (87), P. E. Cole (89), C. G. Par- kin (94), E. Greenwood (95), A. R. Hodge (98), E. J. Clo- ncke (98), O. T. Swanson (103), W. E. Lescher (105), W. R. Hellemann (107), W. Ludlow (107), N. Haynes (108), E. S. Tracy (121) and R. F. Parker (130).

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New York
by Rosemary Roth

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To celebrate the January sale, victory of Qusaimah's Operations and Repairs team, thirty-six employees were entertained at a luau dinner at the seaport in the evening ball of Mr. W. B. Hunter, captain of the winning squad, congratulated the team on an enviable safety record in 1974.

In early March, we welcomed back to Qusaimah, Superintendent Mrs. H. R. Cassidy, on leave from her home in Doha, Qatar. To celebrate his first day back in the office, a farewell dinner was held in the terminal area, with suits and ties in vogue.

Off to spend his annual vacation in Kuwait, Iran and the Lebanon is Muhammad Taher, who left here on the 4th of February.

Qusaimah by W. S. Bader

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operation is solicited.
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Turaif
by S. M. Siddique

The Turaif welcome wagon happily received in February two newcomers to the station
Menex, J. A. Wood and R. A. Norman.
Joining the Turaif group as Head Automotive Mechanic and calling Rahway, New Jersey his
point of origin is John Alexander Wood. Married, John was previ—
ously associated with Auto Transmission Exchange, Newel.
N. J. He is a graduate of the California and Lincoln Technical Institutes, respectively, in Rah—
way and Newmy. Mr. Wood is an amateur photographer.

J. A. Wood

Come from Oakland, N.
J. Head Automotive Mechanic
Robert Allen Norman in this
father of three children — Sud—
len, aged 7; Robert Allen, Jr.,
6; and Gary Stephen. He is an
outland bowler who enjoys
baseball and archery, too. State—
side, he served as shop foreman
for new and old car dealers.

R. A. Norman

"Bon voyage" to Paul La
Haye who left Turaif station for the States on a short business
assignment, and welcome to Jack
E. Newman on his return from
statewide vacation. Both are In—
ternational General Electric em—
ployees on loan to Turaif.

Welding bells sounded February 8 at the Greek Orthodox Church in Beirat for the Material Standardization Clerk Tapanino A.
Danns and the former Miss Eugenie Emanuel Milonas, of Athens. After a brief honeymoon in Lebanon, Mr. and Mrs. Danns set up housekeeping in Beirut. (Photo Bythar)

Our new Superintendent and Mrs. J. F. Plister received a warm Afghan welcome from the
all on arrival at Turaif, in late February. The R. K. Connors, on the other hand, who sailed from Beirut, March 5, for the U. S. and retirement in California are making the best of every—
thing in their new surroundings.

In late February and early March, we welcomed Mr. R. D. Robinson, of the Bechtel personnel
assigned to Turaif, on return from medical leave; Mr. J. G. Spanjard, on return from holi—
day in Holland; and the Mus—
sallars ben Khalid and Soph—
ian ben Suhanram, on return from pleasant vacations in Du—
narance.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Rush that Clarence underwent a successful
operation on his arm in New York and is feeling a lot better.

Vacationing in Germany with son Clifford is Mrs. J. H.
Grimes. Superintendent-Motor Transport James H. Grimes, on the other hand, had to delay his
own departure as a spare gas—
turbine-powered auxiliary pumping
unit was hauled to Turaif, completely overhauled and con—
siderably modified prior to its move to Riyadh.

Gordon S. Greatbatch has re—
turned to the States on vacation after completing his assignment at the Turaif Central Storehouse.
His numerous friends at the sta—
ton will certainly miss him.

Students attending the Saudi Arabian Government School in Sa—
kuk town paid a brief visit to
Turaif's SAG School on the 5th of March. On their arrival, the
visitors were entertained at a dinner party hosted by the local students. A soccer match be—
tween the teams of both schools, refereed by Tappehlel Ismail Agha and attended by some 300 to
thousand, was won 3-0 by the local players.

OPERATIONS REPORT

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* New record

A period of especially severe weather in Europe has necessita—
ted a rush of heating oil to that area on a near emergency basis. As
much crude as possible was thus lifted from Salon and a record
month of operations ensued.

During February, in fact, each of the auxiliary pumping units
was on stream for more than 600 hours — leading the throughput to a
new high of 442,255 barrels per day received at Salon. The new average throughput exceeded the previous record, set
last September, by more than 10,000 barrels per day. A remarkable
bump in other operating figures is also reported for the month of
February.

The present forecast for March is an average pumping rate of
442,255 barrels per day — which is not one rated area on March 16,
and for the first time in Tappehlel history, half-a-million barrels
of crude oil were pumped out of Qaisumah station for transport
to Salon Terminal.

Beirut
by Rose Sawoah

Miss Rosa Lax, left the Be—
irut office, March 23, for a one—
week holiday in Egypt. Mr. M. Brunneman, presently enjoying
his leisure in Lebanon, is slated
to be back at his desk at the end of March.

The welcome mat is out for Mr. Mark Gutfreid, who re—
turned March 18 from long va—
cation. Also back in Beirut after
home leave are the Howard Martens and daughter, Lynda.

White House New

President John Noble returned to the Beirut office March 28,
following a two-month business
trip to New York.

On Tuesday, March 24, Mr. Noble was invited to the White
House luncheon given by Presi—
dent Eisenhower in honor of
King Hassan II of Morocco. The
luncheon was attended by Vice
President Nixon, the Speaker of
the House, leaders of the Ca—
biniot, State Department, and
to other officials of the Govern—
ment, as well as official members of the King's party. At
the conclusion of the luncheon both the President and the King
made a few extemporaneous re—
marks.

On March 25, Mr. Noble at—
tended a reception in honor of
the King given at the Jordanian
Embassy in Washington, and on
the same evening was a guest of
the King at a formal dinner at
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