H.M. KING SA'UD VISITS BADANAH STATION

H.M. King Sa'ud, the 'Abd al-'Aziz honored Badanah with an overnight visit on December 26. Hundreds of people—local officials and newspapermen, company employees, contingents of the National Guard, Boy Scouts, school children, residents of nearby towns, tribal leaders—converged on the station's airstrip that day to welcome His Majesty and royal entourage.

Preparations for the visit had started long before the arrival day. Many colored banners were erected in the town of 'Ar'ar as well as at the airport and on the road leading into town. Tapline's Saudi Arab employees constructed two beautiful arches with electric lights near the entrance to their living quarters in Badanah station. Saudi Arab employees had also started building a secondary school nearby. The King promised to have the school built by the beginning of the next academic year, instructing the municipality to build the water storage tank and direct the Municipality's airstrip to have the mosque built by the next academic year. Among the greeters were R. A. Sabini, the Company and Deputy Company Representatives, respectively. Well-wishers at the airport also included many school children from Turaif, who made the trip to 'Ar'ar especially to greet the King.

After ceremonial tea and coffee, His Majesty and the royal party drove to town along a flag-draped route packed with well-wishers and lined by soldiers standing at attention. His Majesty's six-hour tour of 'Ar'ar included his visit to the school, which was being constructed for the students and the students' workers who were selected after careful study of the topography, drainage, and characteristics of the area. His Majesty also visited the Roman garrison in Danquirah, near Turaif.

During his tour of the town, H.M. King Sa'ud granted audience to various people. They asked that a secondary school, a water reservoir, and two mosques be built in town. His Majesty promised to have the school built, the water storage tank and direct the Municipality's airstrip to have the mosque be built by the Municipality's expense. In the Badanah station compound, H.M. King Sa'ud was entertained at a luncheon in the community center attended by some 275 guests. The King then traveled to the living quarters of the company's Saudi Arab employees.

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TESTS TO BOOST WATER SUPPLIES START ON 'LINE

An experimental program that may lead to a substantial increase in the water supplies of northern Saudi Arabia has been started by 'Ar'ar municipality and Tapline in the Badanah area.

By this program, which calls for the digging of pits at various strategic points, pumps are used to catch and store surface water. Engineers have borrowed heavily from the ancients of Saudi Arabia. Remnants of such pits, called mahfur, in the transliteration from Arabic (mahfur in the singular) are still found in many parts of Saudi Arabia although they may date back thousands of years. According to some scholars, the hand-dug mahfur may be prehistoric. Or, they may have been built as recently as 1000 years ago, about the time the Romans were maintaining a garrison in Danquirah, near Turaif.

Applying modern techniques for hand labor, crews recently completed excavation of three such mahfur. The sites were selected after careful study of the topography, drainage, and characteristics of the area. The pits catch and retain water into the warmest months, as bedouins in the area have claimed the old methods once did. The program may be expanded later.

If successful, such a program would increase water supplies for travelers and tribemen and lessen the often critical demand on February 1960
This month’s spotlight focuses on three outstanding Saudi Arabian employees. They are lead motor transport mechanic, Hamed bin Ar-Rifai, of Rahat, and lead motor transport mechanics, Ibrahim Sa‘ad and Hamed bin Ar-Rifai, of Badanah.

HAMDIN BIN SALIH’S career with Tapline started in March, 1951, when he joined the company as a mechanic. However, he had three years' previous industry experience with Boeing. He attended public school in Jiddah and the oil-well type pumps and personnel. He attended the University of Texas with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering. Mr. Maury joined the company nine years ago. F. M. Maury was appointed Senior Engineer many years ago. He transferred to the Beirut office in January, 1963. His present capacities as consultant to operating management in mechanical engineering.

SIDON CREW RESCUES FISHERMEN IN STORM

VIKING HILL HOUSE, SIDON — A five-man crew of the cargo ship "Viking Hill" rescued six fishermen in a storm off the coast of Lebanon, September 27.

The ship, which had been at anchor in Sidon harbor awaiting loading, was unable to reach the fishermen initially because of heavy seas. However, the crew finally succeeded in reaching them and the men were taken aboard the "Viking Hill" where they were provided with food and shelter.

The rescued fishermen were: Jadid Jbara, a four-month assignment in the engineering department, and awarded him the position of storekeeper. He again turned in a “well done” report and was promoted to the position of pump station engineer at Badanah.

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The third race went to Ahmad Ali; of Operations, and Recreation, with Abdulrahman Nasser, of Camp Maintenance, in second place. Salih Abuhaid of Operations and Recreation gave an outstanding series of performances in the athletic contests. He finished as undisputed champion in a third series of hurdles, long jump, front sprint and arm race of jumpers.

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Embraced by the sight of real evergreen trees, multicolored lights, brilliant ornaments and the arrival of that Jolly Old Elf to distribute gifts, happy youngsters once again sent laughter and squeals of delight rippling along the line.

And from Qaisumah to Sidon Terminal, older Tapliners organized social activities that made the Yuletide and New Year’s Eve a gala season long to be remembered.

The festive season began with the children’s party held December 23 in the theater, where they sang, danced and made his traditional appearance at 5 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. John N. Saliba held open house that evening for the family group as well as the station’s bachelors. The following day, Superintendent and Mrs. H. C. Davis entertainment center, brought a number of their own home. Coffees, cookies and other buffet delicacies were served. To mark the new year and welcome in the new, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Braun held a party at their house for all Qaisumah residents. Dancing added to the cheerful event. In fact, Mrs. Braun demonstrated a typical Scotch Highlanders’ dance (which won her a beautiful pearl, C. P. Van De Vliet, J. C. Van Putten and the P. C. Grabski excellently in performing the polka. Salim Nasar performed the most fantastic break dance.

Rafha

A Yuletide party for Rafha’s children was held at the community center on December 26, with Gene Eckert portraying Santa Claus the bad man who was not bad. Superintendent and Mrs. D. P. Haasbin entertained the bachelors at a reception in their home. Later that evening, the women of the station hosted a gay dancing party for all Rafha residents.

December 25 was spent in calling on friends and exchanging greetings. The H. C. Haasbin kept open house that day and the W. K. Hellmanns were hosts to the bachelors at a sumptuous Yule dinner.

At the stroke of midnight on New Year’s Eve, 1960 was ushered in with a resounding welcome by the bachelors attending the Rafha’s party, which had featured a turkey dinner.

Eldorado

A spirit of anticipation and gaiety had prevailed the station a few days before the Holiday Season, following pre-Yuletide coffee and bridge parties hosted by the O. E. Ritter, H. Hargroves and E. W. Woods.

The holiday activities themselves were highlighted by a children’s program in the theater, organized by the group comprising E. E. Austin and Mrs. E. L. Wood, who deserve great praise for their efforts. Papa Noel arrived among scenes from the tiny tots, who clustered about him for his gifts and stockings filled with candy, nuts and fruits.

A dancing party was held in evening in the theater sponsored by the Women’s Group. A capacity crowd thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. On December 25, Superintendent and Mrs. J. R. Terry, the J. A. Salibas and J. G. Whites held open house for employees. The E. E. Austin had had Eldorado’s three Dutch brothers (G. W. Van Veen, W. A. Slingerland and E. J. Braaksma) over for a turkey dinner.

On New Year’s Eve, Miss Judy Dunn gave a bridge party and later, the Women’s Group celebrated with a memorable dinner dance at the station. A special role of Thanksgivings was played by the N. Prinns, who was in charge of the event, and to Mrs. E. L. Wood, who bestowed the festive decorations. Among the station’s bachelors, time-gave, a party for the women nurses that night at the bunk house, featuring a variety of delicious Lebanon food, group singing and cha-cha-cha dancing by Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Thaddeus.

Patriotic activities centered around a children’s party held at the community center, with Jim Chaplin excelling in the role of St. Nick. Proud mammas and papas, and brothers too, shuffling through the line (and sewo) to watch the nation’s younger generation perform their Holiday program.

The performance of “Joy to the World” put everyone in the festive spirit. A bally rendition of “Jolly Santa,” sung by Tartij’s young men, followed. Their title a plus the “Shoemakers,” directed by Mrs. F. W. Now, Mrs. K. E. Pace and Mrs. H. B. Perkins and performed by the station’s kindergarten group under the supervision of Mrs. F. W. Now, received thunderous applause. The Auditorium was beautifully decorated with twinkling lights and brilliant ornaments. Hugh Storey, Ross Miller, Elwood Atwood, who entertained the crowd with a television show (The Dragont) and a song (Kiss Me Kate), received thunderous applause.

Beirut

Bariat employees and their wives were guests of the company at a reception given December 21 at the Tapline Sporting Club. Executive Vice President W. R. Chandler officiated as host. The TSC annual children’s party was held December 24, with Jamil Abuelnadocha of St. Nick’s office. Presents were distributed and refreshments served.

The enthusiasm of master of ceremonies Mitri Antonios, the spectacular decoration of the club, the good menu planning and as many as 150 guests dancing to the soft music of the Alberto orchestra all contributed to the hilarious success of the New Year’s Eve Ball, which was a gala season long to be remembered.

From Qaisumah to Sidon Terminal, older Tapliners performed under the supervision of Mrs. Bakshah and Misses T. S. McDonald and held open house for employees. The station’s bachelors, minus the kids, enjoyed a sumptuous Yule dinner.

A dancing party was held that evening in the theater sponsored by the company at the Tapline Sporting Club, were, from left, H. H. Walker, Miss Henriette Nahas and G. M. Hajjar. (Photo by S. Arakelian).
Badanah

by Dora Saber

Dr. J. D. Thaddeus, who arrived here from Beirut...
PIPELINE PERISCOPE

**Mr. Abdul Rahman Teyashar (center from right, front), Director of the Ministry of National Economy, representing Prime Minister Rashid Kassem, visits Tapline's exhibit at the opening of the Arab Oil, Gas and Electricity Fair on April 24, 1959. Rear, left, is W. A. Campbell, Vice President, Government Relations. About 7,000 persons visited the exhibit during the six days it was open to the public. (Photo by Neary).**

**New York**

by R. M. Weeks

Arthur Bills, a former Tapline employee who left Tapline in 1955 to come to the States, visited us just before the holiday season. Art's friends will be happy to learn that he was due to receive his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology at the end of January. He then plans to continue his studies for a doctorate on the West Coast, probably at Stanford University. Art has put forth a tremendous effort, academically and on various jobs taken to support himself. He says he averages about four hours sleep each night. But, his grades and health are excellent and he can point to his accomplishments with considerable pride. We wish Art the best of everything.

Best wishes also to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trombino, who were recently married in New York City. Mrs. Trombino, the former Miss Patricia Calsetta, is secretary to the president of a radio manufacturing company in the West Coast, probably at Stanford University. His Highness, representing Prime Minister Rashid Kassem, visits Tapline's exhibit at the opening of the Arab Oil, Gas and Electricity Fair on April 24, 1959. Rear, left, is W. A. Campbell, Vice President, Government Relations. About 7,000 persons visited the exhibit during the six days it was open to the public. (Photo by Neary).

**Qaisumah**

by W. S. Bader

Providing accommodations, food and custom items for employees and visitors at any of Tapline's four pump stations in Saudi Arabia is quite a job. Consider, for example, these statistics on Qaisumah's Community Services operations for 1959:

- Chief Salih Salem, cooks Husain Issa, Awad Sharif, Salah Ali, Ibrahim Abdullah and Ahmad Muhammad; and caterers Rashid Fahed, Saleh Badi, Hadi Dahlum and Fayez Frywan have helped prepare and serve an average of 5,000 meals a month in the station's cafeteria.
- Chefs Mohammad Souri and Muhammad Ayed sold more than S.R. 325,000 worth of canned and prepared products before they enplaned for Beirut.
- George Hananieh was among the more lucky ones—having been able to spend Yuletide and New Year's Eve between Beirut and Jerusalem. Ali Khafif is back to his welding job, following a vacation spent in vicinity of Riyadh.
- Qaisumah's Amnistie School was scheduled for 100 per cent completion at the end of January.

**The Cradle Row**

Badarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guermah Abdallah;
Hamah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abdul Rahman Saird;
Mona, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Khodra Khalil;
Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kossan;
Rafaa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Saird bin Abd Abraham;
Said, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. B. Solaiman;
Francois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. N. Kazili;
Francois, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Kazili;
Lisa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Sawa;
Mohamad, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Yamiati.