BEIRUT CONQUERS ARABIA IN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The gods of tennis turned their backs upon the Arabian Division racqueteers, who bowed to their Beirut counterparts, 3-8, in a two-day tournament played on the Tapline Sporting Club tennis courts, July 20 and 21. Beirut's net stars won four singles and a women's doubles and lost a men's doubles match to lead the Arabian team, 5-1, in the first day of competition. They hiked the score to 8-3 the second day by taking two men's doubles and a mixed doubles, and losing one of each.

The scores (with Beirut team members, listed first):

Donald W. Dreier beat Harry F. Hopper 6-2, 6-2; Mrs. William A. Robinson and Mrs. John Noble downed Mrs. Jacob Thaddeus and Mrs. Van Peursem 6-2, 6-1; Ray Badran won over John N. Samaha 6-2, 6-1; Joe Jabbour whipped Dr. Marcel N. Prince 6-3, 6-2; Orvis K. Bigelow and Robinson bowed to Hopper and Van Peursem 4-6, 3-6; Mike Ajhar and Mike Chehade swept past Michel Moussa and Michel Khairallah 6-4, 5-7, 6-1; Dreier and David S. Dodge beat Van Peursem and Prince 7-5, 4-6, 6-1; Thomas D. Durrance and Freihed were ousted by Hopper and Samaha 6-4, 3-6, 4-6; Mrs. Durrance and Mr. Jabbour led Mrs. Thaddeus and Mr. Prince 6-3, 6-2; and Miss Renee Yared and Mr. Badran were walloped by the Van Peursems 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

SAFETY STREAK COMES TO END

Sidon Marine's outstanding safety record, of operating 238 days (or about 90,000 working-hours) without having any of its average manpower of 77 employees sustain a disabling injury, came to an unfortunate end July 12, when a tug boat captain disconnecting a 12-inch hose suffered a strangulated hernia.

New Appointments Announced in P. R.

Salih Al-As'ad has been appointed Manager of Public Relations, effective August 1, President John Noble recently announced.

Al-As'ad, Assistant Manager of Public Relations for Tapline since June, 1958, and a member of the staff since 1947, succeeds Homer H. Metz, who is withdrawing from the company as of July 31.

W. Vernon Tieten has been appointed Acting Manager of Public Relations until the return of Al-As'ad, about September 21, from a business assignment in the United States and a subsequent vacation. Tieten will then assume the responsibilities of Public Relations Advisor, a newly established position, reporting to T. D. Durrance, Vice President, Public Relations.
**Aramco Refutes Press Charges**

Recent interviews in the Saudi press made certain accusations against Aramco with respect to the sale of Josephine and Jeanette (who are married), George, 27 (an accountant with Radiant Orient), Georgina, 33 (a secretary with the Aramco company), Elise, 21 (an accountant with the Federal Bank), Madeline 50 (who attends the Jesuit Sisters College) and Sherbel, to a student at the Brothers College.

Aramco has acquired the property in question. We refer you to the Aramco company's official statement which can be obtained at the Aramco Commissary. It contains a full explanation of the situation.

**School Honor Roll**

Twelve Third grade students in the school have been chosen for the honor roll. They are:

- Rashid, of Operations and Maintenance
- Steven Booth, of Traffic
- Sarah Bezdikian, of Aramco
- George, of Administration
- Maryana, of Administration
- Jimmy Franky, of Administration
- Linda Scharn, of Administration
- Tawfiq, of Administration
- Jason Jones, of Administration
- Aly Badanah, of Administration
- Mark Scharn, of Administration
- Charlie Koenreich, of Administration

**TEN-YEAR PINS**

Eleniyeer, of Marketing and Sales; and Hmood Nazzal, of Turaif. They spent some eight hours a day hearing lectures, holding discussions, and working on projects designed to help in the development of the country. They have been placed on the Honor Roll, for attending no grades lower than "B" during the third and last scholastic term, ending July 9.

**School Honor Roll**

By D. D. Bass (grade 1)

Dawn, of Administration

John Franky, of Administration

Khalaf Suleiman, of Administration

Dr. Jacob D. Thaddeus, of Administration

Minas Der-Sarkissian, of Administration

Dr. Kamal B. Salameh, of Administration

Edward Greenwood, of Administration

Salem Muhammed Alaa, of Administration
THE OIL INDUSTRY IN THE NEWS

**Aramco: Arabian American Oil Company** will start flexing another of Saudi Arabia’s producing muscles next year when it opens Abu Hadriya oil field. The field, 100 miles northwest of Dhahran, is an old-timer by Middle East standards. It was discovered 21 years ago, but until last year it was shut in only two wells. Aramco has budgeted $2,250,000 to open the field to commercial production by October 1962. Plans call for an initial output of 50,000 bbl. daily. Output will come from two wells.

Abu Hadriya field straddles a pipeline that runs from Batinia oil field to Ras Tamura, but the new crude will thus move directly to the Mediterranean, rather than to the Persian Gulf, for export.

**Standard Mergers:** Add Standard Oil Co. of California to the list of companies which some day may market in all 50 states. The company took a big step toward this goal recently when the merger of Socony and Standard Oil Co. (Ken-ucky) was approved in a consent decree cleared by the Justice Department. The merger puts Socony in five southern states — Ken-ucky, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Alabama — for the first time. Those five increase to 35 the number of states in which the company markets.

Standard Oil Co. (Ken-ucky) which is to be merged into Socony is a marketing company. It has 9,000 retail outlets, a 27% interest in Plantation Pipeline Co., and total assets of $144,574,000. In 1960, it sold about 38,000 barrels of gasoline, No. 2, diesel and kerosine; had net income of $13,791,517.

**Petrochemicals:** Kuwait is getting itself into the petrochemicals business by forming a joint company with an Italian firm as a partner. A government decree has authorized formation of Kuwait Petrochem- icals Co., Ltd., with capital of $45 million. Its partner will be Oronzo de Nora, a Milan chemical construction company, which will hold 40% interest.

In the first stage of construction, facilities will be built for the manufacture of caustic soda and chlorine, urea, polyvinyl chloride, am- monia, acetylene, oxygen, and hydrogen. Most of the output will be exported.

The move follows an agreement with Reynolds Metals for the construction of an aluminum smelter in the country.

**Tanker Developments:** A contract for the largest tanker ever to be built in Europe was signed July 5, by Mobil Tankship Ltd., a British affiliate to Socony Mobil Oil Co., Inc. The 92,750-ton tanker will be constructed by the Esbjerg Shipyard, Goteborg, Sweden. The huge tanker, which replaces a smaller, 48,600-ton vessel previously contracted at the same shipyard, will be used to transport crude oil from the Persian Gulf to Mobil refineries located in deep- water ports. On these long-distance hauls, the new ship is expected to provide the lowest transportation cost of any ship in the Mobil fleet. It is estimated that, on comparable voyages, the 92,750-ton ship will reduce trans- portation costs by more than 20 cent versus a 48,600-ton ship.

The tanker will be the largest in the Mobil Fleet. Nine hundred feet long and 127 feet in breadth, it will have a mean draft of 47 feet. It will be fully air-conditioned, with a hospital, spacious accommodations, and other modern facilities for its crew of 75 officers and men. The ship will oper- ate under the British flag.

Propelled by a single screw which absorbs 28,000 shphorsepower, the new Mobil tanker will travel at an average speed of 17 knots. Steam to supply the main and auxiliary pumps will be supplied by 10,700 barrels of petroleum in ten hours. Turn-around will be speeded by permanent ballast tanks, which can be filled while cargo is dis- charged. Total tank capacity is 9,240,000 cubic feet. Mo- bil Tankships Ltd. will take delivery of the new tanker in early 1964.

**Clothing:** Wear loose, lightweight clothing. Body temper- ature is kept normal by the evaporation of sweat from the surface of the body. Don’t wear clothes that hinder easy evaporation. In choosing hot weather clothing, remember that white or light colors are cooler than dark; they do not absorb the hot rays of the sun so readily.

Keep clothing clean and free of oil or grease which keeps the air from circulat- ing through the clothing. Clothing gets dirty and loses its ability to do the work of a good air tank.

Swimming: Know where you swim. Always keep on the familiar part of the swimming area. Know how to swim different strokes. Watch for changes in conditions. Keep watch on weather forecasts and the weather.
Badanah

New at the station is Miss Salam Jamil Nader, who joins the station's staff as a general duty nurse. A graduate of Kennedy Memorial Hospital's School of Nursing in Tri-

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pol, Miss Nader hails from Akkar, Lebanon, and lists volleyball as her favorite brand of sports.

Few days ago she entered the Base Hospital to give birth to her second child, Ali Michel, who joins brother Tony, 3, Mrs. Marcel N. Prince was given a party for the successful show of fireworks by the station's fire crew. Mrs. John N. Samaha, on return from a short vacation in Norway. The Per Jespersens are back in town;酷医的，Hamad is back to his post, having transferred to Jiddah. Mr. Rahbany was transferred from Dhahran to Jiddah for a vacation in June at Qassim. The new gate houses were opened to the public on June 17, by the Station Superintendent, Badanah, and the Governorate officials.

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Beirut
Tapline President and Mrs. John Noble and children arrived in Beirut in mid-July from a trip to the United States. Safety Engineer Fawzi M. Najim returned July 19 from a five-day trip to pump stations along the 'Line, where he made the quarterly management safety inspection tour.

George W. Ray, Jr., has resigned as General Counsel of Tapline, effective July 31, but will be available in consulting capacity for a number of years. William L. Owen has been appointed as General Counsel. He will continue to be based in Doha.

Harry McDonald, Acting General Manager of Arabian Government Relations, visited Tapline, June 21 through the 29th. A former Tapliner, Mr. McDonald enjoyed calling on his many friends in Beirut, Badara, and Tuscaw.

Miss Dzia S. Manoukian, clinic nurse in the Beirut Medical Division, left July 10 on a six-week holiday to Canada and the United States via Paris. Miss Nida N. Simaan, secretary, Government Relations, is also off to Rome, Paris and London.

Congratulations to Joseph E. Saba on his recent promotion to the position of Industrial Relations Analyst.

Wedding felicitations are due to Rizkallah Fayad, of Accounting, and the former Miss Henriette Nahas, ex-secretary to the Law Department, who celebrated their wedding, July 8, at the Wardieh Church in Beirut.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Tiegen returned to the fold July 12 from their European travels, which included the tennis matches at Wimbledon.

Tapline's former Superintendent of Purchasing and Traffic and Mrs. Gerhart Gossens have announced the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte, to Edward K. Johnstone II, of Kossuth, Iowa.

New York
June 10 was a busy day for three Tapline families in the New York area, with wedding bells ringing from morning to night.

In Milton Manor, Miss Mary Bartol became the bride of John Noble, Jr., eldest son of John Noble, Tapline President, in the First Parish church (Unitarian). The Noble family was well represented in the ceremony, with Chris Noble as his brother's best man, George Noble, another brother, as lead usher, and little sister Edith as a very charming flower girl.

Over in Oradell, New Jersey, the same Saturday, Miss Janet Ketcham, daughter of Gordon Ketcham, New York Personnel Supervisor, was married to Donald McGoughlin, in the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation.

Also on the same day, out in Jamaica, Queens, Miss Marian Harms, secretary to Mr. Ketcham, was married to John McArtin, in St. Clements Pope C. Church.

Another June wedding for Tapline-New York took place June 15, in Pensacola, Florida, where Miss Carol Barke became the bride of Mr. Jan Nelson, son of Alan C. Nelson, New York Operations Supervisor. The senior Nelsons motored to Florida for the wedding and continued on to Fort Worth, Texas, visiting their daughter in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Thusts returned June 11 from a four-week motor trip to the West Coast, having covered more than 9,000 miles, and visited most of the scenic wonder of the western states.

TSC Net Stars Win Three in a Row
Tapline Sporting Club's net stars have won all of their last three matches played on the TSC tennis courts.

On June 16, the Tapline racquetters beat a faculty team from the American University of Beirut, 5—1, taking two doubles, three mixed doubles, one singles and losing a mixed doubles.

Six days later, our players faced an American Embassy squad, 4—1, as they won three doubles, lost one singles and took another.

OPERATIONS REPORT

June

| Average BPD received at Sidon | 210,566 | 331,645 |
| Ships loaded | 31 | 263 |
| Average BPD loaded on ships | 211,918 | 317,437 |
| Average bbls per ship | 203,082 | 219,468 |
| Average BPD delivered to ships | 225,355 | 330,401 |

Pipeline throughput took another dip in June to stand at more than 47,800 barrels a day below the May figure, or 259,312 barrels a day below the all-time company high achieved in March 1959. June deliveries from Sidon averaged 225,355 BPD, compared with the record 454,625 BPD set in February this year. Probable average deliveries from Sidon for July are 222,000 BPD.

In June, 29 per cent of tankers calling at Sidon were below 20,000 deadweight tons; 32 per cent were of 20,000 to 30,000 DWT; 26 per cent were of 30 to 40,000 DWT; 7 per cent, of 40 to 50,000 DWT; and 6 per cent, of 50 to 60,000 DWT.

Destination of June liftings from Sidon: Canada, 29 per cent; Germany, 18 per cent; USA 13 per cent; England, 12 per cent; Italy, 8 per cent; France, 6 per cent; Holland, 5 per cent; Spain, 4 per cent; Belgium, 3 per cent; Canary Islands, 2 per cent.