Superintendent of Operations Donald W. Dreier explains a graph showing Tapline’s costs of service in a meeting for senior supervisors held September 11 at the Qaisumah Community Center. At left is President John Noble, who has sponsored this series of briefing sessions on current Tapline problems. (Photo by S. Daina).

SENIOR SUPERVISORS BRIEFED ON CURRENT TAPLINE PROBLEMS

Tapline President John Noble, Vice President of Operations Walter E. Locher, Acting Manager of Industrial Relations John P. O’Hagan, and Superintendent of Operations Donald W. Dreier were in Saudi Arabia, September 11-13, for the first of a series of briefing sessions for senior supervisors at Qaisumah, Rafha, Badanah and Turaif on current Tapline problems. General Superintendent George F. Heide met the Beirut headquarters group at Turaif and made the trip to Qaisumah and back.

President Noble briefed supervisors along the Line on the company’s Convention relationship with Governments. Mr. Dreier went over the company’s economic problems, while Mr. Locher talked about the measures that individual employees could take to assist the company.

Three meetings in this current series for Beirut and Sidon senior supervisors were also held in Beirut, September 11, 19 and 22. The date of other meetings will be announced later.

President Noble took advantage of his stopover at Badanah, September 12, to make a courtesy call at ‘Ar’aron His Highness Amir ’Abd Allah ibn ’Abd al-’Aziz ibn Mus’ad, Amir of the Northern Frontiers. Mr. Noble was accompanied by Messrs. Locher, Heide and Robert G. Van Perea.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ENDS, SCHOOL BEGINS

October strikes a new note for students and parents alike. For the students, it marks the resumption of formal intellectual pursuits after a long summer holiday. For American parents stationed on the Line, Sidon and Beirut, fall means the departure of sons and daughters to classes “abroad.” Seeking education outside Beirut are John Noble Jr., 24, a third year student at Columbia University’s Medical School, New York City, N.Y.; Christopher Noble, 22, sophomore, Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa; George W. Noble, 20, sophomore, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; Barbara Chandler, 19, a junior at Seattle University, Seattle, Washington; Jean Van Perea, 18, freshman, Jackson College of Tufts University, Medford, Mass.; Barbara Van Perea, 15, grade 10, Smith School, Milton, Mass.; Chuck Robinson, 20, sophomore, Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina; David Robinson, 18, freshman, Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina; David Ames, 12, fifth form, Amesbury School, Hindhead, England; Christian Campbell, 21, first year at University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland; Andrew Campbell, 13, grade 10, Ecole Nouvelle, Paudex, Switzerland; Jeanne Locher, 20, junior, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.; Anne Locher, 19, sophomore, Simmons College, Boston, Mass.; and James Tierney, 16, senior, Lycee Alpinum Zoone, Zuzer Engadin, Switzerland.

Leaving for school from the pump stations are Eddie Joe Ritter, 18, freshman, Oklahoma Military Academy, Claremore, Oklahoma; Gerald Hargrove, 18, freshman, Monterey State College, Monterey, California; Dane Lee Wood, 13, grade 8, Nepcoke, Penn.; Jimmy Fosdy, 12, junior in high school, Marymount International School, (Continued on page 3)
ZAHRAH BIDS FAREWELL TO PAUL AND NORAH COLE

To Chief Mooring Master and Mrs. Paul Ernest Cole, who left Lebanon September 16 on long vacation and subsequent transfer to Aramco, Ras Tanura, the Zahrani Country Club near Sidon said its heartfelt au revoir at a farewell dinner-dance sponsored by the club’s entertainment committee, September 9 at the clubhouse.

More than fifty Zahrani and Mudrees well-wishers attended the function, including, from Beirut, Today President and Mrs. John Noble, Walter E. Locher, Oscar T. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Orvis K. Bigelow and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Robertson.

ZCC's farewell's gift to the Cole's, under whose spell of contagious enthusiasm the club was originally formed and whose abounding energy has been of unmeasurable assistance in the organization of club activities, was a life membership bestowed on a gold plate.

Born in Great Falls, Montana, and calling San Francisco, California, his point of origin, Captain Cole transferred to Tapline from Aramco in January, 1951, after about a year's service as mooring master at the Ras Tanura port.

From 1951 to 1958, Captain Cole served as Mooring Master at Sidon Terminal, guiding more than 1,000 vessels in and out of the company's open sea moorings without accident. In September, 1958, he was promoted to Chief Mooring Master. From April to July, 1960, and during the month of February, 1961, he served as acting superintendent, Sidon Terminal.

Captain Cole's background is one of a professional woman. He has had experience abroad tankers and has also served as Staff Captain on large ocean liners of American President Lines and as Master of American President Lines freighters.

Following a holiday in Paris, Montreal and California, he attended the function, in- cluding, from Beirut, Today President Lines freighters.

Company Schools Re-Open In Arabia

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PFISTER ENDS COLORFUL CAREER

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**Raifah**

Construction of the first Saudi Home Ownership Plan house at Rafha started in late September. The project, under the supervision of General Services and Relations, has meanwhile returned from a temporary assignment in Lebanon.

Sheikh Abdullah Darwish also made a stopover at Rafha during the last week of August, while driving back to Dammam from Beirut. While here, Sheikh Darwish was the luncheon guest of His Highness Amir Abbas ibn ‘Abd al-Aziz ibn Mus’ad, Amir of the Northern Frontier.

**Beirut**

Effective September 16, William R. Chandler has returned from long state vacation with Mrs. Chandler, Gail and Sonny. Most of their time at Paget Lakes has been spent with Aramco. Thomas D. Durrance, Vice President of Petroleum Operations, has meanwhile returned from a business trip to the States.

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**Qaisumah**

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Effective September 16, Captain Arnold Odegard was appointed Chief Medical Officer, Lebanon Station

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On September 3, a “Get Together” competition was held at Dammam. Harry Fopper recently made a week-end trip to Sakha, where he vist—

**Sohem**

Off on holiday in Beirut from September 3, an invitation was received to Mrs. Kenneth E. Paar, the present guest of His Highness Amir Abbas ibn ‘Abd al-Aziz ibn Mus’ad, Amir of the Northern Frontier.

Mrs. Wood and children will join him later.

Raymond H. Massey, President of the Rotary Club in Sidon, has recently succeeded in adopting a baby girl in Beirut. The child has been named Elizabeth.

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OIL IN THE NEWS

Middle East Developments: The Ras Tanura Refrigerated LPG Plant, the first in the Middle East to make liquefied propane and butane gas available in refrigerated form for offshore sale, went on full stream as early as September. The project, which was completed at a cost of $7.5 million, includes facilities for producing 4,000 barrels of propane and butane per day.

- Site of the forthcoming Third Arab League Petroleum Congress has been shifted from Cairo to Alexandria. The dates remain October 16-21.
- Add another 3.5 billion barrels to reserves in the Middle East. This is the estimate of the combined recoverable reserves in two young fields under commercial development in Abu Dhabi, a sheikdom on the Trucial coast along the southern side of the Persian Gulf. The share of production of the Cie. Francaise des Petroles from the two fields will total 4 to 5 million tons per year, or about 60,000 to 100,000 barrels daily.
- Egypt is waxing optimistic over its new offshore field in the Gulf of Suez. The discovery, made earlier this year 90 miles south of Suez, tests 3,000 to 6,290 bbl. daily of 31.30 gravity crude. This is the most prolific well and the lightest oil ever found in the country.
- Oil has been struck in the Yemen for the first time, according to an announcement from the office of the deputy Imam of the Yemen. The spokesman said that a strike had been made by a U.S. concern which signed an agreement covering prospecting rights last year. Oil had been struck at Salif in the Tohama province.

Russian Gas: Russia apparently is going to give priority to conversion of her industry to natural gas. This will free oil for other purposes, and Soviet plans for substantial oil pipelines extending beyond her borders substantial reports that the U.S.S.R. intends to increase exports to Western Europe in coming years.

Within five years there will be a big surplus of Russian gas for export, outside experts predict, and it might well be dumped in Europe if the supply pattern there isn’t already firmly established. The Soviet Union, in fact, hopes to increase production of gas to provide 17.5 per cent of the fuel needs in 1965, according to a group of U.S. gas industry experts recently back from a trip to Russia. In 1966, gas provided 10.3 per cent of total fuel needs of the Soviet Union.

By comparison, last year an estimated 32.4 per cent of U.S. fuel needs was supplied by natural gas and naphtha gas liquids. Production of petroleum in the U.S.S.R. is expected to increase from 113 to 240 million tons between 1965 and 1966. In other words, petroleum production will increase by better than 100 per cent. Natural gas, on the other hand, is expected to show an even steeper increase, amounting to some 500 per cent between 1958 and 1965, and reaching a production of 150 billion cubic meters in 1965. Length of gas pipelines in service increased from 17,000 kilometers in 1959 to 21,500 in 1960 and will stretch to 40,000 in 1965. Increased use of gas for industry fuel probably will free additional amounts of crude oil for export.

Petrochemicals: Texaco, Inc., recently announced it would build one of the largest naphthalene plants in the world as a multimillion dollar installation at its Port Arthur, Tex., refinery. The plant, M. F. Granville, vice president, petrochemical department, said, will be designed to produce 100 million pounds of petroleum-derived naphthalene yearly and will go on stream by 1965. Construction of the plant said Granville is another major expansion of Texaco’s petrochemical activities.