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COMPANY BESTS SAFETY RECORD AGAIN IN 1962

Tapline improved its safety efforts again in 1962. Compared to 1961, last year's accomplishments included a 30 percent decrease in the number of employees disabled due to work injuries and a 15 percent drop in the number of employees treated for minor first-aid injuries.

Three areas of operations completed the 1962 year without having any of their employees sustain a disabling work injury. These areas are:

1. Sidon Operations and Deraa which completed at the year-end 1,146 days (or a total of 731,145 man-hours of work exposure) free of disabling work injuries.

2. Turaiif Central Facilities which completed at the year-end 405 days (or a total of 129,663 man-hours of work exposure) free of disabling work injuries.

3. Qaisumah station which at the end of 1962 completed 392 days (or a total of 193,143 man-hours of work exposure) free of disabling work injuries.

The number of fire incidents during 1962 was 33 percent lower than in 1961. The six fire incidents experienced last year were all put out very effectively at the time of inception before much damage was sustained. The total cost of fire damage was estimated at $640.

The number of 1962 vehicle accidents, on the other

TAPLINE'S 100th SAUDI HOME COMPLETED

Tapline's 100th Saud Home Ownership Plan house was completed at Turaiif and accepted by Lead Motor Transport Mechanic Hamed Mohammad on January 7.

Construction of the 100th S.H.O.P. house had started on March 27, 1962.

Tapline's Saud Home Ownership Plan enables interested and eligible employees to obtain new, good quality and durable homes through a deferred payment plan. The 100 houses constructed to date near pump station sites are at Turaiif (six), 'Ar'ar (four), Qaisumah (six) and Rafha (five).

Present plans indicate that Tapline Engineering expects to coordinate the completion of about 23 additional S.H.O.P. houses along the line during 1963.

Other activities in the Purchase and Traffic division again reached high proportions during 1962. The main functions performed by the P & T staff in 1962 included:

- Handling of 4,571 procurement requisitions.
- Keeping track of 17,736 items purchased on local and foreign markets.
- Coordinating the handling of 2,142 tons of equipment and supplies to field operations, including 192,435 gallons of gasoline, aviation gasoline, diesel oil and kerosene.
- Revision of 9,165 items of the Standard Stock Catalogue, a 318-page set of books containing 36,172 articles approved for purchase and usage by the Tapline Standardization Committee.

1962 Purchases Total $3,158,060

More than three million dollars worth of equipment and supplies were purchased by Tapline during 1962 on foreign and local markets. Fifty-one percent of last year's total purchases, amounting to $3,158,060, were tagged 'Purchased in Lebanon.' Similar requisitions for 1961 amounted to $2,587,323.

The substantial increase in company purchases over 1961 is attributed, mainly, to the purchasing of a sizeable amount of mobile equipment including thirty Mercedes vehicles (23 sedans and 7 trucks), one Austin Western and six Teale hydraulic cranes, four Dodge Power-Wagens, and one roller and rock crusher.

To obtain a home-loan, a Saudi Arab Tapliner first

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The retirement from Tapline of former Chief Accountant Orvis Karl Bigelow, however, will be in the form of a dinner party held at Beirut General Accounting and Supervision. Mr. Bigelow is a business man of the highest order, and his contributions to Tapline and the community have been significant. The retirement celebration will feature special presentations, awards, and entertainment. The event will be a significant milestone in Tapline's history, reflecting the company's commitment to serving its customers and the community.
HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

The Holiday Season is at end, and despite depleted funds and expanded waistlines, it was a merry, merry time. Parties galore up and down the line, Pump station recreation centers, Sidon Terminal Auditorium and the Tapline Sporting Club were gayly festooned with balloons and yards of colorful streamers; evergreen trees were decorated with sparkling ornaments and twinkling lights.

Qaisumah

The festive season got off to a flying start at Qaisumah with a dinner dance hosted December 24 by Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Sheehan. Special guests at the dinner dance were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ragsdale, of Rafha. All of the station's families and bachelors attended the function. The following day, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence P. Booth entertained with a sumptuous turkey dinner. On December 26 and 27, Station Superintendent and Mrs. Dudley P. Harbin hosted a get-together party and a tasty dinner followed by dancing, respectively. The station's bachelors were dinner guests again on December 28 at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Muhammad Abdul-Rahman.

The Lebanese expatriates in turn put in hours of arduous but rewarding work in preparing the New Year's party, which featured a variety of delicious Lebanese food, cards, folklore songs and dancing (including dabke) and which was attended by all members of the Qaisumah community. A special nod of thanks went to Dr. Hanna Wanna and John Nehme for their decoration and cooking efforts.

Rafha

At Rafha, the Holiday Season began with the children's party held in the Community Center, where Santa Claus (strongly resembling Elwood Gray) distributed a huge bag of gifts to all good little girls and boys.

Other functions hosted between Yuletide and New Year's Eve included a turkey dinner and an open-house hosted by the Charles S. Babbs and a Christmas Eve party and a New England dinner by the James F. Chaplins. At the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, 1963, was ushered in with a resounding welcome by the guests attending the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Willem A. Kruyt. January 1 and 2 were spent in exchanging greetings at parties hosted by the Babbs and Chaplins.

Badanah

In Badanah, holiday activities were highlighted by a

Badanah's school-age youngsters entertaining their families and friends with the traditional Yuletide pageant. (Photo courtesy of M. Soulban).

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willem A. Kruyt, New Year Eve revelers at Rafha are, from left, James F. Chaplin, Elwood Gray and John K. Tomlinson. (Photo by Saad Dabagh).

Station Superintendent and Mrs. Dudley P. Harbin (right) entertain Qaisumah employees at a dinner party during the holiday season. (Photo by A. B. Touma).

Dinner guests of Clarence P. Booth (left) and Mrs. Booth on Christmas were, from right around the table, Ra'fat Farah, Nick Gouweloos, Mrs. Dudley P. Harbin, Muhammad Abdul Rahman, John Ragsdale and Mrs. Richard S. Sheehan. (Photo by A. B. Touma).

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children's nativity pageant in the theater. Young and old
(led by [John N. Samaha, Henry C. Hannan, and George F. Hodes between Christmas and New Year. The community saw off the old year and welcomed in the new at a party given by Mohammed Babb and Mrs. Everett R. Robertson.}

Qarismah

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December 31 in the 18-hole kicker tournament with a 53 low net, Mrs. John H. Rosquist topped this dataf contestants with a 73.

Welcome aboard to Ayish Hamad who transferred from Turaif hospital to replace hospital orderly Saud Hadi, who has moved to Turaif.

Good luck to Dih M. Abo, who was transferred to Beirut as accountant effective January 8. Replacing him as accounting office clerk is Ihab Muneif, formerly of Turaif.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ragland and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rosquist have recently returned to the station from short leave.

Holidays have also ended for Joe Grimsbergen, Muhammad Ayed, The Everett S. Traceys, Sandullah Yacoub, Muhammad Mukhtar, Saud Albad and Hamad Hamad.

As part of his training assignment, Muhammad Sayyed relieved George O. Linbury as Local Company Representative—Rafha, effective January 2. Mr. Linbury left on that date to Beirut on a combined short vacation—business assignment, ending during the last week of January.

**Turaif**

Turaif’s welcoming mat is out for the John E. Konreichs and James V. Foodys on their return from long stateside vacations.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Hargrove, of Badanah, were the New Year guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett R. Robertson.

Christine Heide and Pamela Putnam are off to the Marymount International School in Rome, respectively, after spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with their parents in Turaif.

The H. H. Van Overhagen’s are off to Badanah, on the other hand, spent the year-end holidays in gay Beirut. Mrs. John A. Wood and children are off to the United States on long vacation. Mr. Wood will be joining them sometime in April.

Mrs. John T. Terry hosted a baby shower January 12 in honor of Mrs. Fahd Maasry. The baby shower was attended by all of Turaif’s female contingent.

Mr. Maasry, on the other hand, was the recent host of his mother-in-law who arrived here from Frankfurt to spend time with her daughter.


The Badanah Women’s Group sponsored a tea gathering recently in honor of Mrs. Robert W. Bowes, who has moved here with Mr. Bowes from Rafha.

Badanah has become a center of art as many houses are improving their artistic skills by taking painting lessons offered by Mrs. John Samaha. A versatile artist whose oil and water colors have embellished many art exhibitions, Mrs. Samaha has been painting since she was 8. In high school, her artistic talents earned her a 3-year scholarship to the Boston School of Fine Arts, Boston, Mass.

Welcome to Dr. George S. Bridi, on return from a one-month leave in Lebanon; Dr. Jacob D. Thadrous and Miss Hiyam Kabbani, on return from short visits to Turaif and Rafha; and Miss Alfie Fare, Ali Hussian, Raja Muhammad, Abdal Karim Mawad, Muthaq Ali, M. Musa and S. Dakhil, on return from short vacations.

Congratulations to station office clerk and Mrs. Ghur-mallah Abdullah on the birth of daughter Rihab.

**Qaryatain**

A group of six Saudi Arabian Tapline mechanics visited Qaryatain December 18 through the 21st on a familiarization trip with cathode generator engines.

The group included Harbi Hajari, of Turaif; Hassan Zareh, of Badanah; Doflah Ghamadi and Aliosh Badam, of Rafha; and Saleh Khrayr and Faded Suleiman, of Qaryatain.

George A. Hearn hosted a luncheon party at Qaryatain’s mess hall January 4 entertaining Joe Bustani, of Beirut, A. C. De Raad, of Turaif, Qaryatain employees, as well as a group of the Qaryatain police guard, including Sgt. Assi Freida, Lt. Corp. Malsh Sabah and Corp. Muhammad Suleiman.

Vacations have recently ended for Anis N. Kawar, Muhammad Takrouni and Assaad A. Khatib.

**Sidon**

W. J. Chatham II, the Charles Martin and Company representative, held an open-house December 28 in celebration of Christmas and New Year.

Dr. George M. Stephan flew to London on December 29 to take a post graduate course in cardiology at London University’s Institute of Cardiology.

Upon his return, Dr. Stephan will go on a part time contract basis performing medical services for Tapline in the morning, and will establish a private practice clinic in the city of Sidon.

Installation of a new control board, which will replace two old ones at Sidon’s shore control room, is expected to be completed by the end of January.