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Mohammed Falih, Aramco’s assistant rotary driller and guide at the exhibit, describes operations of the model drilling rig to His Highness.

Guests to the opening of the exhibit.

Guests at the luncheon party hosted shortly before the opening. Among those attending the function were Messrs. Barger, Chandler, Walter L. Lueckel, Thomas E. Enman, Nabil ibn ‘Arif, Dr. Jumâd Ghanma, Robert E. Marsh, George F. Heide and E. Garrison.

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Badanah

New faces around Badanah are Dr. Dikran L. Chamlian and Misses Fadwa S. Rayyan and Claire D. Sayegh. Chamlian and Sayegh are with us again from Junior in San Jose State College. Dr. D. L. Chamlian is back in mid-January. Operations and Maintenance families at a turkey dinner Nov. 28 in celebration of Thanksgiving Day.

The Hadad Harrigos, Richard L. Coughnaults and Francis B. Hyes have returned to the fold from long leaves. Many dinners have been held in celebration of their return. While the Hyes vacationed in Lebanon, the Coughnaults made the return trip from the U.S. via Hong Kong and Japan. The Harrigos spent most of their holiday in Benza, Nevada, and with son Gerald, who is a junior in San Jose State College. Capt. and Mrs. Edward J. Sibley held a dinner party at their newly renovated house to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Hyes and bid farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Michel G. Khouy, who are off to Lebanon on vacation.

Badanah also bids its heartfelt mea sana to Miss Mrs. N. Prince, who is off to Beirut after a seven-year stay in Saudi Arabia. Dr. Prince will be leaving the field permanently in December to join the Medical Corps in the Lebanese Army. Congratulations to Chuck Hardwick, low gross winner of George H. Heide's trophy, and to John N. Sambath, double winner of Robert E. Marsh and Jack Sicilus cups. The golf team was coached in late November.

Welcome aboard to Abdallah Abdul-Khaliq on his transfer here from Turaif and hearty congratulations to Cheannahallah Abdallah on his promotion from station office clerk to station office supervisor.

Qusimah

Annex President and Mrs. Thomas Harden spent an overnight in Qusimah Nov. 13 to see the annexion of the premises to Qusimah. It was given to a host for Qusimah and the Clarion P. Boethar entertained them at dinner.

Miss Hana H. Hamdan and children arrived here from Turaif and heartily congratulations to Cheannahallah Abdallah on his promotion from station office clerk to station office supervisor.

Other 'Turaif vacationers are also due to Nigel G. Berber, driver all remaining on the November and December marriage of his daughter Elham.

Turaif

Unfortunately, Turaif’s major event in November centered on the Never Green Golf Course annual championship played Nov. 13-14. Bob Price grossed 131 in 36 holes to grab the men’s title. Low net winner was Jean Oudah. Other low gross winners were Alphonse Hardwick, Robert A. Prusinski, Richard R. Burnett, Laft Nayef and John H. Arnold.

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The distinction of being among the first handful of Saudi Arab Tapliners to complete 15 years of service are Abdul Kerim and Suleiman Fahad Othman. The three-star emblems were given to Abdul Kerim and Suleiman Fahad Othman for their respective service. E. R. Robertson and Richard Ragsdale showed after, from left are Misses: Robelkol, Selaie, Karoun, Salame, and Ragsdale. (Photo by Nasr).

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The Holiday Season to me always has meant a chance to renew friendships, to count blessings, and to look forward to the future with confidence and hope.

I think that in retrospect we in Tapline will come to regard the year 1963 as a period of change. The month of March found the last of a series of agreements concluded with our host governments. In October, we installed the new 36-inch loop at Sidon, and started work preliminary to imploding the pipeline road. Of perhaps the most significance, the year is closing on a pattern of increased crude oil throughput. These and other developments all indicate that 1963 in fact may have been a turning point from a somewhat static pace in our operations to one that will be more dynamic and which will offer each of us new challenges and opportunities.

It is in a spirit of optimism and good cheer then that I take this occasion to send Very Best Wishes for the Holidays to you and to your families, and to express the hope that 1964 will be a Happy and Prosperous Year for all.

Very R. Chandler

Beirut
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