George Hajjar Wins Top Stateside Fishing Prize

George M. Hajjar, who is currently on a training assignment in New York, won the prize for catching the biggest fish on the Aramco-Tapline Hook Line and Sinker Club's outing, Saturday, July 18.

The group numbered around 14, and their fishing boat, out of Freeport, Long Island, took them to Atlantic fishing grounds off Long Beach. One Aramco member of the party was sure he had won the prize money, with four large fish already caught, but George came through with a 12-pound, 16-inch fluke, the largest of the day.

Our Coordinator-Traffic had left Beirut on a combined business-vacation trip to the United States on April 16, one day after chalk- ing up 17 years of service with Tapline.

A "fisherman" at heart, Mr. Hajjar told the Periscope reporter in Beirut he planned to continue practicing his hobby on the American coast.

Old-timers undoubtedly recall G. M. Hajjar that on October 17, 1957, he "fished" and rescued a German pilot whose Rhodes-bound, one-engine plane crashed off Beirut near the Pigeons' Rock, about 50 meters from the Tapliner's fishing boat.

Turaif Gets Road Scales

The road scales donated by Tapline to Saudi Arabia to enable the government to control the weight of trucks going on to the pipeline road at Turaif have been placed in operation with statistical information on truck weights being gathered by two members of the Communications Ministry in conjunction with Mr. Joubert, a United Nations advisor to the Saudi Arabian Government.

The purpose of the program is to enable SAG and Tapline to learn exactly the truck weights on both east and west-bound traffic.

Tapliners extend sincere condolences and deepest sympathy.
Liaison Engineer—Construction, Beirut headquarters. (Photo by Nasr).

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The 19 Tapliners Get Service Stars in July

Eleven Tapliners were awarded three-star ratings in July for completing 15 years of continuous company service. Eight others received two-star insignia for chalking up 10 years of service during the same month. Fifteen-year pin recipients were:

Add N. Abu Snail, of Comptroller's; Arame, A. Akef, of Purchasing and Traffic.

The Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California.

Mr. Prusinski is Transferring to Aramco

Manager of Operations Robert A. Prusinski left Beirut June 30 on extended vacation and subsequent transfer to Aramco.

Auditors in July and July. In background, from left, are one of two Halftown fuel filters, two secondary filters and a similar unit on the fuel water. In background is the crude oil tank. (Photo by Naipi).

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**OIL IN THE NEWS**

Information matter reported in this column is compiled from and based on reports recently published in the following newspapers and periodicals: *Petroleum News*, *Gas Journal* and *World Petroleum*.

**Star Canal**

A slight increase in the cost of transporting oil from the Arabian Gulf to Europe will result from the decision of the new Star Canal Board to raise the toll rate for tankers. The rate will be based on a per-barrel basis, with the rate per bar per barrel being 0.125 cent per barrel. Owners of tankers over 2,000 tons will be charged a 2.5% surcharge on the current toll rate. The new rate will take effect on July 1.

**Tapliner Gardeners Boost Efforts**

Taplin's amateur gardeners in Saudi Arabia are keeping up their efforts to make the desert stations bloom. After having their station faces lifted, the likes of which even Mother Nature can be proud, the Badanah gardeners received in July a company shipment of about 2,000 seedlings and bulbs adaptable to desert plantation.

Pipeless shoe green behind the guest house at Rafha. (Photo by Nasr).

**TAPLINER STARS ON STAGE**

Edward N. Ferzly, alias Eddy Lister, was the stage star of the Annual Performance sponsored by "L'Atelier de la Danse" of Miss Alice Lassar at the Galludet Theater in Beirut, June 11 and 12. The Purchase and Traffic Tapliner has been in the dancing business since 1940. A graduate of Bundy's School of Stage Dancing in London, he has been on stage, off-stage for ten years.

**Safety Questions and Answers**

(712) R. M. Weeks

How can I tell if the electrical circuits in my house are overloaded? Good signs are: a flickering television, a slow-heating appliance, or fuses and fuses that blow. Worse, forced to supply too many amperes, a fuse may have a small amount of electricity to each, causing appliances to function improperly. Overloaded wiring often becomes hot enough to start a fire. If you notice these danger signs, call an electrician to check the wiring.

**What do you do if your car suddenly hits rough pavement or gravel on a road?** Don't apply the brakes. Sudden braking action may cause your car to fishtail or swerve, possibly into oncoming traffic. The best thing to do is to concentrate on steering and let up on the accelerator allowing the engine to slow the car down.

**Is it safe to refer meat that has been frozen?** Yes, it's especially important to keep a frozen meat whose temperature is slightly spoiled even though it is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit and will not transmit diseases or other signs of spoilage. Should washing machines ground? Yes, it's especially important to keep a frozen meat whose temperature is slightly spoiled even though it is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit and will not transmit diseases or other signs of spoilage.
Turaf

The Turaf community celebrated the 2023 Independence Day with a special event that took place on July 4th at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hall. Highlights of the program included a display of fireworks.

The Turaf Women's Group hosted a tea party recently to welcome Miss Adriana Verhoeven, a newcomer to the town.

The Rahaf School held a dinner party to welcome some of the students who have arrived in Turaf to spend the summer school holiday with their parents.


Dr. and Mrs. Kamal Au started their trip from Turaf to the capital city of Damascus via Beirut. They arrived on the 3rd of August, and were greeted by their daughter, Ann Rainer, and Mrs. Anna Au's sister, who spent six weeks in Turaf.

On the 4th of August, the President of the Syrian Arab Republic, Mr. Bashar Al-Assad, paid a visit to the city of Turaf, which was attended by the Mayor, Mr. Hassan Al-Sabbagh, and other local officials.

The city's main revenue source, the Turaf Central Welding Shop for the use by the Road Improvement Program company, was closed due to a strike by workers.

The president of the City Council, Mr. Zaid Al-Sabbagh, and the Mayor, Mr. Hassan Al-Sabbagh, announced that the strike would continue until the demands of the workers are met.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hanra of Turaf visited Qatar in June and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Cusack. They had a wonderful time in Qatar.

Other Qatari visitors during the month were David Dodge, Manager of Government Relations—Mauritius, and Muhammad Al-Yousef, of the Danish embassy.

The mayor of Turaf, Mr. James Mandcheville, Jr., announced the duties and responsibilities of Local Company Representative—Badanah (Area), effective July 15 and until the return of the incoming John N. Sama, in early September. The Mandcheville also announced that he had been invited to attend the Arab League conference in Amman.

Welcome back to the Office of the Mayor, Mr. John N. Sama, who returned from his visit to the United States. The mayor announced that the city's schools would be closed on Tuesday, September 12, for a meeting of the City Council.

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Capt. Ludvigsen Completes New Scale Model Of Sidon Terminal

Just before leaving on long vacation in June, Mooring Master Walther J. Ludvigsen completed a new, complex and detailed scale model of Sidon Terminal and its installations. It is now on exhibit in the 7th floor lobby of Beirut headquarters.

The model comes in the wake of the recently-completed Sidon Terminal Improvement Program which entailed the relocation of two submarine loading berths to deeper water and the installation of a 36 inch parallel pipeline to one of the relocated berths.

A model ship made when he was 10 years old started Capt. Ludvigsen on a hobby and a career that have proved both interesting and profitable.

With Tapline since April 1951, Capt. Ludvigsen has made models of ships, trains, planes, etc. and has sold or exhibited many of his creations.

His wife and two children—Borre Johan, 18, and Alice, 12—help him keep track of his large collection of pictures and models of ships. The captain is also an able cartoonist.

With Tapline since April 1951, Capt. Ludvigsen was manager of the Seamen's Employment Office in his hometown of Fredricstad, Norway, a government office which registers and places over 7,000 seamen of various grades.

He spent 20 years in the Norwegian merchant marine, worked from deckhand to captain, served for eight years on tankers, got his officer's license in 1933 and the master's license in 1940 from the Nautical College in Norway.

Sidon's capable mooring master is a polyglot too, speaking and writing Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, English, German and some French and Spanish.

Dr. and Mrs. Nizar Turk of Badanah played host July 7 at a triple-purpose dinner party, welcoming the Edwin J. Wrights and bidding farewell to the Haskell Hargroves and John N. Samuelus. Shown above at the junction, from left, are Mildred Hargrove, Samantha Wright, (photo by Nasr).