For a change — and quite a change — rains. The Jan. 14—21 week was the wettest in many years at each of Badanah and Turai, where 1.70 inches and 1.03 inches were registered, respectively. The heavy rains hindered progress in the application of asphalt coat on the main pipeline road and halted the supply of asphalt.

Rain—Trapped Tapliner Drives Safely To Badanah

Haskell Hargrove, Supervisor — Main Line Road, drove into Badanah at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, after having been stranded in the desert by heavy rains for about 48 hours.

Mr. Hargrove was driving from Rafha into Badanah Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 20, when his car was trapped by a deluge of rain near Km. 549, which is 31 kilometers east of Badanah station. Although Mr. Hargrove was driving a car equipped with a VHF radio unit, he lacked food and blankets.

A private plane doing aerial survey work in the area for the Saudi Arab Government, volunteered to drop food and blankets to the stranded Tapliner. Badanah Station Superintendent John H. Arnold was on the relief flight Thursday afternoon.

A company plane, which had taken off from Beirut International Airport Thursday, Jan. 21, was the 19th car totaling a severity rate of 2.9 and 20 in 1964, against 6.1 and 12.2 in 1963, was the only Tapline unit which qualified in 1964 for the President’s Letter of Safety Achievement.

The month of January brought freak weather and heavy rains to widely separated parts of Saudi Arabia. In the Badanah area, which bore the brunt of the floods, 1.70 inches of rain were recorded on Jan. 19—20.

Wadi Badanah and ‘Ar’ar were flowing at great speed, cutting off traffic between station and town. The main pipeline road was also closed to traffic due to floods.

ACCIDENTS MAR SAFETY STREAK

Tapline’s safety efforts during 1964 were matched by a number of unfortunate accidents which caused a substantial hike in the frequency and severity rates of industrial disabling injuries:

The frequency rate (or number of disabling injuries per one-million manhours of work exposure) soared to 13 in 1968, compared with 6.3 in 1963, 7.4 in 1962, 11 in 1961 and 7.4 in 1960.

The severity rate (or number of days charged per one-million manhours of work exposure) soared to 4,452 last year, compared with 114 in 1963, 150 in 1962, 48 in 1961 and 106 in 1960.

The sharp rise in the severity rate during 1964 is attributed to penalty charges of $1,000 days as a result of one death, an amputation of the right foot above the ankle and an amputation of the distal phalanx of the left ring finger

The number of 1964 motor vehicle accidents also increased by 30 percent over that of 1963 while the total cost of company property damages incurred from these accidents doubled.

The number of 1964 fire incidents remained the same as the year before but material loss fell from about $838,000 in 1963 to about $11,000 last year.

Whereas four of Tapline’s nine areas of operations had completed the 1963 year without having any of their employees sustain a disabling industrial injury, none did so in 1964.

Badanah station, whose frequency and severity rates stood at 2.9 and 20 in 1964, against 6.1 and 12.2 in 1963, was the only Tapline unit which qualified in 1964 for the President’s Letter of Safety Achievement.

To be awarded such a letter, a company unit must achieve a minimum 20 percent improvement in the frequency and severity rates of disabling work injuries over the best record achieved in any of the three previous calendar years.
More than six million dollars worth of equipment and supplies were purchased by Tapline during 1964 on foreign and local markets.

Total company purchases totaled $6,070,439 in 1964, against $7,285,046 in 1963 and $8,539,093 in 1962. Company purchases started in 1963 and were $1,630,093 as a result of the end of two years of a sizable amount of equipment for the Road Improvement Program. Tapline’s total purchases last year amounted to $5,829,826.

Sales of company surplus equipment in 1964 totaled up to $12,735.

Other records set in 1964:

- Loading a ship at an average rate of 56,479 barrels per hour
- A maximum one-hour loading rate of 61,161 barrels on Dec. 8.
- A total period of 10 months during 1964.
- An all-time annual record of 432,204 BPD in 1964.
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Turaif's school children enter the theater for the presentation of "Candle for Yuletide."

Obviously beclouded by Sama's hair and present is 12-month-old John Bosque Jr., Turaif's smallest joy to greet the ray-chilled visitor.

**HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS**

Taglines greeted 1965 with the annual ritual of partying, assorted rejoicings, variety shows and brilliant decorations. Embellished by the sight of ornamented Christmas trees and the arrival of that Jolly Old Fellow to distribute gifts, happy youngsters once again went squads of delight spilling along the Lane. And from Qaisumah Station to Sidon Town; old and young Taglines observed the Holiday Season with dedication and merri-making.

The festive season at Qaisumah was marked by two dinner parties hosted on Christmas and New Year's Eve by Local Company Representative and Mrs. Mohammed Al-Khalfan. In between the two parties, the station's bachelors organized a successful picnic featuring Lebanon food, folklore songs and dancing.

Holiday gathering got under way at the Rafha Community Center when the Golf Group enjoyed a sit-down dinner ably prepared by chefs-for-the-night L. S. MacNab, Ralph Thomas and Joseph Tricarico. Mr. Nick paid his annual trip to Rafha's small fry at the E. S. Tracey residence on Christmas Eve. Later in the evening, open house and dinner were held at the Howard Jensen and Antoine Ghazis. A between-Christmas-and-New Year open house and buffet dinner were hosted by the Tracins, with station and Road Improvement Program personnel attending.

The station welcomed in the new 1965 year at a party and dance at the home of Fred and Joyce Temple. The next morning, Station Superintendent and Mrs. Dempewolf prepared a delicious brunch for sleepy people. Still later in the day, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Overell held open house and buffet dinner for all.

Holiday visitors were Kathleen and Stanley Tracey, home from school in Beirut, and Mary Ann D. Honours, who visited with the Robert D. Honours.

Badanah

In Badanah, Yuletide activities centered around the school children's nativity pageant at the church. E. M. Santa Claus, strongly resembling Clifford Beasley, arrived amid cheers from the tiny tots, who clustered around him for their gifts and stockings filled with candy. An open house was held that evening at the John N. Samahas. Later still, a dancing party was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Michel Khoury, Dr. and Mrs. Edmon Sifri, the Emile Chalhous and Miss Fatmeh Abu-Zahr.

A baby boy was born at the Badanah hospital on Christmas Eve. His name was Issa for the occasion.

At the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, 1965 was ushered in with a resounding welcome by the guests attending the party hosted by the station's bachelors.

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Turaif

The Arabian headquarters for the 'Line was literally invaded by 33 Turaif children who were off from school in Lebanon and Europe for the year-end festivities.

Mr. A. Kanaan took an early lead Dec. 18 by hosting an open house.

Proud parents and papas, and bachelor too, crowded the Community Center Dec. 23 to watch the station's younger generation perform the holiday program featuring, impressive Nazrity Fqeriarry. Coaching credits for the highly successful entertainment go to Mrs. Kamal Assali, Mrs. Rhea H. Putnam and Mrs. Jan Gryan. On the masts were Victor Hanna, Linda Schaar and Lyn Putnam. The function was concluded by the arrival of the Man with the Red Flannel Suit (created by J. A. Krantzi) and the distribution of presents to the little folks.

Christmas Eve celebrations by the elder generation got away to a flying start when a choir comprising Dr. Kamal Assali, Dr. and Mrs. Rodolpho Salliedah, Mr. R. H. Putnam, the Karl Feldmann, Mike Ribak, Mr. and Mrs. M. Van Oosten, Linda Schaar, Lyn Putnam, Charlote Pickard and Albert and Charles Chaisson toured the stations caring on the porch of every house.

Later in the evening, the Picketts celebrated both Christmas and their fifth wedding anniversary with a successful party.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Putnam held open house Dec. 27 while the Assals and Gurney co-sponsored another holiday function during the hectic Christmas-New Year week.

At the tail end of 1964, the E. R. Robertson celebrated Ralph's birthday and the advent of 1965 with a station-wide party which was unanimously voted "the event of the (1964) year."

The Turaif teenagers also party-hopped at the Pickey and George Hanna during the year-end celebrations.

Sidon

At Sidon Terminal, the Zahabian Club membership and the terminal children had their Christmas parties at the Auditorium Dec. 19 and 22, respectively.

Later on Dec. 24, Executive Vice President W. E. Locher, Manager of Operations J. J. Kelberer, Manager of Industrial Relations R. D. Davis, Terminal Superintendent A. A. Brickhouse, A. D. Ogdardsen and other staff members celebrated the holidays at the terminal看望 employees a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The Beirut tiny tots, more than a hundred of them, had their Christmas party at the Tapline Sporting Club Dec. 23. Santa Claus, portrayed by Mike Ajava, had gifts for one and all.

The Dec. 26, a group of Beirut and Sidon gifts and their wives were the guests of President and Mrs. William B. Chandler at their Beirut residence.

On Dec. 22, Beirut headquarters personnel were also entertained at a TSC Christmas party hosted by President Chandler on behalf of Tapline's Management.

The club's New Year's Eve Ball was an outstanding success featuring excellent food, lively orchestra music, tombola, tooting horns, Capt. T. J. Reid and Capt. J. J. Kelberer at the holiday party for Beirut employees.

Turaif's station soccer team triumphed in the 'Arac School team twice during December. Each of the two matches ended with a 3-1 victory for the Turaif soccer players, pictured above with their counterparts from the 'Arac.

Badanah

Station Superintendent and Mrs. John H. Arnold are with us again following a short assignment at the Sidon marine terminal.

Good luck to Dr. Maurice Borsodi of the Badanah hospital staff who left the station in early January for a six-month post graduate training course in internal medicine and chest diseases.

The whirl of social functions in late December and early January included a dinner hosted by Miss Georgette Halida in honor of Miss Gisette Angelina and Ra'at Farah, who have recently announced their engagement; a birthday party given by Miss Najily Nazim in celebration of the anniversary of her farsa, Ira Min; and a farewell party thrown by Miss Angelina in honor of Miss Haddad before the latter's departure from Tuna.

Our special felicitations go to Station Office Clerk Ahmed Al-Bassiri, captain of the station soccer team, on his recent engagement in Jordan.

Mr. Biramer, Land Motor Transport Mechanic Mohamed Al-Awqiq and Hospital Orderly Clerk Mhammed Al-Mal resigned in December the keys to their newly-completed Saudi Home Ownership Plan houses.

Senior Shift Operator Mohamed Saidi became in December one of the few Saudi Arab Tapliners to top the 12 years of company service.

Dr. Michel Nasser of AUB's resident staff arrived in Badanah Jan. 18 on a one-month assignment at the hospital.

Sidon


Sidon Terminal Superintendent A. A. Brickhouse and Pipeline Superintendent H. Banroo inspected the pipeline in Syria Dec. 7 and 9. They were accompanied by Dem's foreman, Randy Buntant, Dec. 21. Capt. Brickhouse and Mr. Banroo accompanied G. H. Carolles and Mathies Moulton of Beirut and Mahmoud Al-Yousif of the Damascus office on an inspection of Tapline's right-of-way in the vicinity of Banias, Syria.

Capt. T. J. Reid and Capt. J. J. Kelley of Mobil Oil, Libya, left the terminal in December on completion of their familiarization assignments.

James F. Chapin returned from long vacation to assume the duties and responsibilities of Assistant Superintendent — Ship on Dec. 18. John H. Arnold, who had been releasing Mr. Chapin, is back to his Badanah function.

Pipeline Superintendent H. Banroo, pipeline mechanics E. Halabi and Amad mechanics A. S. Karth returned to the Terminal Dec. 29 from a three-day trip to Jordan, where they assisted in repair of the leak at Km. 873.

Respects were extended to Capt. T. J. Reid on his recent engagement in Jordan.

Good luck to Elie Hamar, who has left the field permanently.

Turaif

Off an annual vacation are the Charles S. Ballback. Richard L. Crouthwait is relieving Mr. Ballback as station superintendent.

Other Turali assignments are Charshad Farhat, Ali Hidal, Abdul-Aziz Hinnon, Niel Moon, Daleh Suliman, Hamad Mahmoud and Nazar Suliman.

Christmas of 1964 was spent in Syria Dec. 7 and Hanna left for Qaryatain on re-serve Dr. R. Saqair, and Dr. Gh. Nasser for Qaryatain Dec. 29 from a three-day trip to Awzil Najm and Hassan Jabara. Dr. R. Sarak and Dr. Gh. Nasser for Qaryatain Dec. 29 from a three-day trip to Awzil Najm and Hassan Jabara.

Rosquist. Their guests were Sandra Olsen, Mary and Ann Feldman, Berta Faber, Kim Scharn, Bill Pickett, Hans Overhagen, Eric and Scott Turner and John Koenreich.

A baby-shower was held at the Carl Schauer in December for Mrs. F. Verhoeven.

Rafha

Golf continued through December with the Calloway Tournament, when an after-play gathering at the J. Tricot, new prizes awarded to Roger Allen (first) and Ken Groll (runner-up) in the men's division and to Norma Dippind (first) and Arlene Kimerly (runner-up) in the women's division. In the Pitches and Put Tournament played New Year's Day, George Laubrey and Della Tracey carried top honors. Golfers were treated to brunch at the third hole by the Howard Jemion.

Dr. F. Muirman and H. R. Penn of Aramco, Dr. A. Ghanem, Fawwaz Nams and Hazen Jabara of Beirut were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tricot during their December visit to the station. Attending the function also were Dr. Hanna Wani, Dr. Faheem Jeluli and George Laubrey.

Rafha station's soccer team edged the Rafha Amirate School squad 2-1 on Dec. 24.

Off on local leave in December were Hanae Ahmed, Saleh Suleiman, Saad Daina, Saleh Humeida and Salim Mahfoud.

Beirut

President W. R. Chandler returned to Beirut Jan. 20 from New York, where he attended the Executive Committee meetings.

D. M. Falconer was appointed Assistant to the Manager of Operations, effective Jan. 1.

Vice President — Administration H. S. Smith departed on long vacation Jan. 15.

Dr. R. M. Henry, Vice President — Government Relations, was in New York for a week-long vacation, Jan. 9-13.

Charles Badran, D. M. Falconer, W. V. Hall and G. F. Hede made a one-week trip to Dhahran in January to review Aramco's materials system.

Issa Mitri, Assistant Pharmacist, recently spent one week in Jordan.

The December list of Qaisumah's Servicestars were presented three-star emblems in January for completing 15 years of continuous company service. They are:

Beirut

M. R. Abu Jawaib, of Comptroller's, R. E. Falconer, of Marine.

H. M. Bizri, of Operations & Repairs — Station.

M. D. Kashouri, of Marine.


Shukri Soulban, of Operations & Repairs.


A. A. B. Akra, of Operations & Repairs.


N. H. Makhoul, of Motor Transport.

B. W. M. Al-Akra, of Operations & Repairs.

T. B. Ghanem, of P. & T.

T. A. Muslimani, of Marine.

H. J. Dabbagh, of Operations & Repairs.

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M. M. Hassun, of Marine.

K. B. Abraham, of Marine.

M. D. Kassiri, of Marine.

B. N. Karmi, of Marine.

B. A. Chebil, of Marine.

M. B. Kobrosly, of Operations & Repairs.

A. A. Al-Ahmad, of Marine.

H. A. Safadi, of Operations & Repairs.

B. M. Suchaf, of Marine.

K. E. Shera, of Operations & Repairs.

K. N. Simaan, of Operations & Repairs.

R. N. Abdul-Samad, of Operations & Repairs.

M. K. Taki, of Operations & Repairs.

M. A. Abul Khair, of Marine.

M. B. K. Taki, of Marine.

A. W. Akra, of Motor Transport.

H. M. Hamid, of Motor Transport.

M. N. Hadjian, of Community Services.

Qaisumah

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