Arabian Division representatives to the President's Cup golf tournament, slated to be held at Sidon May 20 and 21, face the camera. They are, from left, seated: Mrs. E. L. Wood, Mrs. R. H. Putnam, Ed Ritter, Mrs. F. H. Gieseking, Mrs. E. R. Robertson, Mrs. E. S. Tracey; and standing: A. Michel Moussa, Moussa Moussa, C. S. Babb, S. M. Siddique, Howard Jensen, Chuck Hardwick, Ed Wright and Rhea Putnam. (Photo by Nasr).

RITTER, SLOTBOOM OUTSHINE ARABIAN GOLF QUALIFIERS

Two Qaisumah Tapliners walked away with top honors at the Annual 'Line Golf Tournament played in "smiling weather" April 29 and 30 at Turaif's Never Green golf course.

Exceeding Rashees from during the 36-hole event, Ed Ritter shot a winning low gross of 149—four strokes under Ahmad Said of Badanah and Howard Jensen of Rafha.

Hans Slotboom's 10-point handicap for 36 holes gave him low net honors with 128.

For the women, Mrs. E. R. Robertson of Turaif was the low gross champion with 192—ten strokes under Mrs. R. H. Putnam's score for the 36—hole event.

Mrs. F. H. Gieseking of Rafha was the low net medalist with 136.

The annual 'Line tourney determines membership on the Arabian Division team to the President's Cup Tournament, scheduled to be held at the Zahrani Country Club at Sidon May 20—21.

Arriving in Turaif April 28, the 20 entrants from Qaisumah, Rafha and Badanah were met at the airstrip by Mrs. J. H. Rosquist, president of the Turaif Never Green Golf Club, C. S. Babb, R. H. Putnam and M. A. Kearney. They were then entertained at a coffee gathering by Mrs. R. L. Crosthwait, C. S. Babb, R. H. Putnam and M. A. Kearney.

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Promptly at 8:00 a.m., April 29, Maurice Nace, who acted as tournament chairman, chief judge, chief scorekeeper and starter, sent off the first foursome, with the remaining 25 participants following at 15—minute intervals.

Field judges for the two—day event were R. W. Bowe and Jean Obeid.

Mr. Walter Hetzel's retirement as the Saudi Home Ownership Plan houses at Rafha town and two at 'Ar'ar during April raised the number of S.H.O.P. houses built along the 'Line to 157.

Of the 157 homes completed and accepted by the end of April, 55 are at Turaif town, 61 at 'Ar'ar, 20 at Rafha town and 21 at Qaisumah.

Nineteen more dwellings were being built at the end of April near pump stations sites at Turaif (four), 'Ar'ar (five) and Rafha (ten).
Hajjars Fed at Dinner Party

About 30 couples attended the Purchase and Traffic division's dinner party held April 8 at the Gondole Restaurant in honor of P & T Superintendent and Mrs. M. Hajar.

All departments were represented at the highly successful function which was also attended by Executive Vice President W. E. Louden, Vice President—Government Relations B. M. Henry, R. H. Davis, J. J. Kellogg, W. Y. Hall, G. E. Heide and Dr. J. Thaddeus.

Addi Nojain, Coordinator—Purchasers, officiated at Master of Ceremonies.

W. E. Louden (left) with the parts of honor—Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hajar.

( Photo by Issa).

Rafha Hospital Staff Receive Honorary Shield

The shield for the "Best Maintained Hospital Along the Line" for the year 1964 has been awarded to the staff of Tapline's hospital at Rafha.

Presentation of the circulating trophy, initiated in 1956, was made to Rafha's hospital staff March 30 by Tapline's Medical Director, Dr. Jacob Thaddeus.

This marked the third time that the trophy goes to Rafha hospital, which earned the shield in 1958 and 1959.

The company hospitals at Baruth, Turaif and Qaisumah had earned it in 1960, 61 and 62, respectively.

The factors considered in giving the award include cleanliness and general neatness of the hospital, progressiveness and efficiency of medical functions, and cooperation and initiative of the staff.

While reporters from the Line to Beirut for the id al-Adha holiday in early April, Construction Technic Muhammad Ali Durrah of Turaif and Robert H. Allen, J. J. Good and J. A. Paul of Tapline's Road Improvement Program at Rafha, were involved in a car accident about 60 kilometers west of Qaisumah.

On the evening of April 8 and at a particularly sharp curve on the Amman-Baghdad highway, the vehicle rolled over, killing Mr. Durrah and injuring—were taken by an Arab Legion patrol to the Government Hospital at Irbed, where they received first-aid treatment. They were later moved to the Mushita Memorial Hospital in Amman.

Despite all efforts by the hospital staff, Mr. Allen succumbed to his injuries at 3 a.m. April 11.

Messrs. Gould and Paul, however, progressed to good health rapidly, leaving the hospital later in April.

Born in Solo in 1930, Mr. Durrah had served with Tapline between June 1951 and December 1960 at Solo Terminal and pump stations along the Line. He had been retired by the company last January.

Mr. Durrah had arrived in the field last October as an engineer.

To his bereaved wives, relatives and friends, Tapliners extend their sincere condolences.

Mr. M. A. Durrah

Car Crash Claims Lives Of Two

The second trimester for all Related Instruction Classes along the Line ended April 25 with 280 English and arithmetic enrollments at Turaif (65), Rafha (78) and Qaisumah (17).

The Related Instruction Classes, given on the basis of three trimesters a year such as at Amur- c's Industrial Training Centers, were started at all four pump stations on Feb. 6 as a substitute to the Development Schools which formerly had an enrollment of 150 students.

The highest enrollment at the Development Schools, which were operated for about 10 years, was in 1965 when 250 student-employees were enrolled at the four main stations.

The major difference between the former Development Schools and the new Related Instruction Classes is that students-employees are released from their regular work schedules under the latter system.

Employees eligible to attend BIC see those who have need for English and arithmetic on their jobs. They are excused by their respective supervisors.

Introduction of the RIC marked the first time that arithmetic is taught on an organized basis at all stations. New textbooks and study materials have been added to the curriculum.

Moreover, the RIC teaching staff controlling community classes at all stations, now work as full-time English teachers and one language training supervisor, compared with two full-time English teachers and one language training supervisor under the old Development Schools system.
Golf trophy winners of the Line Championship Tournament held at Turaif April 29-30 were from left, seated, Mrs. R. H. Putnam (runner-up, ladies’ low gross), Mrs. F. H. Gieseking (ladies’ low net), Mrs. E. R. Robertson (ladies’ low gross) and Mrs. E. S. Tracey (runner-up, ladies’ low net); and standing: A. Said (runner-up, men’s low gross), Ed Ritter (men’s low gross and low net runner-up), and Hans Slotboom (men’s low net).

The retirement of Walter Hetzel (standing) as Qaryatain supervisor was celebrated at the trophy banquet concluding the Line golf tournament at Turaif, April 30. Others from left are Mrs. R. H. Putnam, C. B. Babb, Mrs. J. H. Rosquist, Mr. Putnam and Mrs. E. R. Robertson.

Lining up a putt on Turaif’s Never Greer course during the Line championship tournament April 29-30 is Mrs. E. R. Robertson. The silent observers are, from left, Mesdames Gieseking and Tracey.

First tee-off at No. 1 of the Turaif golf course.

Hans Slotboom, K. Orrell and Elwood Gray on one of Turaif’s true but fast golf greens.

1965 LINE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

(Photos by Nasr)

The trophy banquet for the annual Line tournament was held at Turaif’s community center April 30.

Judge for the two-day Line tournament was Jean Obeid (left) and R. W. Bous.

The honor of becoming the first distaff employee to participate in a Line championship went to Miss Omeima Sarkis (left), of Badanah hospital’s nursing staff. Others from left are Mesdames Despain, Gieseking and Wood.
In welcoming five new hires to the station—Transportation Office—Clerk F. Khalaf, Typist ... the roughest since January. The above picture of a sandstorm at Turaif was taken by Atnel B. Touma.

was entertained by the R. L. Crosthwaits and Dr. and Mrs. Robertson held here April 29 and 30... While Mel Orseth won low gross and low net honors while E. J. Wright was delegated with parts from Rafha station 3-0 on April 11. Both teams were entered at a dinner party after the match. Badanah's soccer team was captained by Dibash Khan, who succeeds Neer Abdulrah. Dr. Neer Turck was named permanent of the Badanah Swimmers Pool in association held at the community center March 30. Other honors: Mubarak Abdul Rahim was elected secretary; Emile Shalhoub, treasurer; and John Abu Khulil, Mrs. N. Khoury, and Mrs. U. Hargrove, numbers at large.

Welcome to Ghassan Baltaji, Elias Copty, Senior Radio Technician, and Executive Committee has recently announced the resignation of John H. Arnold from April 3. The Zahrani Country Club's annual tournament played April 26. They top honors in a three-table Howell match. Badanah's soccer team was captained by Dibash Khan, who succeeds Neer Abdulrah. Dr. Neer Turck was named permanent of the Badanah Swimmers Pool in association held at the community center March 30. Other honors: Mubarak Abdul Rahim was elected secretary; Emile Shalhoub, treasurer; and John Abu Khulil, Mrs. N. Khoury, and Mrs. U. Hargrove, numbers at large.

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Winners of the inter-oil companies ping-pong tournament received their awards at the Tapline Sporting Club April 29. From left: Andre Akl of Shell, Mike Ajhar of Tapline, Elie Youakim of Shell, Camille Basbous of Lepco and Amine Saleh of Shell. (Photo by Issa).

Sidon Rebuilds Second Tugboat

Rebuilding of Tapline’s tugboat, the M/S Horne, is underway.

SERVICE STARS

Eight Tapliners were awarded three-star emblems in April for completing 15 years of continuous company service. Six others received two-star insignia for chalk ing up 10 years of service during the same month.

Fifteen-year pin recipients were:

Beirut
- Mitri N. Antonios, of Industrial Relations.

Rafha
- M. A. el-Hanadi, of Operations and Repairs—Station.
- M. K. N. Mokhr, of Marine.
- Pierre E. Haddad, of Marine.
- Mounim K. Kehlali, of Marine.
- Muhammad Nakib, of Marine.
- S. S. el-Ayesh, of Motor Transport.

Sidon
- F. J. Khattar, of Operations and Repairs—Station.
- S. S. el-Ayesh, of Motor Transport.

The tugboat was taken out of service and placed on the pier in mid-March. All phases of the rebuilding job— including replacing, rewiring, installation of a new and more powerful engine, sandblasting and repainting—will be performed by the Sidon Terminal staff under the supervision of Marine Maintenance Foreman D. A. Schipper.

Although similar tugboat rebuilding jobs had been successfully undertaken at Sidon in the past, this will be the second major repowering job undertaken by Tapline’s terminal employees.

The M/S Sandy, “relaunched” last August, was the first tugboat to be completely rebuilt at Sidon.

Tapline Is Fourth in Ping-Pong

Lady Luck turned its back against Tapline’s table-tennis team which ranked fourth in the ping-pong tournament organized at the Tapline Sporting Club April 20-28 among six oil companies operating in Lebanon.

Shell’s representatives in the tournament, Ameen Saleh and Andre Akl, walked away with two of the three individual cups and the team championship trophy.

Saber took the singles in Category A and teamed with Akl to win the doubles.

The Shell squad was followed by Lepco, whose entrant Paul Karame won the singles in Category B, Total, Tapline, Caltex and Esso, in that order.

This Tapline Battery team consisted of: Varten Berjokian, Elie Youakim, Mike Ajhar and F. J. Khattar.

Cups were distributed to the winners at a successful reception given on the club premises April 29 in the presence of management representatives from all six companies which participated in the tournament.

KBC President George N. Ziady displays the pennant of “thanks” to the Tapline Sporting Club from the clubs of Esso, Total, Shell, Lepco and Caltex. (Photo by Issa).