Overall Work On Two Mammoth Storage Tanks Is 73% Complete

Senior Engineer (Liaison) M. G. Melhem reported June 22 that overall work on construction of the two 500,000 crude oil storage tanks at Sidon Terminal was 73 percent complete.

He said work on tank erection proper on that date was 90 percent complete on T-129 and 75 percent complete on T-128.

Ground for construction of the two mammoth tanks was broken last Nov. 27. The contractor, C. B. Erectors Limited, is shooting to complete the bulk of the work by early July. The tanks are thus expected to be put in operation during the second half of August. Painting, fencing, road-paving and clean-up of the new tanks is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 1.

Added to the twenty 180,000 barrel tanks in the hill Tank Farm, and the two 100,000 barrel tanks in crude service on shore, the new tanks will boost gross crude-oil storage capacity from 3,800,000 to 4,800,000 barrels.

The fill line to the new tanks involved modifications to those of the existing crude oil tank headers and required taking time tanks out of service temporarily. This was done in two stages with minimum down-time. The first stage, involving tanks 106 to 111, was completed on May 23. The second stage, involving tanks 121, 122 and 123, was completed on June 6.

The new tanks will be among the largest in use at any oil installation in the Middle East. Each tank has a diameter of 253 feet and a height of 56 feet. The additional storage capacity is expected to offer several important advantages in the operation of the pipeline. Occasions frequently arise during long port closures caused by winter storms when pipelines throughput must be reduced because of full tanks at Sidon. These occasions should be much less frequent after the additional storage is in service. Also, following long port closures there have been frequent occasions when the large number of tankers standing by during the storm have rapidly depleted the available crude when the storm was over and loading resumed. Vessels arriving thereafter frequently wasted long and costly delays while awaiting crude oil. The additional storage is expected to reduce such delays, thereby improving the turnaround of tankers calling at Sidon, and thus maintaining the position of Sidon as an efficient loading terminal.
PIPELINE PERISCOPE

ENGINE HP INCREASE PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY AT QAISSUMAH & BADANAH

Work on the Engine Horsepower Increase Program at Qaisumah and Badanah is progressing at a satisfactory pace.

Purpose of the project is to increase, within safe speed limits, the available power of the diesel pumping engines at the two stations. This is accomplished by additional, improved cooling of engine intake air in the engine's aftercooler between discharge of turbocharger and the air intake manifold.

This would allow the Worthington diesel pumping engines at the two stations to develop nearly 10 percent extra power during the peak summer months.

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SERVICE STARS

Ten Taplineans were awarded three-star emblems in June for up to 25 years of continuous company service. Five other employees received two-star insignias for completing 10 years of service during the same month.

The 15-year pin recipients were:

Sidon
Marwan M. Akil of Marine
Elia Y. Bashir of Marine
Elia Y. Dawk of Marine
Simon S. Naba of Marine
Fawzi M. Najm of Operations—General
Hanna Y. Youssef of Operations—General

Tariq
G. M. El-Jamali of Storehouses
H. M. el-Sabli of Administration and General
A. A. Hamza of Operations and Repairs—Station
I. A. Rashid of C. E. & I.

Receiving ten-year pins in June were:

Badanah
H. M. Choot of Medical
 Qaisumah
Mansour Muhammad el-Malli of Operations—General
Obeid Fakhr of el-Rawieh of Diving Room

Tariq
Mohammed Abdallah of Motor Transport
Hassan Milhan el-Hachi of Medical

The 15-year pin recipients are the existing fin-fan coolers. (Photo by Nasr).

View of the concrete basins and supports for the projected cooling towers. The concrete foundations are laying the foundations for the two cooling tower heat exchangers and the two cooling water recirculating pumps.

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Tapline participated in welcoming H. E. President Leiold Solal Senghor to South Lebanon during his official visit to Lebanon in May. Designed and decorated by Shift Engineers Hasha Suhaili, this triumphal arch for the visiting Senegalese Head of State was erected outside Sidon Terminal's Administration Building on the Sidon—Tyre highway. (Photo by Sousst).

M. and Mrs. T. E. Kousheh of Tariq held a party at their home on June 14 in honor of visiting Vice President—Administration H. S. Smith. Shown above at the function are, from left, Mrs. and Mr. Kousheh, Mr. Smith, Omar Marth, L. Brisco and R. Bianchi. (Photo by Nasr).

OperaTIONS REPORT

Average BPD received at Sidon 467,041 472,064
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Average size of ships loaded: 285,200 271,000

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Five new all-time records were established during the month of May as follows:

May Year 1966

New Record Old Record

1. Qaisumah deliveries for the month 497,532 bbls. 486,280 BPD
2. Maximum daily throughput in May 521,149 bbls. 59,964 BPH
3. Fastest average loading rate per ship 60,074 BPH 59,964 BPH
4. Fastest loading rate per hour 54,386 BPD 63,072 bbls.
5. Deliveries from Sidon were estimated to average 566,000 barrels per day during June.

Group of company guests with Man of Public Relations S. Al-As'ad (second from left).
DESSERT BLOOMS IN TURAIF

In the Spring of 1955, 16 residents at Turaif with a common interest in gardening and landscaping banded together to form a garden club. The trend in the organization was to encourage the women to take over the functions while the men insisted unanimously agreed to keep the lawn mower in repair and to show up when time came for grass cutting. Turaif T(QtGui‘)ators today agree that, while their landscaping efforts have consumed tremendous time and work, the end result has surpassed their expectations. Undoubtedly, their afterhour project has added so much to making the landscape pleasing to the eye.

Like their counterparts at the J. H. Rosquist, C. S. Babi and J. M. Gysens. K. Nasr’s camera lens of the Turaif’s amateur gardeners was moved of successfully grown flowers, flowering bulbs, annual and perennial flowers, trees, shrubs and greenery under the guidance of the Scharns, G. Hannas, R. L. Crosthwaits and J. M. Gysens.
Qaisumah

Congratulations to Fahad M. Al-Shawi on his marriage to Miss Selma Al-Shehri.

Beirut

J. J. Kelberer and D. M. Fershah left here June 20 on annual vacation. Until Mr. Kelberer returns Aug. 5, M. A. Kearney will reulfill Mrs. G. B. Faber's functions as Chief Engineer. Mr. Fershah will be assigned to Turaif as Relief General Superintendent.

Executive Vice President W. E. Lockley and M. L. Koenreich, Mrs. Fershah and Mr. Kearney made a trip to a "field" earlier June 4 and 8 to inspect facilities and review safety and pollution control measures at the four pump stations.

W. A. Canoles and E. A. K. Covers of Aramco visited Beirut June 15. Canoles was reported here June 19. Canoles is continuing his review of safety and pollution control measures at the four pump stations.

Manager of Public Relations A. M. Al-Ahmad returned here June 12 after a one-week business trip to Dhahran and Jiddah.

J. J. Kelberer resigned May 31 to accept employment with the Kuwait National Oil Co. Mr. Kelberer will be flying in Soon of June to study with the General Supervision Training Program in Soon of Kuwait.

Congratulations to Hassen H. Jaber who was appointed June 1 Acting Senior Safety Engineer, effective June 15. According to the Manager of Industrial Relations, Mr. Jaber has been assigned to the Internal Medicine Branch.

Bordanah

Dr. M. Khleif made a five-day business trip to Beirut in early June.

F. M. Moore, Tapline and Arabian Laboratories Representative, returned home from his special assignment in Bordanah, Tapline and Beirut, June 11. Mr. Moore conducted a seminar on Labor Relations problems to staff of Bordanah on May 31.

E. J. Wright is Acting Station Superintendent, Bordanah, during T. J. Jensen's vacation which ended June 11.

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M. Ayers left on vacation June 20. During his absence, which will extend through July 31, all matters normally referred to him should be referred to Chief Accountant H. Al—

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Rafha

J. H. Arnold left on vacation June 18. C. P. Booth is Acting Station Superintendent, Rafha. The station families had surprised Mr. Arnold at a birthday party given a month earlier at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Booth. Mrs. Arnold left early to spend a few days in Rome before departing for the United States with daughter Pat and son Richard.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. L. S. MacNeish on their transfer here from Qaisumah and "ma'a salaam" to Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Najjar, G. V. Creamer and H. Mekenkamp on their transfer from Rafha to other stations along the Line.

Dr. R. Hawit left Rafha on June 1. He will be leaving for the U.S. soon to continue his training in Pediatrics at Iowa State University.

Several farewell functions were hosted in Rafha for the departing people.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Van Oosten are back from holiday. They made the return trip from Holland to Beirut by car.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gieseking spent part of their vacation in Antigua visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. Tricarico, formerly of Rafha.


Currently on vacation are Emile Azar, Idris Bilal, M. Hureithan, S. Jirwan, Ahmad Zein, M. Jarid and B. Uwayyid.

Mrs. K. Despain and daughters, Wendy and Debbie, spent a pleasant week in Beirut where they welcomed Denny home for summer vacation. Denny will be returning as a sophomore to Kemper Military Academy next fall.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. E. Tracey of their daughter Kathy's graduation from high school. Mr. Tracey retired from Tapline last year.

Paul Booth has graduated from St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower, California. Paul plans to enter Orange Coast College in September.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Khaleefah Hamad on the birth of daughter Khadijah; also to Mr. and Mrs. Madi Horaithan on the birth of son Abdullah.

Executive Vice President W. E. Locher, Manager of Operations J. J. Kelberer, General Superintendent M. A. Kearney and Coordinator—Operating Services D. M. Falconer visited pump stations along the Line June 4-8. While in Qaisumah on June 4, the visitors were entertained at a station-wide dinner held at the swimming pool.

The essay contest on Tapline installations organized by the Public Relations Department for High School students in Lebanon was concluded May 26 with the distribution of prizes to the winners by Vice President—Administration H. S. Smith. Shown above, from left, seated: Farid Abu-Shakra, Dean of Students, Choueifat School; Mrs. May Himadeh, Directress of Shouf National College of Baaklin, Miss Aysha Mi'et, Directress of the Beirut Makassed Secondary School for Girls; and Ahmad Moghrabi, Supervisor of the Beirut Makassed Secondary School for Boys in Ashrafiyeh. Standing: Miss Fatat Abdul-Baki of the Shouf National College, first prize winner among the girls; Manager of Public Relations S. A. Alas'ad; Mr. Smith; Miss Sham Shallah of the Makassed, second prize winner among the girls; Mrs. Dabbagh of Choueifat School, second prize winner among the boys; Community Affairs Representative M. K. Saab; and Omar Khatib of the Makassed, first prize winner among the boys. (Photo by Nasr).