BULLDOZER RIPS PIPELINE ACCIDENTALLY AT KM. 624

The pipeline was accidentally punctured at Km. 624, between Badanah and Jalamid by a bulldozer working for the Road Improvement Program crew at 0900 hours, Wednesday, Sept. 14. The rupture, caused by the ripper, was approximately 6 inches long and 14 inches wide. Fire was reported at the site 10 minutes later. As crude oil gushed from the ruptured pipeline, flames about 200 feet high were reported over a total distance of 200 meters. Badanah and Turaif pump stations were shut down immediately. Qaisumah and Rafha were shut down at 0900 hours Friday, Sept. 16, after having been operated at low pressures since the pipeline break. Fire trucks and fire fighting equipment were rushed to the scene from Badanah and Turaif along with earth moving equipment from Riff. The blaze was brought under control 3 hours after its outbreak—at 17:50 hours, Wednesday, Sept. 14. The break was skived and completely repaired at 0900 hours, Friday, Sept. 16. Re-pocking of the line started two and a half hours later.

H. S. SMITH RECEIVES 25-YEAR PIN

Prior to his departure on statewide vacation, Vice President—Administration H. S. Smith was presented with a 25-year service pin by President W. R. Chandler in the presence of Executive Vice President W. E. Locher, R. E. Marsh, W. V. Hall, R. H. Davis, D. S. Dodge, J. J. Kelberer and W. H. Tewell. Because of Mr. Smith's vacation, extending from Sept. 19 through Oct. 23, the service emblem presentation was made on Sept. 17, or 13 days ahead of schedule.

In fact, Mr. Smith started his career in the petroleum industry on Sept. 30, 1941, with Socal's Sales Department in Portland, Oregon. He transferred to Aramco, Dhahran in June 1944 and came to Tapline in March 1944 as an assistant to the manager, Industrial Relations. He was appointed Manager of the Industrial Relations Department seven months later. From April 1961 to June 1962, Mr. Smith was on a rotational management training assignment in the United States. He was elected by the Tapline Board of Directors to his present position as Vice President—Administration on May 8, 1963.
NASSER JUMA‘A NAMED SENIOR SHIFT FOREMAN

Hearty congratulations to Nasser Juma‘a al-Saliti of Qaisumah who became on Sept. 14 the first fully-qualified senior shift foreman in Saudi Arabia. He joined the ranks of Hammad Nasser of Turaiq, Lab Nafi of Badanah and Said Al-Naf of Rafha.

In his new position, Nasser will have direct supervision over a group of 19 Qaisumah pumphouse employees, including fire shift foremen, fire shift operators and zone shift operators.

Nasser’s first contact with Tapline was in 1952, when he joined the company at Turaiq as a houseboy. He subsequently transferred to the Turaiq pumphouse and advanced to the position of engine room operator.

Following a one-year separation from the company, Nasser was rehired at Turaif on Sept. 14, 1957 as engine room operator. In less than two years, he was promoted to utility shift operator, control room operator and shift foreman, transferring to Qaisumah in 1961.

Nasser, 34, did his elementary schooling in Damman. He has also attended the company-sponsored Related Instruction Classes and completed the company’s "Pumpshift Foremen Training Program" in Beirut headquarters and at the Sidon-Midships terminal.

Aside from Lebanon, Nasser has visited Syria, Iran and Pakistan. He and his wife and children—Anissa, 12, and Hamed, 3—live in a Saudi Home Owner—ship Plus house in Qaisumah town.

SERVICE STARS

Sixteen Tapliners were awarded three-year milestones in September for chalking up 15 years of continuous company service. Another employee, Willem A. Kruyt of C. E. & I., Turaiq, received a two-star insignia for completing 10 years of service during the same month.

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At Qaisumah and Rafha, pumping facilities include six main diesel-engine-driven centrifugal pumps and five (Qaisumah and Rafha) or six (Badanah) electric-motor-driven booster pumps. These units have, at each station, a combined rating of 12,000 to 12,600 horsepower.

At Turaif, which operates two permanently mounted 3,000 horsepower combustion gas turbine units and three 200 horsepower electric-motor-driven centrifugal pumps, instead of the six diesel-driven pumps used at the other stations, a unique 1,000 horsepower hydraulic booster pump driven by high pressure crude oil from the line itself is operated.

Each pumphouse is so designed that the shift foreman can control normal operating functions with lights and pushbuttons at the central instrument board. The panel is equipped with lights, meters and graphs that let him know what's happening at all times in all parts of the pumphouse.

Following are new pumphouse views taken by K. Nasr at Badanah and Turaif.
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D. Schipper returned from vacation Sept. 3 and resumed his duties and responsibilities Sept. 5.

The Monthly Golf Medal for September was won by L. A. Rayburn with a net 70.

Twelve players participated in the Sept. 4 competition.

English Classes for student-employees at Sidon Terminal were resumed on Sept. 1, following the summer recess.

Upon the request of the Minister of South Lebanon, eight marine employees used two company tugboats on Sept. 6 to tow two Government barges from Beirut port to the Sidon harbor in connection with preparations for the Autumn Festival to be held at the Sidon Jazira in October.

The company crews comprised N. Baradie, H. Baradie, E. Baradie, M. Sebrawi and S. Francis.

Donald L. Brock of East Libya visited Sidon Terminal Sept. 8. Capt. K. E. Hopen and his family returned from long vacation in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Despain, who returned to Kemper California, spent the summer with their parents in Rome, part of which they intended to spend travelling through Europe.

The older children, who spent the summer with their parents here, are off to continue their intellectual pursuits "abroad.

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