The Rafha employees who "pitched-in" to replace the broken "A" Frame of their station's Worthington Engine No. 2 in a record time of 10 days included, from left, front row, Saeed Ahmad (kneeling), Abdul Latif Uiayyed, Abdul-Aziz Hammoud, Mohamed Hammoud, Saud Muhammad and Nasser Jumaili; second row; Hammoud Muhammad, H. Slotboom, Abdullah Ahmad, Mishref Hamad and Turaikhem Ateek; back row; Sultan Khadaf and Abdullah Muhammad. Not available for the photograph were J. Oversteeg, Madi Huraithan and Ayed Khaled.

3 Saudi Tapliners Tot up 60 Years of Service

D. Sulaiman

The distinction of being among the first handful of Saudi Tapliners to complete 20 years of company service goes to Abdullah Sulaiman, Equipment Operator, Turaif; Abdullah Sulaiman, Water Well Mechanic, Rafha; and R. J. Rashid, Driver—All Automotive, Turaif.

A. Sulaiman

Hailing from Najd, Equipment Operator Dushli Bin Sulaiman first joined Tapline forces at Ras al-Mahal'ah as a driver on November 21, 1948.

Rafha's Water Well Mechanic Abdullah Sulaiman also joined the company as a driver at Ras al-Mahal'ah on November 24, 1948. Calling al-Qasseem home, he transferred to the Water Wells division at Rafha in August 1954. Turaif's Driver—All Automotive R. J. Rashid marked his twentieth year of service with Tapline on November 28. He hails from Braida, Saudi Arabia.

TEAMWORK SPEEDS UP ENGINE REPAIR AT RAFHA

The spirit of cooperation and teamwork which traditionally has marked Tapline's operations was evidenced at Rafha in early November.

On November 4, the "A" Frame (block) of Worthington Pumping Engine No. 2 broke down. To replace the broken frame with a new one, the engine had to be dismantled down to the base. This also entailed two 13-ton lifts.

No assistance could be sought by Rafha from other stations along the Line because of the first-stage nozzle change at Qaryatain and the uprating of Aramco's Warbah gas turbine at Turaif.

Station Superintendent John H. Arnold convened Rafha's section supervisors, explained the seriousness of losing one of the station's crude pumping units and reiterated the need to do the repair work without outside assistance.

The outcome of the meeting was the formation of two crews, one for day shift and another for night shift. Employees from Operations—General, Motor Transport, C. E. & I. as well as Community Services were "loaned" to the pump-house mechanical group to speed up the repair work. The employees "on loan" were mixed with the regulars in both shifts and repair work started immediately.

The unit was back in operation within 10 days—or two days less than the job had ever been done before.

The employees at Rafha were highly commended for the excellent teamwork by General Superintendent J. L. Koenreich.

Station Mechanic Mishref Hamad headed the day crew while Lead Diesel Turbine Technician Jimmy Oversteeg headed the night shift. H. Slotboom, Super—

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SUTHERLAND TAKES JERRY CREAMER TOURNAMENT AT RAFHA

H. W. Sutherland of Turaif led a field of 15 golfers from pump stations along the ‘Line’ with a total of 134, to win the first annual Jerry Creamer Net Tournament at Rafha last year with a net 137.

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Motor Transport Mechanic Abdallah Ali Suhaim (left) and Head Motor Transport Mechanic M. R. Khamsan control the placement of the strengthened wheel in the new tire.

Dismantling one of the trailer’s four dated “44.5 x 45 sand tires are Head Motor Transport Mechanic M. Khamsan (swearing safety hat) and Motor Transport Mechanic Saaed Muhammad.

Trailer Sports New Centipedes

The four great rubber centipedes of an 80-ton trailer used by Tapline to move the 125-ton auxiliary pumping-unit turbine vans from one location to another across the desert were being changed at Turaif during November.

The trailer’s giant 44.5 x 45 sand tires were being replaced by new rock-lug type tires that are expected to give better rubber due to more even wear across the tread. The new tires are of different construction, composition and tread-design.

The wheels, on which the tires were being mounted, were also being modified. Gussets were being welded among each of the wheel’s 36 rotating ring bolts holes. The holes themselves were being enlarged by one-quarter of an inch in diameter to allow the use of one-inch diameter bolts as well as a thicker retaining ring.

The latter modifications are intended at eliminating the shearing of the three-quarters of an inch diameter bolts used in the original design of the wheel.

Other modifications include the installation of a pressure gauge and thermometer on each of the trailer’s four wheels.

This would allow the crew of the giant trailer to keep a closer check on the tires’ air pressure and temperature.

Each of the tires will be filled with 50 gallons of water and will be inflated according to a chart utilizing the ambient temperature consideration.

In an ambient temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit, the tires will be inflated to 57.2 pounds per square inch. If temperature is 110° F., the tires will be inflated to 67.3 psi. The tires cannot be allowed to exceed a pressure of 80.3 psi when the danger of a blowout becomes very imminent as a result of the heat inside the tire, which, in such a case, would be around 200° F.

Five of the total of eight newly designed tires ordered by Tapline have reached the field as of yet. The first was received in May. Two followed in October and two others in November. The remaining three are expected in Turaif in January.

The Periscope Camera lens of Photographer K. Nasr offers these views of the men who were working at Turaif in November under the supervision of Motor Transport Foreman E. R. Robertson to implement the modifications.
Beirut

President W. R. Chandler, Vice President Relations R. M. Henry and Manager Relations—Saudi Arabia E. R. March, made a trip along the “Line Nov. 23-26 to review all phases of company operations, including Government and Employee Relations and Medical. They were greeted in Turai by General Superintendent J. L. Kryetchian, the group spent one day in Qaisumah (Nov. 23), another in Rafha (Nov. 24), two days in Badanah (Nov. 25-26) and one day in Turai (Nov. 27).

Mr. March, Chandler and Henry returned to Beirut on the 28th while Mr. March went back to Badanah on loan.

Manager of Public Relations with Elie Azzar left Nov. 27 from a one-week business trip to Saudi Arabia.

D. S. Dodge, Manager of Government Relations—Western Canada, and D. E. Gardner, The Company Representative Pipe Line was in Qaisumah, left Beirut for Dhahran Nov. 30 to attend to matters of Arabian Government Relations Organization Committee to be held there on Dec. 1. Both will return to Qaisumah Dec. 2nd. Mr. Gardner was here on a five-day business trip, earlier in November.

T. E. Sulaiman, Senior Engineer—Liaison, returned to Beirut Nov. 27 from a four-day business trip to Dhahran and Turai where he furnished contractors with a summary of the work that was started to complete construction work on the Amriyah-Qaisumah pipeline.

Victor Khalaf, Senior Engineer—Corrosion, returned to Dhahran Nov. 29 from a two-week business trip to Qatar, inspecting the pipeline at the Amriyah-Qaisumah line on crude oil and water tanks as well as equipment in general.

J. E. Sahb, Coordinator—Compensation and Policy Development, returned to Beirut Nov. 30 from a one-week business trip to Dhahran.

R. H. Davis are with us again on their annual visit to Turai Hospital.

Turbine 375/48 has recently been noted from Wariah to Turai for operating. Work on the installation of the first fitting stage, comprised of two new components comprised of improved metalurgy and less pressure drop compared to the original equipment, is proceeding. The opening kits on the gas turbines gives them extra gas pressure and adds to the total height of the pipeline.

Sidon

Cpt. J. Ross continued a field of eight golfers with a U.S. open 36 holes to walk away with the Medreco Cup in November.

The monthly Golf Medal for November went to Capt. K. I. Walker, R. C. Kuhn and J. E. Saba, Coordinator—Communications, who supervised the job with the participation of Sidon’s Pipeline Repair Visitbearer, as a representative of the company on the traditional “trick or treat” round.

Last year’s champion, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Onan hosted a station-wide Halloween for the adults at their home. Miss Khalfi, as a hippie, and George Farah, as the hunchback of Notre Dame, won the top costume prizes for the evening.

Badanah

Station Superintendent H. T. Jassim is back in Badanah following another assignment in Riyadh.

Chief Nurse Phyllese Hayer returned to the station on Nov. 4th to take care of a five-day tour to Beirut. From Nov. 1st to a week-long business trip in Beirut.

Michel Nahhal has resumed his duties as Hospital Office Specialist following a holiday in Lebanon.

Many happy returns were wished to Miss Madineh Taha on her 30th birthday.

Mr. Kassab is with us again following a three-week visit to Lebanon.

Our welcoming wagon happily welcomed Dr. Sabba and George Kassab of Badanah back from the Jordanian border.

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MRS. F. A. DAVIES PASSES AWAY IN LAFAYETTE

Mrs. Amy B. Davies, 72, wife of Aramco's former Board Chairman Fred A. Davies, died November 10 after suffering an apparent heart attack at the Davieses home at 3827 Happy Valley Road in Lafayette, California.

A native of Great Falls, Mont., the late Mrs. Davies attended the Ward-Belmont School in Nashville, Tenn., and the Montana State University where she was a member of Phi Beta Phi.

Mr. Davies, 74, joined the Standard Oil Company of California in 1919 as a geologist and was one of the discoverers of oil in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia in the early 1930's. He retired in 1959 as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Arabian American Oil Co.

The Davieses lived in Saudi Arabia for 11 years and moved to Lafayette following Mr. Davies' retirement.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Davies is survived by a daughter, Mary L. Robbins of Minneapolis, a son, Fred M. Davies of Berkeley; a sister, Frances Burlingame of Norton, Mass.; a brother, James Burlingame of New Orleans; and three grandchildren.

Face-Lifting Operation Succeeds at Rafha

Led by Station Superintendent John H. Arnold, a farmer at heart who helped found the first Tapline garden club at Turaif thirteen years ago, members of the Rafha community embarked two years ago on an operation intended at giving their station a face-lifting, the like of which even Mother Nature could be proud.

As these photos by K. Nasr witness, members of the community have succeeded in covering sand and bare rock with garden lawns, trees and shrub and in lining the sidewalks with arrays of flowers.

Eight Tapliners from Beirut headquarters have recently completed a three-year training program in Elementary, Intermediate and Cost Accounting and Business Mathematics. Four of them—Nabeel Hadhad, Edmond Faddous, Antoine Medawar and Bishara Moujalli—were awarded certificates for satisfactory completion of the program.

The other four attendants were H. Jerinin, George Jamous, Jawdat Shammas and Selim Shoueiry.

Four Tapliners, including Maurice Kerbage, Michel Absi Jawadah, Eke Youakim and Haji Bikhat, had satisfactorily completed the same program earlier in 1965.

Eight members of the Beirut Accounting Department, including Moussa Kerbage, Abu Jawadah, Youakim, Bikhat, A. Solah, G. Kamou, A. Rafei and T. Franji, are meanwhile scheduled to embark on an eight-month course in Financial Management in early December.

8 TAPLINERS COMPLETE ACCOUNTING TRAINING