
Service Stars

Executive Secretary Pasteur J. Hodo and Chief S.C. and Laboratory Technician Steven S. Halverson will complete 25 years of service each during March and April while 24 other Tapliners received or will be receiving service stars for chalking up 10, 15 or 20 years of service during February, March and April.

The 20-year pin recipients:

Badanah
Jone Fadhel Shawla of Community Maintenance

Qaisumah
Majid Musih Ibrahim of Plant Protection
Abdul Rahim Nasser of Community Maintenance
Rafha
Usman Wahid Abou of Community Maintenance
Idaho Blad Sultan of Community Maintenance
Majid Taleb Taleb of Operations General
Sidon
J. H. Hanna of Store Operations
Z. M. Khaled of Store Operations
Turaif
Saleh Fayad Jaw of Community Maintenance

The 15-year pin recipients:

Badanah
Abdul Karim Mouzawad of Medical

Beirut
Naguia Hanna of Publications and Press Relations
Farid Khoudri of Treasurer's and Comptroller's

Qaisumah
Abdul Rahim Salam of Medical
Rafha
Abdul H. Hanna of Water Wells
Abdul Rahim Ibrahim of Mechanical Maintenance
Turaif
All Abdul Khader of Motor Transport
Ala Muslih Mouwahed of Community Maintenance

The 10-year pin recipients:

Badanah
H. A. Hanna of Treasurer's and Comptroller's

Beirut
M. E. Tawil of Treasurer's and Comptroller's

Rafha
Saman M. Moussa of Rafha
Sidon
H. Y. Ansari of Pipeline Repair

Turaif
Abdul Q. Bajeti of Pipeline Repair
Abdul-Mahaseen Dalweyman of Mechanical Maintenance
Salim Hamad Fays of Storehouse

Operations Report

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Dr. B. Dodge, Manager Government Relations—Western Countries, accompanied the group during their visit to the Damascus, Amman and Quaryatain operations. The group was entertained at several luncheons given by the Qaryatain personnel, another luncheon given by Dr. C. D. S. Dodge, Manager Government Relations, and another luncheon given by the Qaryatain personnel, all at Tapline’s Community Center hosted by General Superintendent R. R. Portmess; a tea party given in Badanah by Dr. M. Baroudi and Dr. C. D. S. Dodge, Manager Government Relations, and another luncheon given by the Qaryatain personnel, a dinner at Tamir’s Community Center hosted by General Superintendent R. R. Portmess; a tea party given in Badanah by Dr. M. Baroudi and Dr. C. D. S. Dodge, Manager Government Relations, and another luncheon given by the Qaryatain personnel.

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1. Erection of the 20 towers needed for the project.
2. The installation of antenna shelters, thermal-electric generators and propylene tanks at each tower location between Feb. 21 and March 5.
3. Tower grounding of the Tapline sections of the network in Saudi Arabia.
4. Antenna orientation between Qaryatain and Durr Wahid (in Jordan).
5. Testing of the thermo-electric generators and aperture sections between Xmas. 44 and 254.

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About 15,000 people visited the Aramco section of the Geology and Petroleum Exhibition organized by the Geology Department of the American University of Beirut in West Hall March 12-18.

The Aramco Exhibit featured four large panels depicting four main phases of the company's operations in Saudi Arabia, including exploration, drilling, production, and transportation as well as a continuous projection of slides with narration on the history of the oil industry and its development in Saudi Arabia; the showing of colored films; and the distribution of various Aramco publications.

Some 8000 brochures were handed over to visitors, including the Annual Report, Petroleum Facts and Figures, Oil Industry and Its Development in Saudi Arabia, the Oil Caravan, the Road Map of Saudi Arabia, and Hijrah calendars.

The Geology and Petroleum Exhibition was inaugurated by Lebanon's Petroleum and Industry Minister Pierre Helou and supervised by Dr. Ziad Beydoun, chairman of AUB's Geology Department.

Responsible for the Aramco Exhibit were Geologist Hamad Najrani of Aramco's Exploration Department and Ahmad Dawsary of Public Relations, Dhahran.

Organizational Changes

— Effective March 1, G. N. Ziady was appointed General Superintendent (Western Countries—Operations) reporting to J. L. Koeneke, Manager, Operations. Reporting to Mr. Ziady will be the Chief Dispatcher, Superintendent Sidon Terminal and the Operations Department Secretary.

— As of March 7 and until further notice, Mr. Sami A. Kurban, Senior Engineer—Electrical, Instrumentation and Communications, assumed the duties, responsibilities and signature authority of Manager, Technical Services (Acting).

— Dr. A. D. Ghanma has been appointed Medical Director, replacing Dr. J. D. Thaddeus who has been placed on special assignment until his departure on early retirement in June. Dr. Thaddeus will continue to act as Medical Director during Dr. Ghanma's periodic business absences from the Beirut Office, including his business trip to the United States April 10-30.
Jeries Awwad of Badanah and C. Hardwick of Turaif walked away with the low net and low gross honors, respectively, while Mrs. R. Portmess of Turaif grabbed the low gross title in the Ladies’ Division at the 1973 Never Green Golf Tournament organized in Turaif March 15-16.

Participating in the 36-hole, two day event were 23 male golfers and four distaff members from pump stations along the Line.

Awwad took the low net championship with an 84-66-150 NET score while Hardwick grossed 85-82-167, leaving Mike Moussa of Badanah one stroke behind with 83-85-168 GROSS. Moussa finished second also in the low net event with a total of 152.

Mrs. Portmess grossed 267 for the 36 holes to top the ladies’ group.

A strong “shamal” frustrated the players during the first-day of competition which ended with refreshments and a calcutta dinner at the Fun House, followed by a dancing party tossed by Dr. Amjad Zuraikat. The 37th hole featured a trophy banquet at the station’s Community Center.

The Decorations Committee, comprising Mesdames Sandy Strate, Ann Mason, E. C. Olsen and R. Hendley, was commended for the attractive decoration designed for the tournament. (Photos by Khalil Abou El-Nasr)
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Low gross winners Mrs. R. R. Portmess and C. Hardwick. Master of Ceremonies Joseph Mason can be seen at the extreme left.

The winners of Turaif’s 1972 Never Green Golf Tournament face the camera. They are, from left, seated: Mr. and Mrs. R. Hendley, Mrs. R. R. Portmess (low gross winner), ladies division, Mrs. J. J. Mason, Mrs. E. C. Olsen, Ahmad Shmassy; and standing: Brian Jones, W. Ambrose, C. Hardwick, R. Hendley, R. Portmess, Mrs. R. Portmess, Dr. A. Ghanma, J. Mason, and Mrs. R. R. Portmess. Mike Moussa (low net and low gross runner-up), Ahmad Shmassy (low net champion), Jeries Awwad (low net champion). View of the dancing party hosted by Dr. Anjaad Zarehah. General view of the trophy banquet which ended the two-day Never Green Golf Tournament at Turaif, March 15-16.
The recent departure from Beirut of W. V. Hall was feted at a company-wide farewell dinner hosted at the Beachcomber.

The dinner in honor of Tapline's former Comptroller/Treasurer brought together all members of Management as well as the staff of the Treasurer's and Comptroller's Department and Office Service Division and their families. In attendance also were a number of the Halls' friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cattan, Mr. and Mrs. Habib Sursock, Mr. and Mrs. Bahjat Khawli, Mr. and Mrs. Fadi Kasser and Mr. J. D. Goldsmith.

Mr. Hall's service with Tapline and its affiliated companies dates back to Sept. 2, 1954, when he joined Texaco. He was transferred to Tapline-New York on June 1, 1958, and to Tapline-Beirut on July 21 the same year as Staff Accounting Coordinator. He was promoted to Supervisor—Staff and Audit Division on July 1, 1963 and to Assistant Comptroller on May 1, 1964. On June 1, 1965, Mr. Hall was named Comptroller and on Aug. 1, 1955 he was elected Comptroller and Treasurer of the Corporation, a position he held until his early retirement last Jan. 31.

Mr. Hall left for the United States in early February after accepting an executive post with Bechtel Corporation in San Francisco. His present address is: c/o Hotel El Cortez; 550 Geary Street; San Francisco, Calif. 94102.

Photos by Edward Tamirian

HALLS FETED AT FAREWELL DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Hall (second and third from right) pose for a souvenir photograph with Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Comptroller and Mrs. S. M. Chammack (left) and Vice President W. A. Robinson (right).
During the absence of R. W. Powers from Dhahran from April 2nd to the 20th, Dr. R. Fate is delegated the authority of Tapline's Chief Executive Officer, Manager Relations :

Superintendent, Relations, H. Sayer, of Tapline, resumed his regular assignment in Dhahran, Riyadh, following the death of his mother in late March. Replacing H. Sayer in Tapline's Relations Department is Muhammad Khalifa Fayhun, who assumed the duties, responsibilities and signature authority of Manager Relations.

On March 19, Dr. W. Ghanem, Manager of Aramco's Employee Relations Department, returned to Beirut for a two-week trip to Saudi Arabia effective Feb. 1, of F. M. Moffet, as Comptroller, E. G. Voss as Treasurer, and C. P. Sawaya as Assistant Treasurer, filling the vacancies created by the retirements of W. V. Hall and R. H. Hawley, Vice Presidents. J. M. Tompkins, General Manager Administration, S. W. Ombargi and Atef O. Jubaili, Manager Compensation, Benefits and Labor Relations, made a brief business trip to Dhahran mid-Feb.

Manager Operations, J. L. Konstreich, made several trips along the Line to discuss Tapline matters connected with the Donation Program.

The Tapline Sporting Club, Beirut, elected its Executive Committee members on Feb. 13 for a two-year period as follows:

- Fadil Khabbous—President
- Miss May Rebeiz—Secretary
- Nabil Haddad—Treasurer
- Elie Youakim—Chairman, Social Committee
- Youssef Benkibane—Chairman, Sports and Public Relations Committee

Mint Antonius—Manager, Good Luck to Radio Operator Yousif Alloush on his recent transfer to Aramco—Dhahran. He was relocated in Tapline by Khalid Falih.

A hearty masalaha is wished Staff Nurse Haneen A. Kheysyoun who has left the field permanently. Prior to her departure, she was entertained at several farewell functions. She has been replaced at the Tapline Hospital by Miss Mary Khalfi Taraf.

E. D. Hill, Director of Management Training—Aramco, who conducted a number of “Communications” seminars for Tapline supervisors along the Line and in Beirut, visited Tapline recently to study the Seine Staff School teaching system in comparison with that of Aramco.

Sincere condolences are extended to Fuad Khabbous, Assistant Manager, and Atef O. Jubaili, Manager Compensation, Benefits and Labor Relations, on the death of his mother in late March.