CLINIC TRAINEES FROM TURAIF
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SERVICE STARS

Capt. A.D. Akkawi, an accomplished Tapliner veteran, has been assigned the rank of Chief X-Ray and Laboratory Technician, effective March 1 as part of the Tapline's collective efforts to enhance medical services. Akkawi, who joined the company in 1962, has previously served as a field maintenance technician and has an Associate Degree in Engineering from the University of Damascus.

BEIRUT CLINIC ATTRACTS TWO NEW TRAINEES FROM TURAI

Hospital Clerks Mansour J. Saleh and Fuad K. Karad were appointed to the Beirut Clinic on March 10. Saleh, who has served as a departmental clerk for five years, now oversees the clinical laboratory and blood bank, while Karad, a newly appointed lab technician, assist in blood testing and other laboratory procedures.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Yearly performance: 

- 1. Sidon Receipts (MBD): 426.1
- 2. Deliveries (MBD): 368.2
- 3. Duplicating/Stationery Section: 17.5
- 4. Medical Department: 17.0
- 5. Others: 401.5

FATHER AND SON

Our hearts are filled with joy as we announce the birth of Victor Akkawi, a Tapliner veteran who has been with the company since 1962. Victor, who holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry, has been appointed to the position of Relations Advisor, in addition to his regular duties as X-Ray and Laboratory Technician. This promotion is a testament to Victor's hard work and dedication to Tapline's medical services.

Fathers who have served with Tapline were recently honored by the company. Akram Afifi, a former X-Ray Technician, has been appointed to the position of Relations Advisor, in addition to his regular duties as X-Ray and Laboratory Technician. Mahfuz Khalef, a former Laboratory Technician, has been appointed to the position of Relations Advisor, in addition to his regular duties as X-Ray and Laboratory Technician. Both were honored for their outstanding service and dedication to Tapline's medical services.
The 10—room Bachelor Quarters in Turaif have been recently converted into three apartment houses. Designed to accommodate transient Tapliners, each apartment house comprises two bathrooms, a living room, a kitchen and two storage closets. (Photo by Khalil Abou El-Nasr).

Mr. and Mrs. Abdul Karim Mouawad of Badanah Hospital hosted a dinner party in honor of Medical Director Dr. A. Ghannam (left) during his February visit to Badanah. The party brought together a number of Badanah Tapliners and their families. (Photo by Khalil Abou El-Nasr).

View of one of the prayer shelters constructed in Turaif station recently near the central mosque. (Photo by Khalil Abou El-Nasr).

Another view of the dinner party hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Abdul Karim Mouawad in honor of Medical Director Dr. Amjad Ghannam on February 22. (Photo by Khalil Abou El-Nasr).
Capt. Per Jespersen

"I LIKED MY JOB... AND I'LL MISS IT"

Captain Per Jespersen, Mooring Master — Sidon Terminal, retired from company service Feb. 28 following around 37 years of service with Tapline and affiliated companies.

Tapline management hosted a farewell dinner party in honor of Capt. and Mrs. Jespersen at the Vendome Hotel, Beirut, on February 15. Attending the function were Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Koenreich, Mr. and Mrs. George Ziady, Capt. and Mrs. A.D. Odegaarden, Capt. and Mrs. K.I. Tronstad, Capt. and Mrs. Ian Ross, Capt. and Mrs. H. Hoover, Capt. and Mrs. K.E. Hopen, Capt. and Mrs. R.J. Butler, Mrs. Bryan Collinson, Capt. M. Kalmins and George Soueid.

During the party, Messrs. Koenreich and Ziady gave brief speeches wishing the retirees happiness in their new surroundings and thanking Capt. Jespersen for his long and devoted services.

Capt. Jespersen, employed with Tapline and affiliated companies dates back to July 5, 1937, when he joined Texaco as an Able Seaman. He spent the “difficult and dangerous years” of World War II serving on Texaco Tankers. In August 1946 he was promoted to Ship Master and continued working for Texaco in the post-war period until he joined Tapline in August 1956 as Mooring Master, the position he held until his retirement.

Born in Vallo, Norway, in 1914, Capt. Jespersen graduated from Oslo Navigation School with a Mate License in 1934 and obtained his Master’s License in 1946 from the same school.

Capt. and Mrs. Jespersen are the proud parents of a son, Peter, 22, who is currently studying in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Prior to their departure, the Jespersens were entertained at a number of farewell parties hosted by the Tronstads, Hopens, Odegaardens and Dr. and Mrs. Ramzi Shaab.

The Jespersens are leaving Beirut around March 13 and travelling by car to Norway where they plan to buy a house and settle down. In commenting upon his retirement from Tapline after his long career, Capt. Jespersen stated, “I have been happy working for Tapline; no complaints. I have liked my job and I am sure I will miss it.”

The Jespersens’ temporary address in Norway is:
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(Patrick by Dalati and Nohra.)
Top winners of the String Golf Tournament held by Badanah’s Rocky Acres Golf Club on February 22 face the camera. They are, from left: First-prize winner Michel Moussa, club president Joe Shaghoury and runner-up Dr. Maurice Baroody.

Michel Moussa pulled away from Dr. Maurice Baroody and a number of golfers with a successful shot on the final hole to win the String Golf Tournament organized by Badanah’s Rocky Acres Golf Club on Feb. 22. Michel emerged from the 18-hole foursome scramble with a low-net score of 71 points, followed by Dr. Maurice Baroody who finished at 72.

Participants in the one-day tournament were 11 golfers from Badanah and a guest player, Dr. Amjad Charana of Beirut. Trophies were presented to the winners later in the evening during a banquet hosted by The Rocky Acres Golf Club at the Fun House.

(Photos by Khalil Abou El-Nair)
From left: Joe Shaghoury, Ahmad Shmassy, Michel Moosa and Hanna Fattouh.

View of the dinner party hosted by the Rocky Acres Golf Club for Sidranh golfers and their families.
LMA graduates six more Tapliners

Six Tapliners attended two managerial courses offered by the Lebanese Management Association (LMA) in cooperation with the American Management Association (AMA) between Jan. 14 and Feb. 8 at the Bristol Hotel, Beirut.

The four-week courses were entitled: (1) Excel; and (2) Computer Systems and Management.

The first course, led by Atef Jubayli and Joy Abou Jawdeh, was attended by Nicolas Haj of Management and Mitri Antonios of the Personnel Division. Aimed at improving individual and team performance, the course comprised eight basic units: The Effects of Pressures at Managerial Level Upon You and Your Job; Working with Individual Management Styles; Making the Most of Change; Communicating Successfully on the Job; Developing a Professional Approach to the Job; Defining Key Job Responsibilities; Setting Professional Standards of Performance; and Using Time to Greatest Advantage while Launching Your Own Self-Development Program.

The second course was attended by Albert Saliba, Raja Bikhazi and Toni Fanji, of the Treasurer's and Comptroller's Department and Joseph Nassar of Engineering. Under the leadership of Emile Khoury, the course focused upon the following subjects: Computer Basics for Management; The EDP Feasibility Study; Managing the Human Element in EDP; Management Information System; Quantitative Aids to Decision Making; Costs, Procedures; and included a visit to a computer installation.

The comprehensive courses were presented in the form of multimedia programs featuring color films, case studies, audio cassettes and instruction texts, management simulation exercises, round table discussions and on-the-job application manuals.

On completion of the courses participants attended a graduation dinner, held at the Bristol Hotel, February 15, where they were presented with the AMA Certificate of Achievement. Each course group elected a male and a female representative to speak on their behalf at the dinner. Among the spokesmen was Nicolas Haj, who praised the LMA for "this up-to-date and developmental opportunity," plus Tapline for its training programs. He said that: "In the course we were instructed that we should never let the boss be surprised by incomplete information or office problems. However, now that we have completed the course we should do our utmost to surprise him with our efficient job performance and professional approach. By establishing good interrelationships and applying the principles of management to make work flow smoothly we should be able to make our contribution towards relieving the boss's extraneous office problems. All of this is appreciatively attributed to the LMA and its staff, who by their efforts have made this (EXCEL) course most successful and beneficial to us all, and to repay our debts to our companies for their extended facilities and financial support."
Tapline's new Microwave Communications System is due for preliminary acceptance around mid-April. The System was reported 95 percent complete at the end of February. Final lineup and installation works are in progress, including modification of antenna feedhorns, in-station tests, noise loading checks and adjustment of station levels. Meanwhile, teletype circuits were established between Beirut and Sidon and Beirut and Turayf.

Replacing Tapline's High Frequency and Very High Frequency communications system, the new microwave network will provide for direct dialling and will improve the quality and reliability of radio communications between various Tapline work locations. Actual field work on the new communications network started in March, 1972.

**Ar’ar gets Badanah soccer coach**

Nasser Al-Salih of Badanah Hospital, a veteran soccer player, has recently been appointed the coach of 'Ar'ar's Ash-Shalbite Sporting Club. Nasser has been a member player of 'Ar'ar's team for the past 15 years and has contributed to many of its victories. Formed in 1958, the club has two active teams of "A" and "B" categories.

**Tapliners take bridge lessons at TSC**

Bridge enthusiasts can now study or play Bridge at the Tapline Sporting Club in Beirut. Bridge lessons are given by Elias Bordcosh each Monday starting at 7 p.m., while playing sessions commence at the same time on alternate Fridays.

Twenty-two Tapliners and their families are currently enrolled in the Bridge course which started on February 4. Interested employees may contact Elie Youakim, Chairman of the Club's social committee.
A distinguished oil industry career ended January 31 with the retirement of W.A. Robinson, Vice President — Relations, following 23 years of service with Tapline and Aramco. A farewell dinner hosted by Tapline Management to mark his retirement was held at the St. Georges Hotel on February 12.

Mr. Robinson was presented with a silver tray embossed with the map of Tapline, a number of guests revoked the history of the Law Department and appraised “Roby’s” contributions towards its success. In response, Mr. Robinson gave a speech in which he paid tribute to his colleagues and hinted that he will be returning to Beirut from the U.S. in April with the intention of establishing a business consulting firm to assist foreign companies interested in the Middle East.

Mr. Robinson joined Aramco in Dhahran, February 1951, where he served in several legal and administrative posts, including that of Assistant to the Vice President (Field Management). He was transferred to Tapline, Beirut, as attorney in November 1957, to be promoted to General Attorney four years later. On November 1, 1969, Mr. Robinson was elected Vice President — Relations, the position which he held until his retirement.

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Mr. Robinson, 60, graduated from the University of Florida with a Juris Doctor degree in 1936. He also attended an Advanced Management Program (1946) at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Prior to his Middle East career, Mr. Robinson practiced law in the states of Florida and New York. He is a member of the New York and American Bar Associations, the World Peace Through Law Society, and the American Society of International Law.