SAUDI LABOR MINISTER VISITS TAPLINE
SERVICE STARS

Eight Tapliners were presented with 15-year service pins each during March and a ninth, Abdallah A. Ghamdi of Community Services, Badanah, received a 10-year service emblem. The eight 15-year service pin recipients are:

**BADANAH**
- Shehadeh Abou Isbeitan of Medical Services
- Mosab Alhakeem of Engineering
- Ovais Alhakeem of Operations—General
- Siddique (Turaif)

**RAFHA**
- Hammad J. Khalilah of Pump House Operations
- I.W. Ross of Marine
- Yusef Alhakeem of Plant Protection
- Hider Alhakeem of Operations—General
- H.S. Ombargi, General Manager

**SIDON**
- J.E. Saba of Communications

**TURAF**
- Yousef Abdallah Munif of Plant Protection
- N.W. Alhakeem of Oil Field Services

--

**OBITUARY**

Tapliners up and down the 'Line join in extending their heartfelt condolences to the families, relatives and friends of:

- **N. L. Crosthwait**, who passed away in the States on March 25 following surgery. The late Mr. Crosthwait retired from Tapline in June 1968 as Operations Foreman following about 18 years of service.
- **Mansour Muhammad Malki**, who died March 5 at the age of 39 following long illness. He had joined the company ranks on July 21, 1957.
- **Mamdouh Mekki**, who passed away at the age of 43. He had joined Tapline in June 1956.
- **Yusuf Alhakeem**, 44, of Turaif Community Services, who succumbed to a heart attack on February 28. His service date went back to April 22, 1954.
- **J.E. Saba**, who died March 5 at the age of 39 following long illness. He had joined the company ranks on July 21, 1957.
- **Mamdouh Mekki**, who passed away at the age of 43. He had joined Tapline in June 1956.
- **Yusuf Alhakeem**, 44, of Turaif Community Services, who succumbed to a heart attack on February 28. His service date went back to April 22, 1954.

--

**OPERATIONS REPORT**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Through Month</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>March</td>
<td>1974</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Begin</td>
<td>$280.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Deliveries (MBD):</td>
<td></td>
<td>$267.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Offshores</td>
<td></td>
<td>$14.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Medeco</td>
<td></td>
<td>$15.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td></td>
<td>$297.7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

--

**S.P. Ombargi, General Manager**

**RAFHA**
- Effective April 8 a Project Management Department was established in Tapline Beirut to handle engineering projects assigned to Tapline under its agreements with the Aramco Overseas Company. H.R. Baroccolo has been appointed Projects Director, reporting to the Vice President – Beirut Office, Tapline.
- Medical Director Dr. A. Ghamdi returned to Beirut April 3 from a 5-day visit to Saudi Arabia where he discussed with Tapline Executive Management in Dharan matters connected with the organization of the Medical Department. On his way back to Beirut, Dr. Ghamdi attended a meeting of the Saudi Development Committee in Turaf.
- Medical professor Amin Karban and Khalil Alou Feisal, both from AUB, visited Badanah Hospital March 9-12 to lecture on skin and chest diseases. The lectures were attended by company physicians stationed along the 'Line.
- Dr. Maurice A. Barouky, Supervising Physician – Badanah Hospital, returned to Badanah March 18 following a three-day assignment in Beirut where he discussed with Medical Director Dr. Amjad Ghanma administrative matters related to the Medical Department.
- Sarkis Sarkissian, Chief X-Ray and Laboratory Technician, made a brief trip to Saudi Arabia in late March for the rearrangement of the new Badanah Hospital Laboratory.
- During the vacation of M.A. Makdissi from April 5 through the 20th, N.N. Hamoush assumed the duties, responsibilities and signature authority of Chief Dispatcher.
- Corrosion Engineer Basam Bashari returned to Beirut April 9 from a two-week trip to Saudi Arabia where he conducted a "pipe-to-pipe" potential survey along the 'Line and inspected progress on repair of a crude oil tank in Qaisumah.
- Estimating Engineer S. Kuftejian and Ma'moun Jazayiraji, a project engineer from the Bureau Technique des Etudes Superieures (BUTEC), conducted March 19-25 a special survey of Tapline pumping facilities in Saudi Arabia in line with BUTEC's preparation of an engineering study concerning a crude oil drainage system for Tapline.
- Mechanical Engineer Simon G. Badour made two trips to Saudi Arabia in March to inspect the installation of a third AC condenser at Rafha pumphouse and the noise abatement project at the Uwaysah auxiliary pumping unit.
- Socrates Selim, Assistant Stores Coordinator, of Turaf, completed March 31 a three-day residential course on "Group Dynamics" offered by the YMCA at the Printania Hotel in Brumur. The course covered three major subjects, namely: communication, motivation and leadership.
- During the absence of J.E. Saba on a week's assignment in Dhahran, March 12-18, Salim A. Najjar assumed the duties, responsibilities and signature authority of Manager – Personnel.
- Alfred S. Khader, Government Relations Coordinator (AA) of Badanah completed April 15 a one-week assignment in Beirut. He was relieved during his absence from Badanah by Geoffrey Shoup of Aramco.
- Handi Amran, Deputy Company Representative, resumed his functions in Badanah recently following business assignments in Beirut and Riyadh.
- Ex-Tapliner Fuad Hneineh completed March 8 an extensive six-week course in pipe welding. Mr. Hneineh, who left Tapline in 1967 following 17 years of service as seaman, tugboat engineer and diver, has since been working with different oil companies operating in the Arabian Gulf area.
- Good luck to three employees who left the company permanently in March. They are Launch Captain Mustapha Koleilat of Sidon Terminal, Staff Nurse Nazim H. Haidar of Turaf and General Duty Nurse Miss Nuhad M. Jabra of Badanah.
- Sincere condolences are extended to Mrs. Maurice M. Nair of Badanah and to Victor Y. Khalaf of Beirut on the recent deaths of their fathers.
A group of Saudi Arab Government officials headed by H.E. Shaikh Abd Ar-Rahman Aba Al-Khayl, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, and including Shaikh Abdallah Rumah, Director of the Labor Department in Dammam and Secretary Ibrahim Al-Dakhil, visited Tapline facilities in Saudi Arabia and Lebanon between April 15 and 19.

The visitors were accompanied by three Aramco representatives — namely, James Means, Coordinator Labor Relations; Khalifa Assara, Labor Company Representative; and Abdul-Ghani Sinan, Supervisor Industrial Compensation.

A Company Cessna plane was placed at the disposal of the visitors throughout their four-day tour of Turaif, Badanah, Beirut and Sidon.

The group arrived in Badanah from Dhahran April 15 to tour the station and call on H.H. Amir 'Abd Allah ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz ibn Musad, Amir of the Northern Frontiers. They were the luncheon and dinner guests that day of Station Superintendent Ahmad Shmassy.

During their stopover at Badanah en route to Turaif, the visitors were entertained by the Badanah station superintendent and employees at an outdoor luncheon party in the desert. Manager Operations and Mrs. J.L. Koenreich had the visitors to dinner that evening at Turaif.

On their arrival in Lebanon on April 17, the Saudi minister and his party were met at Beirut International Airport by S.W. Ombargi, General Manager — Administration, and diplomats from the Saudi Embassy. A tour of Sidon Terminal facilities was arranged the next day for the visitors who were accompanied by George N. Ziady.
Tapline President and Mrs. D. R. Fate entertained the visiting Saudi party Thursday night, April 19, at a dinner held in the Beirut residence of Manager Government Relations – Western Countries and Mrs. D. S. Dodge. The function brought together most of Tapline Management members and their wives, a number of Aramco executives, as well as several Saudi Embassy officials, including H.E. Shaikh Abdul-Moham Al-Semman, Mr. and Mrs. Saleh Al-Sabek, Shaikh Mohammad Al-Amer Al-Rumaih, Mr. and Mrs. Jamil Kandil, Al-Sharif Muzaher Al-Harithy, Al-Sayyid Ibrahim Al-Khalil and Mr. Omar Al-Akkad.

Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Lebanon, H.E. Shaikh Mohammad Al-Mansour Al-Rumaih, was out of town on business.

The visitors enplaned for Saudi Arabia Friday night, April 20.
Oil production by the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) showed a continuing increase through the first nine months of 1973, but the outlook resulting from the October war in the Middle East slowed the pace of production during the final quarter.

Total crude oil production for the year was 2,677,146,337 barrels, according to statistics presented in the 1973 annual review just released by the company. Production averaged 7,558,987 barrels daily during the first nine months, but the subsequent reductions had the effect of lowering the year’s average daily output to 7,334,647 barrels.

The report cites estimated probable crude oil reserves of 164,250 million barrels as of the end of the year. This figure includes proved reserves of 99,922 million barrels.

Three oil fields were discovered in 1973, including Maharah, a new offshore field located in the Arabian Gulf between the Zulfal and Marjan fields, and two onshore fields, Qirdi and Abu Jifan in the southwest portion of the concession area.

Exploration

Exploration activities continued in 1973 with five seismic parties conducting further surveys in the central, northern, and western part of the concession area and the coastal area. Seismic crews operating in the same area of the Rub’ Al-Khali or Empty Quarter, were supported by large helicopters to transport crews and equipment.

During the year eight offshore gas fields were discovered, three in the southern part of the Rub’ Al-Khali, or Empty Quarter, supported by large helicopters to transport crews and equipment. During the year eight onshore gas fields were discovered, three in the same area of the Rub’ Al-Khali, or Empty Quarter, supported by large helicopters to transport crews and equipment.

Offshore oil-producing capacity was increased by about one million barrels per day during 1973. Contributing to this increase was the Zulfal field, which was put on stream in August as Aramco’s fourteenth producing field. Offshore oil-producing capacity was increased by about one million barrels per day during 1973. Contributing to this increase was the Zulfal field, which was put on stream in August as Aramco’s fourteenth producing field.

The company continued to offer 60 scholarships to Saudi men and women for study in educational institutions in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. Total company donations for educational, charitable and philanthropic purposes topped about $3,300,000 for the year.

Workforce

Of the total Aramco work force of 13,001 in Saudi Arabia at yearend, 10,238, or about 79 percent, were Saudi Arab employees and apprentices. Americans made up 1,213 of the total and the balance consisted of other nationalities. Saudi Arabs in supervisory level positions numbered 297, an increase of 18.3 percent in this category over the 261 Saudi employees in supervisory positions in 1972.

The average annual income of the company’s Saudi Arab employees rose by 13.8 percent over 1972, amounting to the Saudi Riyal equivalent of $4,194.

More than 87 percent of the Saudi Arab employees participated in the company’s Thrift Plan and most of them elected to have their savings invested. Total assets in the plan, including earnings, rose to $23,036,118 or an average of $1,831 for each participant.

Approximately 3,400 employees and apprentices took part during the year in the training programs operated by the Aramco Training Department. About 150 of them completed one or more of the seven management training courses offered.

All the end of 1973, 119 Saudi Arab employees were studying in colleges, universities, technical institutes, and other schools. Of this number, 100 were in the United States, 18 in Saudi Arabia and one in Lebanon. During the year one Saudi Arab employee received a master’s degree, 18 received bachelor degrees and five, associate degrees. Enrollment in the apprentice program had grown to 928 in 1973, and through year-end 416 apprentices had been hired for positions in 1973, including Maharah, a new offshore field discovered in December, 1971, went on stream in August as Aramco’s fourteenth producing field.

Aramco’s 1973 Review of Operations

Badanah and Turaif stations witnessed two unique evenings March 25 and 26 when world-renowned theater star Jan McArt and famous pianist Richard Otto presented a versatile program of musical theater. Performing in front of capacity audiences in both stations, Miss McArt presented a number of theater selections and songs from such famous plays as "Hello, Dolly!", "Fanny", "West Side Story", "No, No Nanette", "On a Clear Day", "Mame", "Gigi", "Funny Girl" and "The Unsinkable Molly Brown."

Miss McArt's performance marked the first of a series of entertainment programs planned for station residents. The same performance was held in each of Dhahran, Ras Tanura.
Miss McArt, who is called "one of the most beautiful and talented women in the world" by the London Star, made her symphony orchestra debut under the baton of Arthur Fiedler and was a leading soprano of the San Francisco Opera. On NBC-TV, she starred as Musetta in the celebrated television production of "La Bohème," for which she was nominated to receive an Emmy. She likewise won high praise for her telling portrayal in NBC's "Cavalleria Rusticana."

In complete contrast to her many operatic credits, Miss McArt has appeared on many televised shows as guest artist. Her supper club act has taken her around the world to such distinguished boites as the Hotel Pierre in New York, the famed St. Regis, the Cocoanut Grove in Los Angeles, the Blackstone in Chicago and the Society and the Colony in London, where she is frequently a guest on spectacular variety shows. Her first appearance in the Hollywood Bowl saw a crowd of 20,000 people, and thereafter, Sidney Skolsky declared "Jan McArt is a brilliant hit in Glitterville!" When she appeared in the acclaimed revival of "Anything Goes,"Earl Wilson told the United States in his syndicated column: "A star is born!"

Jan McArt made Broadway history in 1964 by taking over for Janis Paige in "Here's Love" on a Wednesday afternoon — only three days after she was hired. For this amazing feat, she was accorded a standing ovation by both cast and audience!

On the summer stock circuit, Miss McArt has starred in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," "Carousel," "My Fair Lady," "The Pajama Game" and "Camelot," among many others. She has also toured the U.S. with Jack Jones in his show.

Richard Otto, a native of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, is one of Chicago's outstanding pianists, arrangers and conductors. He brings a varied and vast experience to comprise the triumvirate Three On Broadway, having accompanied many leading singers, conducted choruses and was appointed the first musical director of Chicago's famed Hull House chain. He also directed the music department of their summer music camp in Wisconsin. He and Ronald Rogers have been associated for the past several years on the popular concert presentation A Cavalcade of Musical Comedy.
Dr. O.F. Hourieh and Joe Shaghoury pulled away from a pack of 28 bridge players from Turaif and Badanah with a game percentage of 60.577 to win the Open Pairs event while Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Portmess, Mrs. J. H. Rosquist and Maurice M. Nasser teamed to grab the "team-of-four" top honors with a score of 31 1/2 points at the Invitational Duplicate Bridge Tournament held in Badanah March 20-22.

Runners-up in the Open Pairs event were Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Soulban with a game percentage of 58.333. A close second in the "team-of-four" championship with 31 points was the foursome involving Dr. O.F. Hourieh, Joe Shaghoury and Mr. and Mrs. Mohammad Abdul-Rahman.

Each tournament session of the three-day event was followed by a dinner-dance party. The event culminated in a trophy banquet held March 22 at the Dining Room, during which prizes were distributed to top winners and runners-up.

Maurice M. Nasser of Badanah acted as tournament director.

The full results:

**TEAM-OF-FOUR EVENT (Average: 24 points)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Players</th>
<th>1st Session</th>
<th>2nd Session</th>
<th>Points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mr. &amp; Mrs. R. R. Portmess/Mrs. J. H. Rosquist and Maurice M. Nasser</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>15.5</td>
<td>31.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. O. F. Hourieh &amp; Joe Shaghoury/Mr. &amp; Mrs. Mohammad Abdul-Rahman</td>
<td>14.5</td>
<td>16.5</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. &amp; Mrs. C. M. Soulban/A. Shmassy &amp; H. Faddoul</td>
<td>12.5</td>
<td>16.5</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medjames V. Ballantyn &amp; J. James/Mr. &amp; Mrs. R. A. Strate</td>
<td>8.5</td>
<td>13.5</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. &amp; Mrs. Maurice A. Baroudy/A. K. Mouawad and J. Awaad</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. &amp; Mrs. I. Kiblawi/Dr. J. Sunna and Mrs. N. Hourieh</td>
<td>11.5</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**OPEN-PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Players</th>
<th>Game Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dr. O. F. Hourieh and Joe Shaghoury</td>
<td>60.577</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Soulban</td>
<td>58.333</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. J. H. Rosquist and Maurice M. Nasser</td>
<td>56.731</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Portmess</td>
<td>56.410</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Strate</td>
<td>53.526</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mr. and Mrs. Mohammad Abdul-Rahman</td>
<td>52.305</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. V. Ballantyn and J. James</td>
<td>48.077</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A. Shmassy and H. Faddoul</td>
<td>48.077</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. J. Sunna and Mrs. O. Hourieh</td>
<td>46.474</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. and Mrs. Maurice A. Baroudy</td>
<td>44.872</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A. K. Mouawad and J. Awaad</td>
<td>44.551</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T. Finch and A. Affifi</td>
<td>44.231</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. and Mrs. I. Kiblawi</td>
<td>43.269</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M. Abdullah and S. Selim</td>
<td>41.667</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Clockwise around the table, from left, are Mike Abdallah, Mrs. Portmess, Selim Socrate and R.R. Portmess.
Page 16

farewell to Joe and Iris Mason

Joe and Iris Mason with Turaif's Mechanical Shop staff.

A hearty ma'assalamah is wished to Joe and Iris Mason who left the field permanently on April 3 following four years of company service.

Mr. Mason held the position of Supervisor – Mechanical Shop in Turaif during most of his service years with Tapline.

Prior to their departure, the Masons were entertained at a number of farewell functions, including a dinner by the Gordon Clerks, a buffet dance by Mike Abdallah, and an “Arabian night” by Shabbab Harbi. The latter function was hosted in Turaif town and featured Saudi specialities, including the famous “kabsah”.

The departing couple received a brass tray embossed with the map of Tapline as a token souvenir from the Mechanical Shop staff.

The Masons left Beirut around mid-April by ship for France following four years of company service.

Mr. Kenneth V. Rothwell of England and is presently living in London.

Aramco sportsmen visited Beirut March 20-23 for a series of golf, tennis, bridge, soccer and ping-pong matches against their counterparts from the Beirut Golf Club and Middle East Air Lines' Cedarjet Club.

The visiting Aramcons bowed to their Cedarjet Club opponents in the soccer, ping-pong and tennis matches. They were also whipped by the Beirut Golf Club teams in both golf and tennis but managed to salvage a bridge competition with the Beirut Golf Club.

employee training

Six Tapliners from Turaif, Badanah and Rafha are attending a nine-day residential course on “Successful Supervision” sponsored by Middle East Industrial Relations Counsellors (MEIRC) at Hotel al Bustan in Beirut.

They are Salih A. Jurayed, Dr. Majed T. Ammary, Geoffrey Shoup and Ahmad Abdul Mohan, Sharshun, Mustapha Nujaidi of Rafha and Muhammad Salem of Badanah.

Specially-designed for oil industry supervisors, the course, offered between April 16 and May 6, is aimed at improving supervisory performance by:

1. Establishing a sound supervisory philosophy as a basis for consistent and effective supervisory practice.
2. Individual and group practice in the application of the principles of sound supervision to the solution of realistic supervisory problems.
3. Creating an awareness of what is needed to become a successful supervisor.

NEWHIREs

Our hats are tipped to two new employees who joined the Tapline ranks in March. They are Shanan A. Abla who was employed as Engineer II and assigned to the Technical Services section at the Beirut Engineering Department, and Jamal Q. Hamade who joined as Turaif Electrical and Instrumentation Technician III.

U.S. contracting firms, including Bechtel Corporation, San Francisco (two years); Ralph M. Parsons, California (one year); and Burns and Roe, Inc., New Jersey (two years). His employment with these firms entailed work in the design of power distribution plants and control systems. He returned to Lebanon in 1971 to work for two and a half years as an industrial sales engineer with Honeywell International.

Page 17

Beirut shaves

Aramco sportsmen

Lest by E. F. Hartley of Ras Tanura, a group of Aramco sportsmen visited Beirut March 20-23 for a series of golf, tennis, bridge, soccer and ping-pong matches against their counterparts from the Beirut Golf Club and Middle East Air Lines' Cedarjet Club.

The visiting Aramcons bowed to their Cedarjet Club opponents in the soccer, ping-pong and tennis matches. They were also whipped by the Beirut Golf Club teams in both golf and tennis but managed to salvage a bridge competition with the Beirut Golf Club.

Page 18

ABLA

Our hats are tipped to two new employees who joined the Tapline ranks in March. They are Shanan A. Abla who was employed as Engineer II and assigned to the Technical Services section at the Beirut Engineering Department, and Jamal Q. Hamade who joined as Turaif Electrical and Instrumentation Technician III.

NEWHIREs

Our hats are tipped to two new employees who joined the Tapline ranks in March. They are Shanan A. Abla who was employed as Engineer II and assigned to the Technical Services section at the Beirut Engineering Department, and Jamal Q. Hamade who joined as Turaif Electrical and Instrumentation Technician III.

U.S. contracting firms, including Bechtel Corporation, San Francisco (two years); Ralph M. Parsons, California (one year); and Burns and Roe, Inc., New Jersey (two years). His employment with these firms entailed work in the design of power distribution plants and control systems. He returned to Lebanon in 1971 to work for two and a half years as an industrial sales engineer with Honeywell International.

Page 17

Beirut shaves

Aramco sportsmen

Lest by E. F. Hartley of Ras Tanura, a group of Aramco sportsmen visited Beirut March 20-23 for a series of golf, tennis, bridge, soccer and ping-pong matches against their counterparts from the Beirut Golf Club and Middle East Air Lines' Cedarjet Club.

The visiting Aramcons bowed to their Cedarjet Club opponents in the soccer, ping-pong and tennis matches. They were also whipped by the Beirut Golf Club teams in both golf and tennis but managed to salvage a bridge competition with the Beirut Golf Club.

Page 18

ABLA

Our hats are tipped to two new employees who joined the Tapline ranks in March. They are Shanan A. Abla who was employed as Engineer II and assigned to the Technical Services section at the Beirut Engineering Department, and Jamal Q. Hamade who joined as Turaif Electrical and Instrumentation Technician III.

NEWHIREs

Our hats are tipped to two new employees who joined the Tapline ranks in March. They are Shanan A. Abla who was employed as Engineer II and assigned to the Technical Services section at the Beirut Engineering Department, and Jamal Q. Hamade who joined as Turaif Electrical and Instrumentation Technician III.

U.S. contracting firms, including Bechtel Corporation, San Francisco (two years); Ralph M. Parsons, California (one year); and Burns and Roe, Inc., New Jersey (two years). His employment with these firms entailed work in the design of power distribution plants and control systems. He returned to Lebanon in 1971 to work for two and a half years as an industrial sales engineer with Honeywell International.

Page 17

Beirut shaves

Aramco sportsmen

Lest by E. F. Hartley of Ras Tanura, a group of Aramco sportsmen visited Beirut March 20-23 for a series of golf, tennis, bridge, soccer and ping-pong matches against their counterparts from the Beirut Golf Club and Middle East Air Lines' Cedarjet Club.

The visiting Aramcons bowed to their Cedarjet Club opponents in the soccer, ping-pong and tennis matches. They were also whipped by the Beirut Golf Club teams in both golf and tennis but managed to salvage a bridge competition with the Beirut Golf Club.

Page 18

ABLA

Our hats are tipped to two new employees who joined the Tapline ranks in March. They are Shanan A. Abla who was employed as Engineer II and assigned to the Technical Services section at the Beirut Engineering Department, and Jamal Q. Hamade who joined as Turaif Electrical and Instrumentation Technician III.

NEWHIREs

Our hats are tipped to two new employees who joined the Tapline ranks in March. They are Shanan A. Abla who was employed as Engineer II and assigned to the Technical Services section at the Beirut Engineering Department, and Jamal Q. Hamade who joined as Turaif Electrical and Instrumentation Technician III.

U.S. contracting firms, including Bechtel Corporation, San Francisco (two years); Ralph M. Parsons, California (one year); and Burns and Roe, Inc., New Jersey (two years). His employment with these firms entailed work in the design of power distribution plants and control systems. He returned to Lebanon in 1971 to work for two and a half years as an industrial sales engineer with Honeywell International.

Page 17

Beirut shaves

Aramco sportsmen

Lest by E. F. Hartley of Ras Tanura, a group of Aramco sportsmen visited Beirut March 20-23 for a series of golf, tennis, bridge, soccer and ping-pong matches against their counterparts from the Beirut Golf Club and Middle East Air Lines' Cedarjet Club.

The visiting Aramcons bowed to their Cedarjet Club opponents in the soccer, ping-pong and tennis matches. They were also whipped by the Beirut Golf Club teams in both golf and tennis but managed to salvage a bridge competition with the Beirut Golf Club.

Page 18

ABLA

Our hats are tipped to two new employees who joined the Tapline ranks in March. They are Shanan A. Abla who was employed as Engineer II and assigned to the Technical Services section at the Beirut Engineering Department, and Jamal Q. Hamade who joined as Turaif Electrical and Instrumentation Technician III.

NEWHIREs

Our hats are tipped to two new employees who joined the Tapline ranks in March. They are Shanan A. Abla who was employed as Engineer II and assigned to the Technical Services section at the Beirut Engineering Department, and Jamal Q. Hamade who joined as Turaif Electrical and Instrumentation Technician III.

U.S. contracting firms, including Bechtel Corporation, San Francisco (two years); Ralph M. Parsons, California (one year); and Burns and Roe, Inc., New Jersey (two years). His employment with these firms entailed work in the design of power distribution plants and control systems. He returned to Lebanon in 1971 to work for two and a half years as an industrial sales engineer with Honeywell International.
Microwave acceptance tests underway

Acceptance tests of Tapline’s new microwave communications system were scheduled to start around mid-April. As we put these pages to bed, the contracting firm, Lenkurt Electric Company of Canada, was conducting its final checks on the multi-million dollar project.

Tapline will subsequently conduct different field checks on the new network for preliminary acceptance, after which, the system will remain under the contractor’s responsibility for a period of one year.

Replacing Tapline’s High Frequency and Very High Frequency communications system, the new microwave network will provide for direct dialling and improve the quality and reliability of radio communications between various Tapline work locations.
Unprecedented amounts of rain drenched the Saudi pipeline area in the northern province this winter, making the desert bloom and abound with vast meadows of greenery and flowers.

Tapline stations now look more like gardens than crude oil pumping facilities with wild flowers of different colors and breeds blooming everywhere.

Meanwhile, truffles occurred in abundance along the 'Line, especially in the strip of land between Uwagiah and Jabalir auxiliary pumping units.

The camera lens of photographer Khalil Abu El-Naar could not ignore the flowery surroundings and water basins which have given the desert an unusual look this spring.