To our all friends: Together we created to provide an economic means for the transportation of petroleum of the original and shall continue to exist.

To our increasing competition,

Your sound efforts and the continued loyalty of each one of you have contributed considerably to the success of the Company.

Let us hope that we have shown in our work the future of our business bright.

May it succeed in achieving my sincere wishes for a Happy New Year that may 1975 be a prosperous one for all.

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Comptroller's Department, conducted all its members that Bridge sessions will be held every Monday evening starting at 7 p.m. and that a Duplicate Bridge tournament is planned for early February.
Mahmoud Dirani (center, rear) with fellow Sidon workers.

GOLDEN AWARD FOR TAPLINE TURTLE CLUB'S NO. 1 MEMBER

Mahmoud Dirani, A.B. Seaman Marine Maintenance Man 1, was awarded a golden safety helmet and a golden pen set for having emerged unscathed from an industrial accident which could have been fatal had he not been wearing his safety helmet.

The accident occurred during the "annual hose inspection" of Sidon Terminal in November when a load swung and hit Mahmoud on the head. Mahmoud's safety helmet definitely saved his life!

The accident coincided with the recent establishment of "The Tapline Turtle Club" and entitled Mahmoud to become the club's No. 1 member. The newly-founded club, which is a replica of Aramco's Turtle Club, is aimed at increasing the safety awareness of workers and at promoting the usage of safety equipment for preventing life and material losses.

The club derives its name from the turtle, a species of reptile whose body is encased in a boxlike bony shell.

Presentation of the award was made by Aramco's Chief Loss Prevention Engineer, W. L. Johnston, in the presence of Terminal Superintendent H. T. Jensen and Tapline's Loss Prevention Engineer G.T.O. Martin as well as a number of other Tapliners from Sidon Terminal. The ceremony was held at the Terminal's restaurant.

R.P. WOHLGETHAN APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT—BEIRUT

R.P. Wohlgethan has been appointed as Vice President—Beirut Office, effective December 1, replacing Harry McDonald who was transferred to Aramco—Dhahran.

Mr. Wohlgethan's appointment came in the wake of Tapline and AOC board meetings held in Dhahran on November 27, during which he was elected a Vice President of each of these companies.

Mr. Wohlgethan's service dates back to November 1, 1948, when he joined Aramco in New York as a member of the Comptroller's Department. He was transferred to Saudi Arabia in 1952 and served in a number of staff and supervisory positions in the Comptroller's Organization in Dhahran prior to his promotion to District Chief Accountant, Ras Tanura, in 1962.

Mr. Wohlgethan was elected an Assistant Comptroller of Aramco in May 1972, the position he held until his recent election to his current position.

Mr. and Mrs. Wohlgethan are the parents of two children: Jeffrey, who is currently serving his internship at Boston City Hospital, and Janice, presently in her junior year at Ohio State University.
Sidon Terminal Maintenance and Repair crews recently completed the "annual offshore program" in preparation for the winter season. Among the major tasks carried out under the program were the following:

- Inspection of submarine lines, including removal, testing and re-installation of submarine hoses.
- Drydocking of five mooring launches and a diving boat for new paint and fenders.
- Repair of Berth No. 2 which was out of service for about two weeks in October. The Pipeline Repair crew, headed by Hassib Bassil, fabricated a 20-inch 'jump-over' which they used in the repair of the damaged berth.

The surface works were handled by the Marine crews under the direction of Fouad N. Shamieh, Senior Specialist - Marine Maintenance, while the underwater tasks were carried out by Diver A. Assaly, assisted by Divers K. Mar-dini and M. Khalifa.

The entire "annual offshore program" which can be hazardous, especially during adverse weather conditions, was carried out safely.
Dr. Fuad A. Illyia, Supervising Physician - Beirut and Sidon, and Hratch Kirkyasharian, Nurse-Receptionist, Beirut Clinic, were feted at a company luncheon held at Hamra's Express Steakhouse, November 14, to mark their completion of 25 years of service. The party was highlighted by the presentation of service awards and certificates of employment by Dr. A. Ghanma, Tapline's Medical Director. The function brought the service pin recipients and their families together with Beirut's Medical Department staff, former Medical Director and Mrs. J.D. Thaddeus, Dr. and Mrs. John Malak and Dr. and Mrs. George Stephan.

**DR. FUAD ILLYIA AND HRATCH KIRKYASHARIAN**

Nariya in Saudi Arabia where he worked for 11 months before moving to Ras El-Mish'ab station hospital on the Arabian Gulf. In 1951, when Aramco assumed the administration at Ras El-Mish'ab hospital, Dr. Illyia was transferred back to the Pipe Line Area where he worked at the various pump stations before taking charge of surgery and of the Company's main hospital in Badanah upon its inauguration in 1954. Dr. Illyia spent 15 years of his medical career in Saudi Arabia, moving to Beirut toward the end of 1964. In addition to his other medical responsibilities, Dr. Illyia has, since 1957, been in charge of the "Tapline Hearing Conservation Program" along the "Line.

Dr. Illyia graduated from AUB's Medical School in 1945 and trained in general surgery for three years prior to joining Tapline in 1949. While with the Company he undertook a post-graduate course in E.E.N.T. at the American University Hospital (1957-58), and in 1970 completed a course in Occupational Medicine at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

**HRATCH KIRKYASHARIAN**

Hratch is another veteran Tapliner who has been with the Company since its construction days. His service dates from Sept. 19, 1949, when he joined the Company ranks in Sidon as Medical Dresser. During his first two years of employment, Hratch travelled extensively along the "Line on sanitary inspection assignments. Those were the years when Tapline construction was at its zenith and when operations had just begun. Hratch was transferred to the Medical Department in Beirut in September 1951, to be promoted to Male Nurse four years hence, and, in September 1964, he was promoted to Male Nurse-Receptionist, the position he still holds today. (Photos by Khalil Abou El-Naer).
SPORTS GALA IN BADANAH

Sixty contenders from Badanah participated in a 2-day tournament in ping-pong, billiards and shuffle board, held in the station's Recreation Hall on November 28 and 29.

Top winners were Haig Kindirjian (ping-pong), Michel Mousa (billiards) and Sleiman Salloum (shuffle board). Runners-up were Dr. Amir Abboud, Lafi Naif and Abdallah Shami, respectively.

The tournament was organized by Supervisor-Recreation Najee Shaffi of Aramco-Dhahran.

Ahmad Shmassi, Superintendent-Badanah, distributed the prizes at a trophy distribution ceremony held at the Recreation Hall upon conclusion of tournament play on November 29. (Photos by Khalil Abou el-Nasr).
"Despite the beauty of the past, the blitheness of childhood and the buoyancy of youth, the present appears brighter. "The past seems almost to envy the present its blessings. "The beauty of the present is in the colleagues and friends who have gathered around me throughout 25 years of continuous work with Tapline. "For a quarter of a century, the company has been a home which has grouped us together as one family, so that the bond of friendship among us has been stronger than that of fraternity among brothers."

Chaya Nakouzi

Chaya Nakouzi, Government Relations Specialist, responded with these poetic words to the speeches of D. S. Dodge, Manager Government Relations — Western Countries, and Farid S. Najjar, Government Relations Representative and Coordinator, who paid tribute to his long career and devoted service on the occasion of his recent completion of 25 years of service with Tapline which was marked by a company luncheon held at the Yildizlar Restaurant, Raouche, on December 12. Presentation of the service award and certificate of employment to Mr. Nakouzi was made during the celebrations by Mr. Dodge in the presence of a number of their Tapline colleagues.

Chaya’s service with Tapline dates back to the early construction days when he was employed as an accounting clerk on Sept. 22, 1949. Two years later, after his promotion to senior clerk, he was transferred to the Government Relations Department. Chaya was elevated to the position of Government Relations Contactman on July 1, 1955 and five years later to Government Relations Specialist, a position he still holds today.

Chaya is an asset for both Tapline and its employees with his smooth, quick and efficient handling of all time-consuming and complicated transactions with the government. During his long career in the field of government relations, Chaya has, because of his good nature and pleasant personality, developed countless friendships, both within the government and the company. His government relations career extends over the mandates of five post-independence Lebanese presidents.

Chaya’s success goes beyond business to encompass a field confined only to people of certain talents. He is also a literary man and a versatile writer who is on the verge of publishing three books in Arabic dealing with Lebanese tradition plus sociological subjects. Apart from a few articles which found their way to the press against his will 15 years ago, Chaya retains most of his literary work for future publication. He maintains a valuable Arabic library which comprises the works of more than 100 poets and 400 writers as well as books dealing with Moslem culture. His favorite poets are Tarfa Bin al-Abd of the pre-Islamic Era, Al-Akhtal of the Early Islamic Period, Al-Mutanabbi of the Abbaside Age, and Said Akl and Amin Nakhle of the contemporary era. His preferred writers are Jubran Khalil Jubran and Michael Nu‘aimeh.

Mr. and Mrs. Nakouzi are the proud parents of Salah, 17, Salwa, 15, Lina, 13 and Manhal, 11.