



### FELLOW EMPLOYEES

For a long time we have wanted a publication for and about the men and women of Aramco's New York and San Francisco offices. This is our first, modest effort in that direction.

Aramco operates over vast distances, making more difficult a proper exchange of news, ideas and information. In the United States we have offices in cities separated by the breadth of the continent. Our oil operations are in far away Saudi Arabia. There are affiliates in dozens of cities throughout the world. We wish to break down walls of isolation so that our people here in America will be helped to see beyond their immediate surroundings, know more of what is going on in other departments and in other centers of company activity.

We hope this publication will enable us to get better acquainted with ourselves.

Cordially,

### NAME CONTEST

This publication needs a name. There are 50 bright, new silver dollars for the one who produces the right idea. A contest to select a name will close one month from today. It is open to all employees and their families. The judging will be by a representative committee.

The name should be short. It ought to be descriptive. It would be nice if it were tied into some phase of what we do or where or who we are. We have thought of "Double A", from the company insignia, but somehow that doesn't strike us as quite good enough.

Write your choice of a name on plain paper with your own name and department clearly indicated, and address the envelope to "Contest Manager, Double A." Drop the contribution in the "out" box and the Mail Room will send it on.

Also if you wish to write in any reaction—questions, kicks or comments — send us a note addressed to "Editor, Double A," and follow the same procedure. We guarantee it will be read. If signed, we will acknowledge it. If suggestions are practicable, we'll adopt them.

### OIL PRODUCTION

Dhahran reports an average oil production, during September, of 412,223 barrels per day, with the refinery averaging 121,915 barrels for the same period. Saudi Arabia is now the 5th ranking oil-producing country of the world.

### BOWLING

Aramco bowlers got off to a flying start a few weeks ago with over a hundred fellows and girls heaving big wooden balls at little wooden sticks. About \$200 is available for individual prizes or an after-season shindig, in addition to the team trophy won last year by Producing.

The Bowling Committee is headed by Personnel's Drew Herbert, Treasury's Ray Cox is V. P., and Comptroller's John Bowler (aptly enough) is Secretary-Treasurer. General Services' Genevieve Deas and P and T's Dick Gollan complete the Committee which has arranged for Tuesday and Wednesday after-work competition.

The girl captains are: Ginny Zinns for General Services; Faith Ludlow for Comptrollers; Julia Kober for Law, Aviation and Government Relations; Betty Calvert for P and T; Helen Bard for Mngt's; Marilyn Freund for Personnel No. 1; Marge Bergman for Personnel No. 2; and Connie Bridgeman for Personnel No. 3.

The fellows have Chet Kemp to captain Producing; J. Geideman for Purchasing, Aviation and Management; Don Padgett for General Services, J. Bowler for Comptrollers; Drew Herbert for Personnel No. 1; George Shaughness for Personnel No. 2; T. Gitchell for Personnel No. 3 and Milt Williams for Personnel No. 4.

Team standings will be announced next month.

## ABOUT ARAMCO

Aramco is very new, especially when contrasted with oil itself in the Middle East. Noah used pitch to water-proof his ark. Ancient camel herders used oil from "seepages" to cure mange. Two thousand years ago the Zoroastrians constructed temples over ignited "seepages" and built a religion around them. These early uses, however, were minor in character. It was not until the great industrial revolution of the 18th century that a real demand for lubricants arose.

Commercial development of oil started just 90 years ago when Colonel Drake struck it rich some 69 feet deep in Pennsylvania. A new industry was born, one which now ranks third among all the industries of the United States.

Middle East production didn't get under way until after the turn of the 20th century. Mr. William D'Arcy of England, after several unprofitable years, finally brought in some wells north of the Persian Gulf, now within the concession of the great Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. Many years later a combination of British, Dutch, French, and American firms formed the Iraq Petroleum Company which functions in Iraq and, through subsidiaries, in a number of other Middle Eastern areas.

In the late 1920's, the Standard Oil Company of California had an opportunity to extend its search for oil into the Middle East. They had prior wide scale experience in other parts of the globe and decided to see what could be found on Bahrein Island — lying twenty miles off the mainland of the Arabian Peninsula. In the spring of 1930 two representatives were on Bahrein — one of them being Mr. F. A. Davies. In two years, although time passes faster in the telling than the doing, oil was found by the Bahrein Petroleum Company, Ltd. a Canadian company formed and owned by the Standard of California. The Texas Company became an equal partner a few years later.

It was easy for those early men to look across the twenty-five miles and envisage the possibility of oil on the mainland. But to get over took three long years. Saudi Arabia had been, for all practical purposes, an entity unto itself for hundreds of years. Hard times had come. An area of nearly 900,000 square miles was just barely supporting a population of three and a half million people — and frequently productivity fell below the marginal point. Only pride and spirit had kept the Saudi Arabs going. With their fanatically fought-for independence and survival had come a distrust of foreigners. Early New Englanders, eking out an existence on barren hillsides, had many of the same characteristics — we called it "rugged individualism."

Finally, in 1933, a concession was signed in Jeddah, on the Red Sea, between the Standard Oil Company of California and the Saudi Arab Government. Later expansion brought the total area to some 440,000 square miles, plus certain offshore rights.

After five years of geological work and test drilling, the results of which were disappointing, a well was pushed deeper than the others in 1938, and oil discovered in substantial quantities. Saudi Arabia began its part in supplying world oil requirements.

The Texas Company became an equal partner in Aramco (then known as California Arabian Standard Oil Company) during the late thirties. Standard of California had oil in Bahrein and Saudi Arabia, but no marketing organization in that part of the world. The Texas Company had the marketing organization but not the oil.

A year ago, the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) and the Socony Vacuum Oil Company came in as additional partners. Socony Vacuum now owns 10% of Aramco's stock, and the other three 30% each. This arrangement has offered a greatly enlarged outlet for Aramco oil.

In this short ten year period, our oil producing capacity has gone from 2,000 barrels a day to 500,000 barrels a day. It's been a great triumph by American industry.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This column will be devoted to letters from employees. Space limitations will prevent printing all letters, but as many as possible will be used.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I heard in a kind of round-about way, that there was to be an Aramco publication, and thought I'd write you a letter about a problem we girls have.

If it's not out of order, I'd like to suggest, for the consideration of those that decide such things, that we have a girl's lounge some place in the building. Most other office buildings have them, and a lot of us would like one too.

Some of us like a cigarette now and then, but don't like to smoke at our desks. Some of us bring lunch — and don't like to eat at our desks, either. And it would be nice if there were some place where, if you got a head-ache, you could go and rest for a little while.

So, I hope you don't mind my writing to you about this. Lots of us talk about it, but like the weather, up to now nothing's being done about it.

Sincerely,

A typewriter pounder.

### FOR THE GIRLS

Too many girls living in Manhattan feel it a cold and alien city made up of tall buildings, confusing subways, and little opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy the many activities that seem to lie behind closed doors. We hope to open some of these doors for you and help you discover the many sources of interest and entertainment behind them.

There are two excellent organizations which eagerly await girls who are strangers in New York and help them find fun, relaxation and friends. One you may know—the Y.W.C.A. which has a branch office at Lexington and 53rd Street. It offers numerous courses in dressmaking, business training, current events, languages and homemaking. It has a swimming pool and dances every week. The other organization is the New York League of Girl's Clubs, Inc. at 243 East 60th Street which offers similar opportunities and also has vacation houses on Long Island where you can spend a weekend very reasonably. There are dances every Friday night. Several pamphlets containing full information about these two organizations are available in the Public Relations Department.

Taking a Fifth Avenue bus to Fort Tryon Park, you will not only have an interesting ride up the west side by the Hudson, but will be fully rewarded at the end by seeing The Cloisters. A most fascinating collection of the Nine Heroes tapestries from 14th century France is their current display. The Cloisters is open on Saturdays from 10-5 and on Sundays from 1-6.

A marvelous way to spend one of these brisk, sunny fall afternoons is to take a boat trip around Manhattan Island. In three hours, with a most amusing guide, you will learn more about New York than many native New Yorkers know. The Circle Line boats leave from West 42nd Street and Hudson River pier at 10:30 a.m., 2 and 2:30. CI 6-6687. The Around Manhattan Line boats leave the Battery at 10:30 and 2:30. DI 4-2397.

### SOFTBALL

Aramco's 1949 softball season was short and snappy — in fact it only lasted three weeks. The games were played at Central Park's 96th Street meadow. A full schedule is planned for next season. Following is the way the various departments wound up:

	Won	Lost
P and T .....	1	0
Personnel .....	1	0
General Services .....	1	1
Comptrollers .....	0	2

### PERSONNEL CHANGES

Aviation welcomes Betty Jean Shaver and Mary Dunn as Camel and Gazelle stewardesses. Both are ex-TWA gals—Betty is a former Army nurse. Bob Landes resigned to return to school and get a sheepskin . . . P and T has a number of new faces: Fran Travers, Ed Lange, George Marquardt, Joe Menichino, John Hogan, Joe Scully, Ray McEvoy, Ed Andersen, Bryan Green, and Tom Winkler to help Carl Skog run the new Philadelphia office. During the month Bob Sullivan and Ed Connolly transferred from General Services to P and T . . . Law Department has John Curry, Jr. who has just left for England to attend Oxford, Ward Chamberlin, Jr. enroute to the Sorbonne in Paris, and Eleanor Fette . . . Marion Muhl has transferred to Tapline and is off to Beirut in the near future . . . Government Relations proud to have poly-lingual Leonard Siwek, now in Cairo . . . General Services welcomes Martin Carroll, Georgiana McGinn, Dolores Conlin, and Muriel Papenhansen . . . Treasury greets C. Sutton Titus, Jr. a new addition, as well as two transferees from Personnel, Barbara Gaertner and Irene Leonon . . . Engineering glad to have W. C. Dayhuff and Jim Echeverria . . . Comptroller's reinforced with Bob Jones from the field, Chuck Coniglio, Steve Krisfalusy from New York, and John C. Anderson (not to be confused with Jack Andrews, or John Anderson of the same department.) . . . Ben Tyran of Crude and Products Supply is now with Standard of Cal.

### CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES DEPT. . . .

**Marriages:** Engineering's Joan King to Ted Noble, Calvin Hodge to Marjorie Tott . . . Public Relation's Joyce Summerfield to Arthur Schick . . . Financial's Laura Bagley to Thomas Clyne, Jr. and Gus Ziegler to Gloria Dlouhy . . . Exploration's L. U. Daniel to Acct's Kay Gisinger . . . General Services' Genevieve Bush to Ralph Tutera.

**Births:** P and T's Jack Haran a daughter, Christine; Al Endersby a son Garry Phillip . . . Payroll's Pat McAloon a son, Patrick Joseph McAloon, Jr.

**Engagements:** Exec's Dorothy Coons and Producing's Bill Pearson . . . Engineering's Irwin Richey and Dolores Houston, also Engineering's Marlaine Rogers . . . Personnel's Bob Brautovich and Joan Timmins (Nov. 26th).

### FOREIGN SERVICE TRAINING CENTER

The Foreign Service Training Center at Westhampton, Long Island, where all male field personnel spend six weeks studying Arabic and getting a true picture of what Saudi Arabia is like

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before departing for the field, celebrated its first anniversary on October 18th with a dinner party. Hamilton Osborne, Superintendent, praised the 230 men who have graduated and moved on to field jobs.

### FIELD NEWS

Ras Tanura is viewing their new theatre with pride, but feels nostalgic about the old open air palm-fronded one where blankets were needed on crisp nights . . . the refinery is enriching crude with extra gasoline for gas-starved Western European refineries . . . Government Relations reports boom town conditions in Al Khobar and Dammam, seaside spots a few miles from Dhahran on the Persian Gulf. Both cities are jammed with Saudi Arabs setting up new businesses with the aid of the Arab Industrial Relations Department—bottled gas plants for cooking purposes, fish processing units, soft drink bottling concerns, ice plants, garages and construction firms . . . One of the largest tankers ever to come in at Ras Tanura recently stowed some 216,000 barrels of Arabian crude in a few minutes over 12 hours — that's about 17,500 barrels per hour . . . 85 tankers loaded with crude and refined sailed from Ras Tanura during the month, and over 18,000 tons of food, equipment, and material were unloaded during the same period . . . The bulk gasoline and diesel plant at Jeddah on the Red Sea has recently been taken over from the Saudi Arab Government by the Company; sales are running about 4,600 barrels of gasoline and 800 barrels of diesel a week. Replenishment is made every 30 to 40 days and because of shallow harbors — to be corrected when the big Jeddah pier goes into operation — small-draft tankers lightened by previous unloadings at other Red Sea ports are used for the job . . . Exploration Department is off in high gear again after a summer's layoff for vacations and equipment overhaul. Some five drilling strings are now in operation . . . P and T reports the equivalent of 3,000 home refrigerators full of frozen food went out during the same period . . . Aviation Department keeping busier than ever with five Camel and Gazelle flights per month. You'll be interested to know that we have one of the largest private "air-fleets" in the world — two DC'4s, half a dozen DC'3s, and a number of single-engine jobs — the last two types for use in the field.

### PERSONALS

Each month there will be a column covering "Personals", that is, items for sale, articles needed, apartments wanted or available, etc. Just send them along to the "Double A" — until we get a name.

### SERVICE PIN AWARDS

Fifty-four men and women of Aramco received service awards in the past two months. Forty-one of the awards were for five years of continuous service, and the others up to thirty years, with Aramco and share holder companies.

The awards, and congratulations, went to:

#### Five Year Pins

- James G. Keck
- Henry L. Hardin
- Henry L. Braun
- Albert R. Foster
- Paul E. Case
- Arthur C. Hamilton
- William M. Darling
- Paul J. Taylor
- Francis G. Tallman
- Arthur E. Nichols
- James W. Williams
- Ned F. Daniel
- Waldemar Gronde
- Murphy L. Hayden
- Lester I. Duff
- Scott E. Buckley
- Charles B. Howze
- Thomas Graham
- Alexander P. McFarlane
- George St. C. Williams
- William J. Ryan
- Andrew E. Joyce
- Loren T. Babb
- Carl M. Rodarty
- Carlita Plumb
- Charles McMullen
- Cornelius J. McCann
- Benjamin F. Gates
- Clinton R. Bartlett
- John F. Palmer
- Carmine A. DeGise
- Gordon W. Subra
- Charles DelBondio
- Joseph R. Rees
- Emroy S. Lahrson
- Sergei Tesar
- Dr. J. T. DeLougherty
- Joseph F. Howley
- Louis A. Zimmer
- Augustus R. Knowles
- Robert E. Blewett

#### Ten Year Pins

- Dale D. Gray
- Carl B. Larson
- Donald J. Ramsey

#### Fifteen Year Pins

- Byron E. Robertson
- Henry M. Trotter
- Floyd C. Wellman

#### Twenty Year Pins

- Robert Underwood
- Otto Lessing
- Clarence L. Biggins

#### Twenty-five Year Pins

- Broder Bahnsen

#### Thirty Year Pins and Watches

- Elmer A. Preston
- William H. Needham
- Homer H. Brower

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