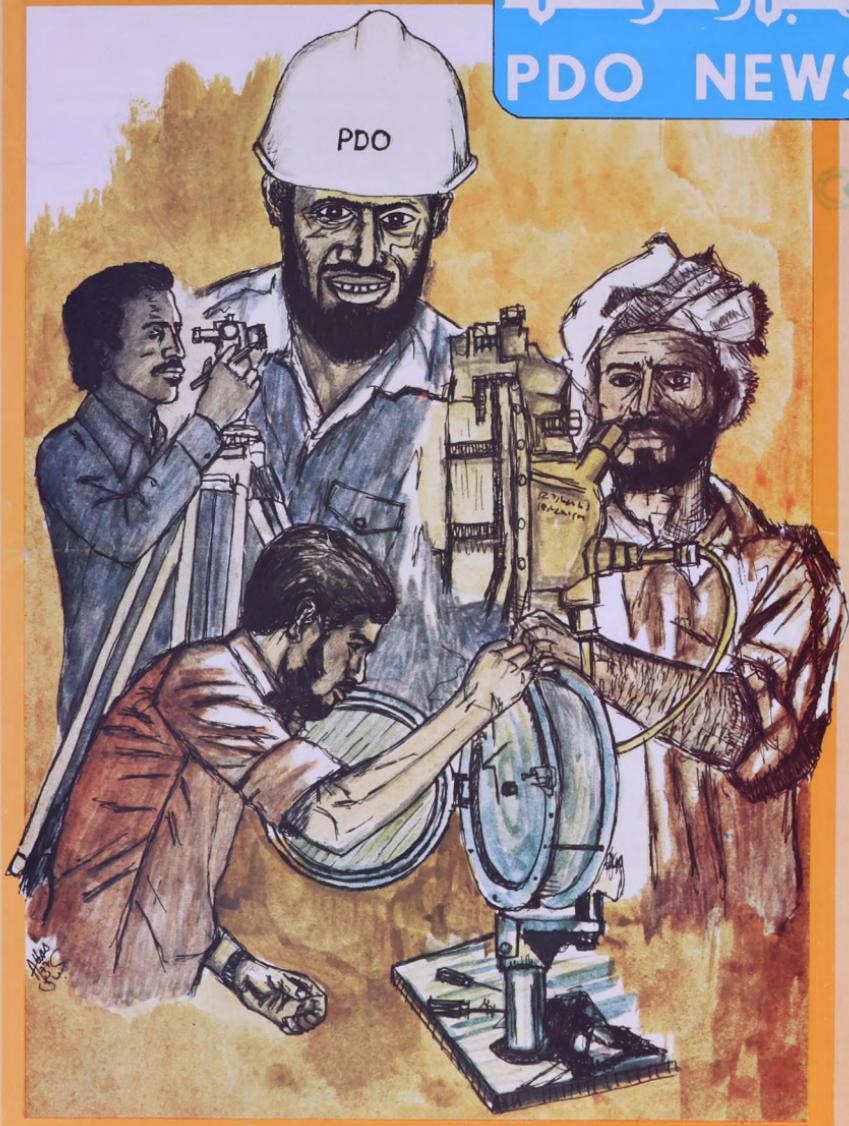


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PDO NEWS



الخدمة الطويلة

احتل فرق الشرطة الموكى المراكز الثالث في دورى عام الموكى ماطنة ليفربول ١٩٧٧ وذلك بفارق الاداء بدينه وبين المهمة الذي احتل المركز الثاني اما المركز الاول فقد فاز بفرق نادي مطروح وقد لعب فريق مباريات قصوى مع الاتية المشاركة فى الدورى وفاز بـ: مطرح ، النجمة ، الشرطة ، الاهلى ، عمان ، سداس ، السبب ، الطاعنة .

وقد ذكر في ٢ مباريات امام الطيبة وسداب والعلوي وتعادل
في اولى مباريات امام النجمة والتربيطة وعاصي وحسين
في مباراة واحدة امام مارط ودول مسلول في المباريات الخامسة
وسيهده من النقطة ٦ نظائراً . وقد تكون الفرق بين الاميين:
في اول مباريات امام هزاع - مدي - ديلور - ابراهيم - سان - اسوارد - جي - بيتا -
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في اول مباريات امام جمعة - ارم - جان ميريت وحسين
او - ايليانس - علي جمعة - ارم - جي - قان ميريت وحسين
سعدي

اننا اذا نهنيء قريباً باحرازه المركز الثالث نتمنى له التوفيق في البطولات القادمة .



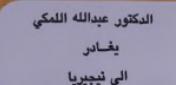
المدير العام يوب ياتسنس يهنيء الزميل بوس وينكل على اتهالله
مع قائم من الخدمة المتقاضية :

قبل أن يعلم التعميل جوب يوم وينكل لحساب شركة شل ،
حيث سنتينوات في أعمال الحفر ياندونيسيا وبعد اختمامه لشن
في ١٩٥٢ عمل لمدة عامين أيضا هناك قبل ظلالة إلى
شركة شل قطر للبتروlier وذلك في الميسيس من عام ١٩٥٤ .

وفي عام ١٩٥٧ وجد جوب نفسه في هولندا يضرم إياز النار من ثم يدخل على أول جهاز حفر بحري متناسك . عاد جوب إلى الجزء الجنوبي من العالم في عام ١٩٦٣ ليحفر أولى الإبار المتوجة بأدوات حجرية متأخرة في قبورها ، وهو إلى لازال يتنكر داخله بسيحة الملح المعلقة . فتحى فالصخراء تصاصف بعض الحشرة والحياة البرية !

وقد يجدون في عمان أسلوب حب إلى يقظة يحيى بديع هنا
١٤٠ .. وبكلمة سخيفه ينادي بـ «شغف الشانة العلية»
لمن يقتضي وقتاً ولكنه يظل حاراً بالآلام لعدة ساعات
من ثم يختفي آخر.

تولى حب مسافر ناظر دائرة المطربات في سفير من الصالح
السياسي وكانت موته إلى عمان في زيارة سريعة في طرف مختلفة
من تلك الأهداف أجهزة المخابرات التي كان هناك ذلك الوقت
تحتها إشراف المخابرات من
المخابرات والدوحة، ويشكون ذات تذكرة حدة اربعة أشهر
لهم في مصر.



A black and white portrait of a man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a suit and tie. The photo is framed by a thick black border.

دكتور عبد الله محمد ناصر المكي

نادر الى تيجيريا في نهاية شهر ديسمبر
توفى عبدالله محمد المكى وذلك في مهمة
للهذه عاصمة.

يضم الزميل عبد الله الممكي إلى دائرة
المسؤولية المترافق بالشركة عام ١٩٧٣ ، وذلك
أن قضى عامين كمحاضر لادة العلوم
لكلكتورنية بذاتة الفيزيان بجامعة بغداد .

تاج وذلك في بيئة مختلفة .
 يوسف تراقيه زوجته وعائلته اثناء فترة
 الـ ١٠ يهوديـاً وبـ ٢٠ مـ ٣٠ يـ ٤٠
 الى عمان في اجازـة السنوية وذلك
 ان يكون قد مضـى ١٢ شـهـراً من مهمـته .
 يـ ٥٠ يـ ٦٠ يـ ٧٠ يـ ٨٠ يـ ٩٠ يـ ١٠٠
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في الرابع من نوفمبر ، أصبح عمر بنروانى أول موظف عمايى بدرجة كبار الوظيفين فهو ايضاً الصديق والمستشار لكثير من المليطين العمالقين حيث مجاول مجاهده

الطبقة العاملة شبات وألة الآلات، الشان، نهاد،
وعلسان، بغيره من الأسلحة والمعدات،
والمندسة بالذخيرة، وتحمل أحد بنيته وهي
المسعدة عادة عام البرواري بعيادة مبنية
المحصل الطبية.
تقتني فلماوس وعائلتها كل المساعدة
والتمويل.

تعيينات فنية بدرجة مدراء

نقر في الاول من ديسمبر ١٩٧٧ تغيير تسمية مدير الاتصال الى مدير المفتي ويحيط بتغيير تسمية كبير المهندسين الى مدير الهندسة وكبير المهندسي النترو الى مدير الهندسة البترولية ، اما كافة العلاقات العالمية بين المرأة الافت ذكرهم سفلي كل ما كانت عليه دون تغيير (انظر الرسم التفصيلى) .



البلد	المجموع	صادرات عمان من النفط الخام لعام ١٩٧٧	القيمة باليارمول	الفترة
اليمن	٦٦,٦٣٢,٣٦	٦٦,٦٣٢,٣٦	٦٦,٦٣٢,٣٦	٥١,٦
الولايات المتحدة الامريكية	١٨,٧٦٣,٦٣	١٨,٧٦٣,٦٣	١٨,٧٦٣,٦٣	١٥,٤
المملكة العربية السعودية	٦,٣٧٤,٧٤	٦,٣٧٤,٧٤	٦,٣٧٤,٧٤	٦,٣
البرتغال	٣,٨٦٩,٧٩	٣,٨٦٩,٧٩	٣,٨٦٩,٧٩	٣,١
المملكة المتحدة	٣,٣٣٣,٣٨	٣,٣٣٣,٣٨	٣,٣٣٣,٣٨	٣,١
كوراساو	١١,١٣٣,٠٨	١١,١٣٣,٠٨	١١,١٣٣,٠٨	٩,٣
هولندا	١١,١٣٣,٠٧	١١,١٣٣,٠٧	١١,١٣٣,٠٧	٩,٣
فرنسا	٤,٧٦٤,٣٨	٤,٧٦٤,٣٨	٤,٧٦٤,٣٨	٣,٨
السودان	٣,١٤٩,٩٤	٣,١٤٩,٩٤	٣,١٤٩,٩٤	٣,٦
البرتغال	٣,١٤٩,٧٩	٣,١٤٩,٧٩	٣,١٤٩,٧٩	٣,٠
اظطلاع	٣,١٤٩,٦٣	٣,١٤٩,٦٣	٣,١٤٩,٦٣	٣,١
(بيروجان) افريقيا الغربية	٥٩١,٩٨٨	٥٩١,٩٨٨	٥٩١,٩٨٨	١,٥
المجموع	١٣٢,٥٢,٤٩١	١٣٢,٥٢,٤٩١	١٣٢,٥٢,٤٩١	١٠٠%

حصانية يعدد موظفي الشركة حتى نهاية عام ١٩٧٧م



فأمنت الشركة

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نهائي العام

١٢٣ موسى عما

٢٠٤ موقعاً آجي

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Congratulations to Dr. Mike Gilbert, acting chief medical officer, and Miss Anita Bateman, who were married on Thursday, 17th November at the British Embassy in Muscat. The official ceremony was followed by a reception at Ras al-Hamra. As 'Mrs Gilbert', Anita continues to teach at the Ras al-Hamra Senior Staff School.

Congratulations as well to Boot Kampahur and Miss Nancy Thores who were married recently in the U.K. Boot joined the company last year for a short assignment as Technical Job Development Adviser. Until her resignation earlier this term, Nancy was Deputy Head Teacher at the Ras al-Hamra school.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Sultan Saif Al-Habcy of Finance Department on the occasion of his marriage, which took place on 15th December at the Ras Al-Hamra Recreation Centre.

We wish the newly wedded couple a long and happy married life.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Pat and Mike Johnson on the birth of a daughter on 8th October 1977 in the U.K.

Congratulations to Mrs Leila Muhsin of Medical Department and her husband Ahmed Sulaiman al-Riyami of the Mina al-Fahal branch of the British Bank of the Middle East on the birth of a son Nabil on 16th September 1977.

Congratulations to Mrs Nadira Mohamed Mohammed and her husband Abbas Ghulam Tawosol of the Department of Information & Public Affairs on the birth of a son Farid in the Khouda hospital on 5th November 1977.

Congratulations to Abdul Ghani Dalmurred of Industrial Relations in the Interior on the birth of a son Adel on 29th October 1977.

Congratulations to Rashed Mohamed Khalfan of Drilling Department on the birth of a son Mohamed in Khouda hospital on 31st December 1977.

Congratulations to Khalifa al-Masry of Supply Department and Mrs Shamsa Lamki of Administration Department on the birth of a daughter Fatima on 20th November 1977 in Khouda hospital.

Our best wishes to all the newborn babies and their parents for future health and happiness.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Abdul Wahab Abdul Latiff of Engineering Department celebrated the first birthday of his son Raed on 29th December 1977.

We wish him many happy return of the day.

اجتماعيات



نهانينا الحارة للدكتور ماهيك جيلبرت رئيس الاطباء بالراوكاتة بعيادة مهاد الفحل الطبية ولزوجته انيتا بالعنوان الترددية بمدرسة راس الحمراء وذلك بمناسبة زفافهما الذي تم في احتفالها السنوي السادس وذلك في يوم الخميس 17 نوفمبر . وقد حفل استقبال بالمناسبة المسعدة برواس الحمراء بعد مراسم الافتاء بالمساجدة .

كما سبورة ان نهنئ، اوسن الزميل يوتو كامبليهور والاسنة ناتسي . تم في مساء يوم الخميس 15 ديسمبر السادس الذيل على دلوفرست على زفافهما الآخر الذي تم في احتفالها مؤخرا . اضفت سلطان صيف المجلس من دائرة الشالية بميناء دبلن على بحثه للشركة في العام السابق وذلك لفترة ملحة ممدة المقطعة وزارة الخارجية ووزاره العدل وبعدها مصطفى العبدالله بحسبه ، بصفة مستشار ثانية للاتصال الفوري . امام المرحومين بهذه المناسبة المسعدة حفل شقيق ذاتية كبيرة المدرستين برواس الحمراء وذلك قبل استقبالهما بعربي راس الحمراء للتشاللية مخبره ليف من الأفضل وأوصافه .

تهانينا لسلطان وسلطة بمحيا زوجته هبة عدهد ، الف مبروك .

الشمعة الأولى



* تهانينا ليات ووليك جونسون من دائرة الخدمات الوردينية بمنطقة ايتونهم الصالا بايزيشنا وذلك يوم السبت الثاني من دائرة الفطر على زفافهما احمد محمد خلفان الولد الذي وُلد في 29/10/1977 . وذلك بتاريخ 19/12/1977 .

تهانينا وشيلينا لللائل ولدرو بالمسعدة والسعادة وال عمر المديد .

* تهانينا ايسلا للزميل راشد محمد خلفان الفحل الطبية اهدى زوجها احمد محمد سالمان الريامي والموفق بذلك الى زفافهما في ميناء من دائرة الفطر على الولد الذي وُلد في 27/10/1977 . وذلك بتاريخ 17/12/1977 .

وادي اسماء محمد وذلك بحضورها بليل ووالده بدمود الصستة .

بتاريخ 20 ديسمبر 1977 .

برهون بر جاسم .

* السيد ناصر محمد حمد حميد الزميل احتفل الزميل عبد الوهاب عبد اللطيف من دائرة الخدمات الوردينية بمنطقة العيادة للتوريات بهذه المناسبة بعيادة غلام رسول الوظيف بدائرة الاتصال من دائرة التلوز الداروية مظفتها الاولى اسماء فهيم وذلك بتاريخ 15/12/1977 .

وستشنى خولة الولادة .

ليحصل بالصحة وال عمر المديد .

من دائرة الخدمات الوردينية بعيادة العيادة والتوريات بهذه المناسبة بعيادة غلام رسول الوظيف وذلك في يوم الخميس الاول لسنة وائده وذلك في يوم الخميس 29 ديسمبر . وقد حضر الحفل الاصداري التي سماها فهيم وذلك بتاريخ 27/12/1977 .

ومستشفى خولة الولادة .

OMANI NIGHT

OMANI NIGHT 1977

Omani staff participated in the celebrations which took place throughout the Sultanate during November to commemorate the Seventh National Day and Birthday of His Majesty, the Sultan, by organizing an 'Omani Night' on Thursday, 17th November in the Ras al-Hamra Recreation Centre.

'Oman and the Sea', was the general theme adopted for the party both in the decor and food served on a lavish scale. At the entrance to the club the stern of the famous Omani ship, the *baggala* 'Sultana', was reconstructed and on the patio near the swimming pool several traditional Omani fishing boats were on display.

The open restaurant area opposite the snack bar was turned into a 'boom' and in the main hall a short Arabic play, a fisherman's story from the Thousand and One Nights, was performed for the first time.

This was followed by folk dances, presented by Omanis working in Engineering Department. There were also songs and dances from the well known al-Khaburah folklore troupe.

A buffet supper consisting mainly of sea food was served in the main restaurant area, which could only just cope with the number of guests, driven in from the rain! However all was well and the meal was followed by the draw for prizes and music was played for dancing in the main hall until the early hours.

In spite of the rain which was entirely unexpected, the party went with a swing and was not dampened by the elements. The effort and organization which went into making it a successful party were tremendous and we congratulate all who participated or contributed to the success of the occasion and hope that we shall see more Omani Nights like this one in the years to come!



TECHNICAL APPOINTMENTS AT MANAGEMENT LEVEL

On 1st December it was decided that the title of Production Manager would be changed to Technical Director and that henceforth the Chief Engineer would be known as Engineering Manager and the Chief Petroleum Engineer as Petroleum Engineering Manager. The reporting relationship remains unchanged as shown in the organigram given below.



OIL EXPORTS DURING 1977

Country	Barrels	Percentage
Japan	62,693,366	51.4
U. S. A.	18,776,163	15.4
Germany	1,274,184	1.0
Norway	3,829,967	3.1
United Kingdom	1,323,318	1.1
Curacao	11,111,087	9.1
Holland	11,120,125	9.1
France	4,664,348	3.8
Sweden	4,149,984	3.4
Portugal	1,191,279	1.0
West Africa (Abidjan)	591,988	0.5
Italy	1,299,682	1.1
TOTAL	122,025,491	100.0

EMPLOYEE STATISTICS

During 1977 the company recruited 133 new staff and at the end of the year employed a total of 2078 men and women; of these 114 were Omani Senior Staff; 254 International Senior Staff; 1414 were Omani Junior Staff and 296 Expatriate Junior Staff.



ENGINEERING MANAGER



J. C. B. Tunstall

John Tunstall arrived in Oman on 1st October having just completed 25 years with the Shell Group of companies. His first overseas assignment after qualifying as an Engineer at Birmingham University was in Egypt. Three years later he was transferred to Shell Trinidad and then to Shell Chemicals in the U.K.

In 1963 John went as a senior project engineer on Secondary Recovery Projects to Venezuela and was later transferred to management services. He then went to Brunei where he spent six years. His first appointment was Head of Offshore Construction until his promotion in 1973 to Engineering Manager.

FIRST OMANI TO REACH RETIREMENT



On 30th November, his last working day, Amor was given an official farewell in the managing director's office. In reply to a short speech of appreciation given by Bob Jettes, Amor expressed his feelings for the company by saying how much he had enjoyed working with PDO. Quite apart from the excellent terms and conditions of service, he felt that he had belonged to an efficient organization and had enjoyed good working relationship with all his colleagues for the six years.

On 4th November Amor Mohammed Amor al-Barwani became the first member of our Omanis senior staff to reach retirement age.

When Amor joined the company in May 1971, he was one of half a dozen Omanis senior staff - there are now 115, out of a total of 353. Since he joined the personnel department, which then handled industrial relations, personnel services and recruitment, Amor has witnessed and experienced many changes and much expansion in the administration.

In 1973 Amor was appointed to lead the recruitment team during an important phase in the company's efforts to attract Omanis both home and abroad to join the company. He subsequently became part of a new department established to further the career prospects of Omanis staff and employees. Besides being the contact man for departments in their career planning for junior staff, he

Many of us will miss the wise advice of our elder statesman, who brought to the company many years of experience and skill in administration. We hope that he will be happy in retirement and that he will keep in touch with the company. As a retired member of senior staff he will be entitled to continue his membership of the Ras al-Hamra Recreation Centre.

Amor has a family of three sons and four daughters; two of his sons and one daughter is doing an Engineering Course abroad. One of his daughters Mrs. Sufida Amor Barwani is working in the Mina al-Fahal clinic.

We wish Amor and his family all the very best for the future.

ASSIGNMENT OVERSEAS



Abdullah Mohammed Nasser Lamki

Dr. Abdulla Lamki is leaving Oman at the end of December for a two year working assignment in Nigeria.

Abdullah Lamki joined Petroleum Engineering Department in September 1973, having spent two years as a lecturer on electronics in the Physics Department of Bagdad University.

Since joining the company, Abdullah has attended several courses in petroleum engineering and other subjects relevant to his career development. Having gained nearly a year's experience in the field as a well site petroleum engineer and with a good background in his subject, Abdullah is looking forward to working as a production technologist in a different environment.

He will be accompanied to the Mid-West region of Nigeria by his wife and family and will return to Oman for leave after a twelve month tour of duty.

We wish Abdullah every success in the assignment !



LONG SERVICE

25 YEARS SERVICE !

Congratulations to Joep Boswinkel on the completion of twenty five years service with the Shell Group of companies.



Bob Jettes congratulates Joep Boswinkel on a quarter of a century of service.

Joep Boswinkel had six years drilling experience in Indonesia before joining Shell in Holland on 1st December 1952. After spending two years there he was transferred to Shell Company of Qatar in August 1954.

On arrival in Doha, Joep helped with the fitting out of the ill fated offshore rig MU 1, which was later wrecked in a storm. Joep recalls that he was on leave at the time this happened, but he has not forgotten working and living in the primitive conditions of those early days, when the rig had to be packed up by hand and the drillers slept only a few feet away from the kites!

In 1955 Joep found himself in Holland again, drilling gas wells and later working on the first offshore rig. Joep returned to this part of the world in 1962 and drilled the first producing wells at Yibal, Naith and Fahud. He also remembers going into the dead and depressing salt marsh of the Umm al-Samim as one of the more unpleasant times in his career, for even in the desert there is some vegetation and wild life!

After Oman, Joep went to Nigeria where he remained eleven years. Like many other Shell personnel he was evacuated during the civil war, but was only out of the country for two months before going back into a different area.

Joep was appointed drilling superintendent in September last year having returned to Oman the previous January in very different circumstances from his previous experience. There was no Mina al-Fahal in those days and the drilling crews flew in to the rig site from Bahrain or Doha for a four month stretch at a time !



HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The company hockey team took third place in the 1977 Hockey Tournament and scored the same number of goals as al-Nahda Club, which came second. The tournament was won by Muttrah Club. Our team played some good matches, winning against al-Tall'a, Sidah and al-Ahli Clubs.

The PDO team drew 4 matches, against the Police, al-Nahda, Seeb and Oman Clubs and lost only one match to Muttrah. Our team scored a total of 9 goals, with 5 against, scoring ten points in the tournament. Those who played for the PDO team included: B. R. Knotterus, C. W. Cottrell, C. van Lamsweerde, R. P. A. Huizinga, Yaacob Meers, N. A. Peeler, G. J. Potma, P. A. Smeenk, D. Swart, Khaled Sumar, K. Verhaar, R. Williams, Ali Juna, R. J. van Meerten and Sadiq Mohammed Sa'id.

We congratulate them on taking third place and wish them every success in the tournaments to follow.



The PDO Hockey Team has decided to take part in the newly established Zubair Cup Tournament, which will include other clubs in the Capital Area and will begin in January 1978.

We wish our team the best of luck in this hockey tournament.



SAFETY

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT COME FIRST! . . . in our safest year so far

The first ever annual safety competition was won by Engineering Department. On Wednesday, 4th January 1978, a prize-giving ceremony was held in the main workshop at Mina al-Fahal. A draw took place to award eight lucky winners from Engineering Department prizes ranging from Seiko watches to a 20 inch colour television. As well as these prizes, there were awards to the best sections within the department and all members of the department received a lighter!

A speech of welcome was given by Ahmed Hassan Awadh al-Shanfari on behalf of the employees for the Managing Director, Technical Director, Engineering Manager and all those attending the ceremony.

In his address to the crowded workshop floor, the Managing Director pointed out that 1977 had been the safest year in the history of the company and emphasized that safety was the concern of everyone in the company, from top to bottom. "Not only do accidents waste time and money but they can also be tragic to the employee, his family and friends." He concluded his speech by thanking all the departments which had taken part in the safety competition and once again congratulating all members of Engineering Department on their success and for setting a new record for safety in the company.

The speeches and proceedings at the prize-giving were relayed to Fahud, so that employees of Engineering Department in the interior were able to listen to the results of the draw, which was conducted by the Managing Director with the help of the Technical Director, assisted by staff of Loss Prevention Department and Mohammed Abdulla al-Shueli, who announced the results.

The winner of the first prize — a 20 inch colour television — was Kamis Khalifa, who was on shift duty in the power station when his name was drawn from the drum. A vehicle was sent to collect him and he was awarded his prize a few minutes later.

After the main draw there were three more prizes to distribute to the three winning sections in Engineering Department. First prize went to the Earthmoving Section in Fahud, Second prize to Mechanical Section on the coast and Third prize to the Workshop in Fahud.

What is an accident?

Is an accident just "bad luck"? or . . . a thoughtless mistake which can cause destruction of property, pain, injury, or even loss of life? There are all kinds of accidents, but they all have one thing in common: if we had been more careful and alert, they could have been prevented.

Safety Competition 1978

The Safety Competition is a race: a race to complete each day, week and month of 1978 with as few accidents as possible. The race-track is the large board we have erected at the entrance to the Industrial Area in Mina al-Fahal (with one just like it in Fahud). Each of department is represented by a horse, and each horse is moved along the track according to its department's safety performance, so that the department whose horse is in front has the best safety record.

As in 1977 some departments (such as Drilling) have a higher accident risk because of the type of work they do. If the race was based merely on the number of accidents, it would be very difficult for such departments to win. Therefore a handicap system has been introduced, so that all departments have a fair chance — just like in a real race.

What's the Prize?

The best prize for those who achieve an improvement in their safety record, however, is: safety; avoiding painful injuries, damage to property and possible tragedy.

Any Questions?

Don't hesitate to ask your supervisor if any point about the race is not clear, or if you have any suggestions for improving our safety performance. Remember, the race is your business: and so is safety!

A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Safety in '77 was great
Let's do better in '78!

COMPETITION

Prize-Winner

	Prize
1st — Kamis Khalifa	20 inch colour television
2nd — Saif Hamoud Sultan	18 inch colour television
3rd — Imaam Hamdan	14 inch colour television
4th — Sa'id Mohamed Soleiman	12 inch black & white portable television
5th — H. E. Elekar	Radio cassette
6th — Habib ar-rehman	Radio cassette
7th — Yusuf Khudadad	Seiko quartz watch
8th — Saif Zaher Humaid	Seiko day & date watch

1st Section — Earthmoving (interior)

Sa'id Muwaildeh — 14 inch colour television

2nd Section — Mechanical (coast)

Salim Abdulla — Radio cassette

3rd Section — Workshops (interior)

Hamad Salem — Seiko quartz watch



RIG SAFETY COMPETITION

Rig 2 won the 1977 camel race in a close finish with Rig 7! At the time of going to press the prizes for this competition had not been awarded.

OUR OPERATIONS

DRILLING

RIG 2 completed Sabsab-1 in October and then moved to Rahab-2 in November.

Rig 2 drilled 4,807 feet during the two months.

RIG 4 spudded Fahud North-140 on 1st October and moved to Lekhwa East-1 later on in the month. During the month of November Rig 4 continued to work at other Lekhwa locations.

Rig 4 drilled 13,496 feet during October and November.

RIG 5 operated at Saif Rawl-16 throughout October and then moved to Saif Rawl-17,

where it remained until the end of November. Rig 5 drilled 10,233 feet during the two months.

RIG 7 remained at Wadi Aswad-1 during October. On completion the rig moved to Yibal-86 where it remained until the end of November. Rig 7 drilled 10,392 feet during the two months.

RIG 9 remained at Yibal-1 throughout October and November and drilled 1,011 feet.

The total footage drilled during October and November was 40,159 feet.

PRODUCTION

The average daily production of crude oil during October was 333,004 barrels. The total production for the month was 10,323,180 barrels.

The average daily production during November was 324,997 barrels and the total amount produced was 9,749,903 barrels.

EXPORTS

A total of 9,846,713 barrels (1,319,499 metric tons) was exported in 15 shipments. The largest single shipment during the month was a cargo of 196,514 metric tons on board the Liberian tanker 'Aristotle Onassis'.

In November a total of 10,026,342 barrels (1,343,921 metric tons) was exported in 13 shipments. The largest single shipment was a cargo of 201,401 metric tons on board the British tanker 'Lampas' bound for Rotterdam.

FIRST NGL PLANT IN OMAN READY TO COME ON STREAM ! SAIF RAWL USES UNIQUE NEW PROCESS TO RECOVER

NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS



The natural gas liquids plant at Saif Rawl, which is the third and largest of its kind in the world, will recover residual liquids from the flare gas at the Saif Rawl gathering station to augment the oil production from the field. The plant works on a process which can only be applied at Saif Rawl on account of the high pressure of the gas found in that field. During the coming year similar larger plants will be constructed at Yibal and Fahud.

MINISTER SPEAKS ON TELEVISION

On the occasion of the Seventh National Day, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Petroleum, and Minerals, H. E. Said Ahmad Said al-Shanfary, gave a speech on Oman Colour Television. The theme of the speech was to explain the achievements of the Ministry over the past year in each of the various fields with which it is concerned; the following is a series of extracts from that part of the speech made on 3rd December which concerns us most directly and which deals with oil and related matters.

"It gives me great pleasure on this occasion which is so dear to our hearts, to give a brief account of the achievements of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Petroleum, and Minerals.

Oil Production

Since oil is the keystone of the economy in Oman, and accounts for 95% of the revenue for the State Budget, I thought it appropriate that I should start with oil. The average daily production reached 338,000 b/d, sold at the present

In co-operation with the oil exploration companies operating in the Sultanate, the activities of the Ministry have been concentrated on intensifying exploration and drilling activities and on the analysis of data

in order to find new fields and thereby increase production. Thus the number of wells which will have been drilled this year is 59, compared to 43 drilled during 1976. This year's wells may be divided into the following categories : 56 wells drilled in the Concession Area of Petroleum Development (Oman) Limited, with an additional two wells drilled by Quintana/Gulf in the Sunenah region and one well drilled by Elf Oman offshore Musandam. The total amount of money spent on production, exploration, and development drilling during 1977, was 130 million dollars, compared with 92 million during 1976.

Natural Gas

Gas is also one of our natural resources; reserves have been calculated at around 4 trillion ft³, which ought to permit us 50 years of production, God willing. However, research now indicates that those reserves are somewhat less than originally anticipated. This is, nonetheless, based on the latest drilling



results, and as you know the drilling involved aimed at finding oil, not gas. The gasoline project from Yibal to Ghubrah is now nearing completion, and is expected to be completed towards the end of January, 1978 when the facilities for pumping, collecting, and liquefying the gas will be completed.

While the Italian company Snamprogetti is doing the construction, this follows the appointment of Petroleum Development (Oman) and SIPM as Consultants to supervise the execution of the project. This gas will be used (after it flows through the 320 km pipeline) for the provision of reasonably priced fuel to the electricity-generating and desalination plant at Ghubrah, for the cement plant on which work is due to commence shortly, in addition to providing the necessary energy to various vital industrial projects. It is also intended to extend the gasline up the Batinah coast for the Sohar copper project and for other industries and electricity generation along the coast.

Saif Rawl

We shall have three projects for utilization of associated gas; the first of these is a gas liquefaction plant at Saif Rawl which will cost \$ 4 m, will be finished at year's end and will give about 1100 b/d of pipeline, raising the quality of Omani crude.

Training

Impetus has been given to training

Omanis

for taking an appropriate positions in the Company. As a result, the total number of Omanis working in P.D.O. has risen during 1977 to 1026, against an average of Omanis to 74% in 1974. The number of Omani Senior Staff in high positions also rose, to 112, whereas there were 67 in 1974.

Fahud

The third project, at Fahud, will be completed during 1979, and will enable an additional 2700 b/d of oil to be added to the main oil pipeline. When it is in service, we shall have eradicated the wastage of this important resource, increasing revenue by some \$ 25 in yearly, being the price of the gas which was previously burnt off."



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