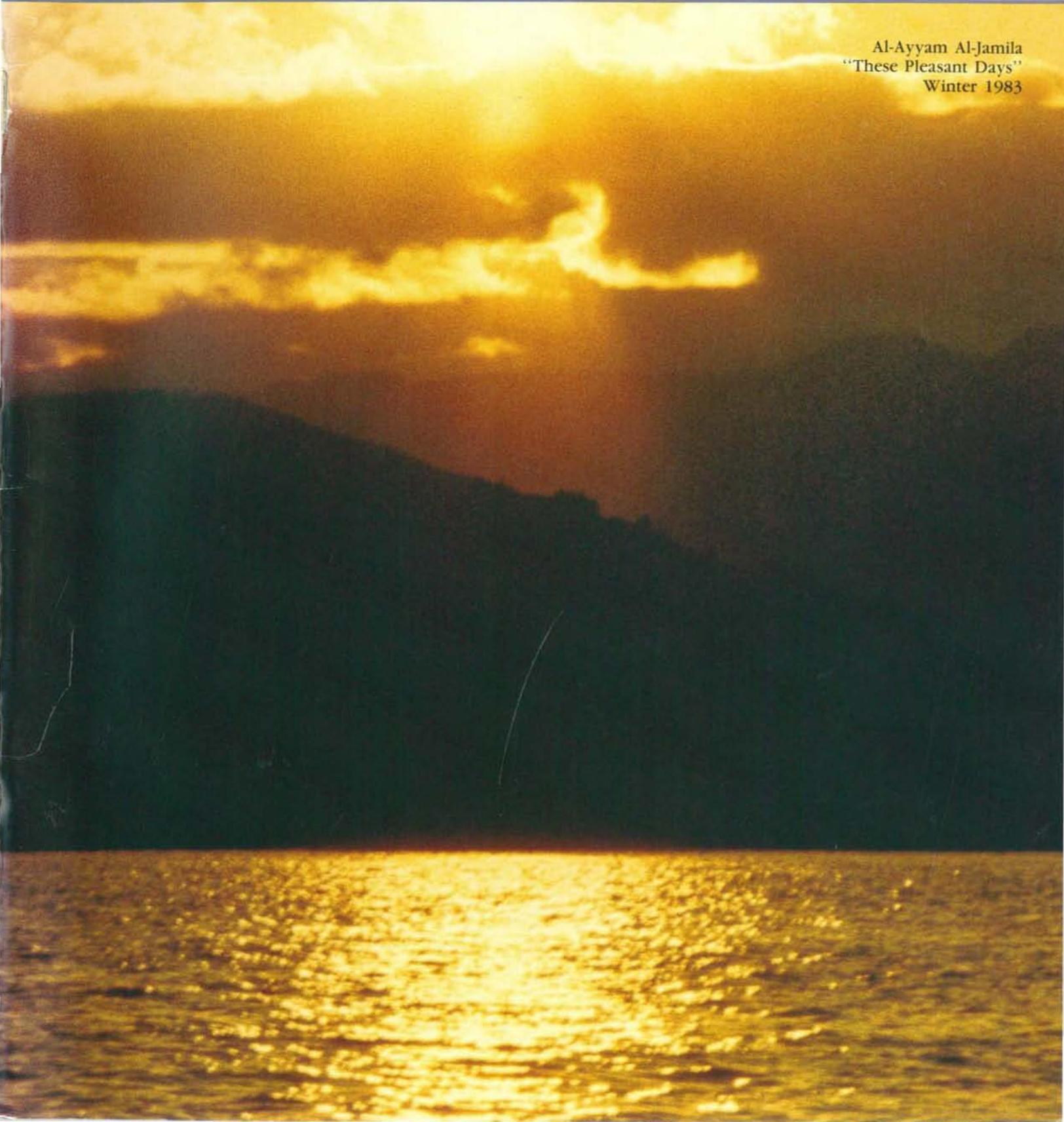


# Al-Ayyam Al-Jamila

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"These Pleasant Days"  
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"In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful."  
Holy Quran

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## Letters

Fremont, California

I have had the March & June 1983 copies of *The Arabian Sun* and a B&W print of my "bride" of 57 years, at her 80th birthday celebration in 1982, on the "sideboard" for almost two months.

It was (and is) my intention to write to you for possible inclusion in a future issue of *Al-Ayyam Al-Jamila*, my observations and comments on and about the above mentioned "sideboard" items. Now that I've told you what I'm going to write about...

First, we, Alan J., Sharon K., Maureen and I, joined in giving Helen a catered 80th birthday party in our mobile home park clubhouse on April 25, 1982, with about 80 family members and friends attending. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all, the food was good, we had a lot of fun and Alan J. took some very good "candid" in color and B & W. Quite a few of the family members also attended Helen's 70th too; however, a lot of the "kids" who were at her 70th now have children of their own. My, how time flies!!!

Second, about the March 1983 issue of *The Arabian Sun*. The article about the *Queen Mary* brought back memories of long ago and far away. Al Singelyn sent me to Ras al Mish'ab for an accounting "clean-up" assignment during the time Joe Turner was the tool pusher and Carl Washburn was his relief. Lou Gasatis and others mentioned in the article, including Ed Dizelski, Bill Baldwin, Charlie Bazonett



and Swede Nelson, the petroleum engineer, were names that brought back nostalgic memories.

One incident or "misfortune" I clearly remember was the night Ed Dizelski pulled down the drilling rig off the drilling platform in about 40-foot deep water. Another event I recall was a "protocol visit" from the U.S. Navy Admiral and his "exec" and staff—a grand bash was had by all and the "exec" beat yours truly at the cribbage board! We even had turtle soup a few times!

Third, about the June 1983, special anniversary issue of *The Arabian Sun*. The articles by HE Ahmad Zaki Yamani and John J. Kelberer were informative, educational, historical and nos-

talgic—to say the least. All of that issue brings back many fond memories—*al ayyam al jamila*.

"Royal Visits During Aramco's 50 Years" and "Aramco Yesterday and Today"—I can't speak from personal experience about the past 24 years, but I sure remember, from personal experience, many of the events both published and unpublished during the period 1945 through 1959. This was the second era of the Aramco pioneers—the first, from 1933 through 1944, really roughed it. My era developed the discoveries and initiated the training and Saudi personnel advancement programs. Our families

went through many experiences present day Saudis and other nationals including American employees can only read about—history.

As many of our former compatriots observe when they get together at the biannual reunions, we are a unique group of individuals who went through unique experiences—that's what keeps bringing us back again and again to reminisce about the good old days.

I am enclosing the B & W print mentioned above so you may see what a couple of "well preserved" old "second era" pioneers looked like on April 25, 1982. We still look pretty good today—ego, ego!

Helen is waiting for me to take her to lunch (maybe McDonald's) so I'd better sign off for now. Kindest regards to all second era and subsequent folks who remember the McKeegans.

Sincerely,

**Bernard R. McKeegan**

Palm Desert, California

Could you mention somewhere in the next AAAJ the passing of Margaret Weichel on 11/1/83? She was one of the early employees, having worked at Ras al Mish'ab in 1948, and had several tours of duty in Dhahran District. She was not an annuitant.

Yours very truly,  
**Madelene and Irene Spencer**

Springfield, Missouri

I want to express my appreciation to Aramco and you for the various publications and newsletters we receive from Aramco Services Company.

In December 1983 it will be 15 years since my wife Billie and I departed Ras Tanura for retirement. I enjoyed my 17 years in Abqaiq, Ras Tanura and a few months in Dhahran near the end of my employment. Almost all of my work was in the Engineering drafting rooms of the three districts.

The news in the various publications is still very interesting to me. However, after an absence of 15 years, the names in the news, at the so-called "grass roots" level, no longer are familiar very frequently. It is still nice to read of those former acquaintances who have ascended the corporate ladder to various levels of management.

Having spent almost all of my time in the various engineering drafting rooms, I occasionally wonder as to the whereabouts and welfare of those drafters with whom I worked. Among these was Ahmad Jabaly, whose home was in Tripoli, Lebanon, now a very troublesome area. I hope he and his family are safe. And then, two Italian drafters I fondly remember, Giorgio Modena and Enzo Amendola, each of whom began his tenure with Aramco in the mid-1940s. I would like to hear from them.

Sincerely,

**E. C. (Pat) and Billie Patrick**

Long Island, New York

I've always enjoyed reading about our Aramco friends in *Al-Ayyam Al-Jamila*, but have never written.

At this time of a great loss in my life I wanted all of our wonderful friends to know how much your notes, letters, etc., of comfort meant to me. I have left La Jolla, CA and am temporarily living with my daughter Judith in Sag Harbor, Long Island.

My address until I'm settled will be Mrs. R. I. Brougham, c/o Mrs. Judith Bates, Box #77, Sag Harbor, Long Island, NY 11963.

Sincerely,

**Hazel Brougham**

P.S. The change of address was not the important thing in this note, it's the word I want to get to all my Aramco friends.

Las Cruces, New Mexico

I wish to send a very sincere thank you to the many friends and acquaintances who sent messages of loving sympathy, and beautiful floral tributes in memory of Ellis' Ed.

Your caring and sharing in our sorrow has been a very real source of strength. I know that all the children join me in this thank-you, and in saying God bless you, everyone.

**Clara E. (Betty) Hill**

North Palm Beach, Florida

Phyllis and I have been enjoying our retirement since 1977. Phyllis never misses a show at the Burt Reynolds Dinner Theater, also playing cards, attending luncheons for various charities and enjoying with me the excitement of Atlantic City, the Bahamas, Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and the Palm Beach Kennel Club.

I had been active in the Shrine Club Marching Drum Corps, but had to give it up as my left knee could no longer take carrying a 26-pound drum on it and marching three or more miles in the parades.

I have now organized a four-piece combo with some of the residents in our condominiums (sax, piano, accordian, and I on the drums). We play for our friends and neighbors approximately once a month at our Bring Your Own Snacks, B.Y.O.B., Dance and Sing parties in our beautiful clubhouse.

Fishing has been excellent here in Florida, but I miss the blueness and clarity of the waters in Half Moon Bay and the Arabian Gulf. (Those were the days!)

I would appreciate very much if you would send us the latest "Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" slides. I have shown those I purchased in Dhahran before my retirement in our schools and clubhouse. All those viewing them enjoyed them very much and it shows some of the folks back here what Aramco has done.

Keep up the excellent work you are doing in your publications, we enjoy them very much.

Sincerely,

**Fred and Phyllis Kilsz**

Wichita Falls, Texas

We love to receive the Aramco publications and are planning to be at the reunion in California. We were busy at the time of the ones in Florida and Oklahoma. During the one in Oklahoma we were on a wonderful, 20-day tour of China. Tom is building his third house since retirement. It's full of new ideas and is an exciting project.

Please send us "The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" slide kit. We have interested groups we show slides to of our travels, including China.

When Tom finishes his new house, will send pictures to Mary Norton, as the new leisure home is all steel as well as other unusual parts.

Sincerely yours,

**Mrs. Tom Hauck**

Carthage, Missouri

Some time back, Joe Dowling wrote about a get-together on the air by radio amateurs from Aramco retirees. It's time again to ask for anyone interested in joining the group and trying to arrange a regular gabfest on the amateur bands. So far we have not been too successful for various reasons, not the least of which were Joe's antenna problems which seem to have been solved. Will anyone wishing to join the "net" please contact Joe Dowling, Frank Richards, Leroy "Tiny" Niedenfuhr or Martin Walton (not an Aramcon but on the mailing list). Everyone is welcome, so let's get on the air and start jabbering!

Sincerely,

**Frank Richards**

New Braunfels, Texas

Many thanks for the Girl Scout calendar and the lovely Aramco book. I'm sure I speak for many of us when I say the retirees appreciate the way Aramco remembers us in so many ways.

Ray is doing well. In my last letter I told of the four major surgeries he had in 1982. (within four and a half months). Since then he's had one cataract removed with a lens implanted and will have the second one done this month (August). He's kept up his exercise regime and is able to do most everything, but, of course, his pace has had to slow somewhat. Angina has not returned!

Our home is coming along well. It's all framed and roofed, and presently we're getting the last of the outside done so we can lock up. Then we'll start on the electricity and plumbing. It's slow but enjoyable work. Being on top of a high hill, we get whatever breezes are blowing to keep us comfortable. We've had our first guests in the house—camping out. We are still living in our motorhome slightly downhill. After work we enjoy taking a swim in nearby Canyon Lake.

Our best to you all,

**Ruth Ann and Ray Stevens**

Binghamton, New York

I enjoyed more than I can say the very excellent September 1983 *Arabian Sun* article about Floyd Ohliger, who, in my opinion, was "head and shoulders above" most of the oil men I have known. He was an oil man's oil man. I admired him greatly.

With appreciation,

**Austin Kellam**

Golden, Colorado

We are always so glad to receive the publications that are sent to us by Aramco Services Company. It keeps us abreast of things and so many fond memories.

I (Tony) was semi-retired in April 1970 and married former employee Cordia Padgett. We came back to Saudi Arabia in 1976 for a construction company. Before our retirement in June of 1982, we visited Aramco and got lost trying to find our way. The changes that have taken place in 13 years, one cannot imagine. We came to say farewell to Saudis that had worked for me for 17 years, and it was like coming home to family. We visited several towns nearby and I met many Saudis that were also retired. What a warm welcome we were given by these wonderful people.

We live at the foothills of the Rockies, and if anyone is visiting, we have lots of room. Our phone number is (303) 234-9425.

Keep up the good work, we love it.

**Tony and Pat Tomaselli**

San Diego, California

I have been involved with the Missions of the lower Baja for the past seven years. We have been fortunate in having the wholehearted support of our church and our community in assisting those less fortunate south of the border. We ship approximately three van loads of

clothing, shoes, utensils, sewing machines, typewriters, bicycles, etc., a year. At times I am flabbergasted at the generosity of the American public. At this writing we have 32 55-gallon drums, each filled to the brim and ready to go south. They are filled with clothing, shoes, a few typewriters (old mechanical, but in working order) also, yards and yards of like-new carpeting (sleeping pads down there)—it never ends, praise Allah!

Last month three local parishes worked out a plan to offer the SHARE Food Program to our local community. Briefly stated, SHARE delivers through the respective church group a (unit) of food which costs the individual or family \$11; for the \$11, they receive the equivalent food retail value of \$40—\$50. In addition, they are asked to donate two hours a month to the community, the SHARE center (packaging food), or their church. Our involvement started with the October distribution. They get all of the items listed in individual packages for \$11. This program originated in Los Angeles, and it caught fire in the San Diego area in May.

Last month SHARE distributed 10,000 units for 40,000 people. That's charity in action. With five paid employees and the donations of time, talent and treasure of both individuals and organizations, this has to be a winner.

**Edmond J. and Maryann Gelinis**

P.S. Looking forward to the next reunion at the grand old hotel Coronado, seeing old friends.

Houston, Texas

Pauline R. Haug (Mrs. Roy K.) passed away October 5, 1983 after a long illness. She arrived in Arabia with her husband in 1946 and went on to become the first American grandmother with Aramco, eventually having nine grandchildren, all of whom were born in Dhahran. Parents of the grandchildren are Mary and Buddy Haug (now residing in The Hague with Aramco, with more than 37 years service), Joyce and John Kriesmer (now retired in Houston after 32 years service with Aramco) and Jackie and George Larsen (now retired on Maui, Hawaii after 32 years service with Aramco). Her grandson Rodney Haug, wife and great-grandson Ryan are presently with Aramco in Dhahran.

**Joyce Kriesmer and Jackie Larsen**

Moab, Utah

Lovely Summer/Fall issue just received. Your cover colors resemble ours—Aspen gold—not only illuminating our ranch, but an uninterrupted "splash" of 10 miles up into the LaSal Mountains. The view this time of year—priceless. Makes gathering wood for our fireplaces a pleasure instead of a chore. At the 8,000-foot level, Cotton's chain saw echos in its own musical sound—you'd be surprised how many deer and elk *find us!* We'd be grateful to receive the updated slide and cassette tape on "The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia." I gave a talk to the Ladies of Elks with the set I brought home in '76 (1976, that is).

Thanks,

**Lee and Cotton McGinty**

# Retirements

Edited from *The Arabian Sun*

## R. A. "Bob" and Pauline Herrington



R. A. "Bob" and Pauline Herrington's departure for retirement in Texas Hill Country signaled the completion of a 33-year career and another phase in the Herrington family's involvement in the oil industry.

Bob began working in 1950 as a drafter at Exxon's Baytown refinery, where his father, Hilary Austin Herrington, was employed for 28 years, retiring in 1958. A degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Texas in Austin and related studies at Southwestern Louisiana Institute and M.I.T. helped Bob advance to

the position of senior staff engineer, with responsibility for such projects as the design and construction of a two-million-volt electron accelerator facility for petroleum research.

In April 1973, Bob arrived in Dhahran on a loan from Esso Middle East. As construction engineer, Bob's special assignments included the erection of the Administration Building East and the Oil Exhibit Center.

He started work as a maintenance engineer with the Northern Area Maintenance Department in 1975 and became an Aramcon in January 1976. It was during his Northern Area assignment that

Bob efficiently supervised and participated in the underwater repairs of the ruptured DRT2 pipeline. Before he left Northern Area Maintenance, Bob's responsibilities were expanded to include the maintenance of all producing facilities from Safaniya, in the north, to Shaybah, in the Rub'al-Khali.

Since August 1978, Bob has been assigned a succession of positions in the Abqaiq Plants Maintenance Department. The one from which he retired is that of superintendent—Maintenance Services Division.

While Bob has been busy with

his career, Pauline has also been involved in the petroleum industry. Her work as a piping designer, a vocation which she decided to pursue on her 40th birthday, has brought Pauline "the chance to work with so many other nationalities" both in Saudi Arabia and in Houston.

Despite their demanding occupations, both Pauline and Bob have found the time for such hobbies as fishing, diving, golfing and gardening, the latter pastime winning them Abqaiq's first Garden-of-the-Month Award.

Their main interest, however, has always been their family. William, the eldest, and his wife Debbie arrived in Abqaiq in May 1979. Their two children, Kendra, 3, and Alisa, 6 months, were both born at the Dhahran Health Center. Joining in the family migration, daughter Virginia and her husband, Carl Russell, arrived in Abqaiq in October 1980. Nine-month-old Adam Russell was also born in Dhahran. Their older son, Austin, 3, is the only Herrington grandchild born in the United States. To complete

the family unit, Dan Herrington and his wife Terri arrived in Dhahran in June 1982. Their son Jason was born in Saudi Arabia last year.

While they regretted leaving their family behind, both Bob and Pauline look forward to traveling and "enjoying life at a slower pace." Their plans also include trips to Saudi Arabia to visit their children and grandchildren.

After September 2, the Herringtons' address will be 203 Duck Lake Drive, Austin, TX 78734.

## John and Helene Nixon

After a lifetime of overseas work in the Middle East, the Far East and Alaska, John W. Nixon, with his wife Helene and son Paul, retired September 21 and headed for the United States.

Since his university days in England, John has been involved in the field of communications, and he retired from the position of project engineer, Communications and Process Computer Projects Department—Microwave Systems Division.

The Nixons' home base is in Alaska, but they will wait for next summer's warm weather before traveling there. In the meantime, their contact address is c/o 1663 Tillman Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730, (803) 366-6698.



## O. H. and Mary Jane Newton

A 26-year oil-industry career that began in the offshore fields of Louisiana ended August 5, when O. H. Newton and family left Dhahran for retirement.

After earning a degree in Civil Engineering from Texas Technical University in Lubbock, Texas, in 1957, O. H. moved to New Orleans with his wife of three years, the former Mary Jane Woolverton, and their 15-month old daughter Nancy.

During 14 years in Louisiana with Socal, O. H. became known as the man with the "bag of magic." If there was a tough job in the area of construction—onshore or offshore—or in the area of corrosion, "Slick," as he was called, was sent for. During the couple's stay in Louisiana, the three Newton sons were born.

In 1971, O. H., Mary Jane, Nancy, Karl, Ashley and Jeff moved to Tripoli, Libya, where O. H. worked first as material and equipment engineer and later as AMOSEAS superintendent of supply. The Newtons left Libya in 1974 for Saudi Arabia, where sons Ashley and Jeff entered the sixth and seventh grades at the Dhahran School. Although O. H. has had a temporary assignment in Houston, as well as relief assignments in Ras Tanura and 'Uthmaniyah, the family has resided in Dhahran the entire time.

O. H. was Aramco's first project materials specialist and worked in this capacity from



1974-1977. In 1978, he was systems designer with Project Materials Storehouse Department for three months and then superintendent of that same department. Later, in 1978, O. H. became the superintendent responsible for PMSD-Berri, Ju'aymah, SCECO and Qurayyah Contract Division storehouses. His next assignment in PMSD was as superintendent of the newly created Surplus Division, handling all direct charge surplus and deferred material for the company. His assignment prior to retirement was with the Maintenance Resources and Planning Department.

Mary Jane has been busy in Dhahran as one of the first school crosswalk monitors and as a Dammam bus monitor. She has been active in the bridge and Mah-Jongg groups as well as the Dhahran Women's Group. For years, she has been an active worker and board member of the Dhahran Garden Group. O. H.

and Mary Jane will be long remembered as chaperones of school and Youth Center activities, as well as avid sports enthusiasts at athletic competitions.

Ashley attends Ithaca College in New York, and Jeff is a junior at Stonybrook Preparatory School on Long Island.

After a visit to Vienna and Salzburg and a Rhine cruise, the Newton family continued on to the United States to visit daughter Nancy Newton Carpenter, her husband Fred, and granddaughter Joy (in Houston) and oldest son Karl (in Wagram, NC). They also planned to visit friends and attend the wedding of former Aramco Schools teacher Cathy Score. Now, home is in the heart of what is known as the Texas hill country. Contact address: 2740 Lower Turtle Creek Road, Kerrville, TX 78028.

## William and Dolores Lyle

It was a September day 32 years ago when 26-year-old William Lyle first stepped out of the DC-6 and onto the tarmac in Dhahran. Despite three intervening decades, memories of that moment remain vivid for William, former manager of the Power Distribution Department: "Water was dripping from the plane, from the roofs of the buildings, from everything. But it wasn't raining—just humid. And hot. Having grown up in Wichita Falls, TX, I was used to heat. But never quite like that."

It was in the same sodden September heat that William and wife Dolores—albeit on a substantially larger plane—departed Dhahran for retirement in Austin, TX. The memories this time, though, no doubt centered on things far removed from the weather: longtime friends, career milestones, a family born and raised there, now grown.

It was the yen for "something different" and the chance sighting of a newspaper ad for employment with Aramco that led William, a recent recipient of a BSEE degree from Texas Tech and an electrical engineer with General Dynamics, to come to Saudi Arabia.

Though William's first assignment as an electrical engineer with General Office Engineering left him little time for recreation—"We worked six days a week then, and very hard"—he did manage to find one significant



diversion. Her name was Dolores Lages Portas, and he met her by chance on a two-week trip to Spain. Utterly smitten, William began boning up on his college Spanish and for two years visited Dolores in Madrid at every possible opportunity. They were married in 1954.

That same year William transferred to the Construction Department where he was instrumental in the construction of such projects as the Dhahran Power Plant, Aramco's first gas turbine on Tapline and Northern Area's first radio transmitter sta-

tions. In 1960 William was named foreman of the Dhahran Power Plant, and five years later he was promoted to superintendent—Dhahran Utilities. Subsequent superintendentcies held by William included those with Power Generation and Distribution in 1972 and Southern Area Power Operations in 1976. Following an acting assignment as manager of the Power Systems Operations Department, William was appointed assistant general

manager of the Power Operations organization in 1980. In 1983 he was named manager of the newly formed Power Distribution Department, the position from which he retired.

While William was busy with increasing career responsibilities, Dolores was equally absorbed in rearing the four Lyle children: James, Maria, Joseph and Robert. Despite having a house full of toddlers—James, Maria and Joseph were all born within a four-year period—Dolores found time to cultivate flowers, a hob-

by for which she has become justly famous. Every year from September through June, the Lyle yard was a veritable sea of blooms, carnations, petunias, larkspur, zinnias, hollyhocks, cockscomb, gladiolas, and even the occasional rose. Dolores' exceptional efforts in horticulture earned her the distinction of being the second recipient of Dhahran's Yard-of-the-Month Award in April 1979.

The three-bedroom Austin home that awaits the Lyles is centered in a spacious yard in

which Dolores plans to cultivate a new generation of flowers. Sons James, 27, a freelance photographer, and Robert, 17, an architectural student at St. Edwards University, are already residents of Austin and are certain to be frequent visitors to the Lyle household. Farther away but still accessible is Maria, 25, a commercial artist, and Joseph, 23, a student at the University of Texas, both of whom live in Dallas. The Lyles' contact address will be: 4507 Alamosa Drive, Austin, TX 78759.

## Lee and Betty Carson

After 35 years with Aramco, all in Saudi Arabia, Lee C. Carson and wife Betty departed Dhahran in August, headed for retirement.

Carson spent all of his career in Saudi Arabia associated with oil operations, mainly in Petroleum Engineering where he held a variety of positions in Drilling, Production and Reservoir Engineering in Abqaiq and Dhahran prior to his most recent assignment as assistant to senior vice president—Exploration & Producing.

After spending three years in the Marine Corps, he finished his college work at the University of California at Berkeley, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in

Mechanical Engineering. In Aramco he was active in the local section Society of Petroleum Engineers of the AIME in which he held the chairmanship and various other offices. He was program chairman of the second AIME (Gulf) Regional Technical Symposium held in Dhahran in 1968 and headed groups to Kuwait and Bahrain for similar meetings.

He was involved in the bowling league, Yacht Club and Coral Group for many years, but ended his tenure with only one activity—golf—retiring from the Rolling Hills Country Club with a handicap of nine.

Over the years, Betty's interests

have included book clubs, the Library Committee, flower arranging, Girl Scouts, tennis and, more recently, genealogy and stamp collecting.

The Carsons have three daughters, two of whom were born in Dhahran, and two granddaughters. Nancy and daughter Erika now reside in Albany, CA. Sally, husband Michael and daughter Lisa, are presently in Austin, TX. Mary and husband Bill Elias also reside in Austin.

Although die-hard Californians, the Carson's new address is 6413 Five Acre Wood, Austin, TX 78746

(Photo not available)

## William and Evelyn Brown

After 14 years of service, William G. Brown departed September 13, with his wife Evelyn, for retirement in

Scotland. The Browns' address is Craigelea, Lawyer's Brae, Galashiels, Scotland.

(Photo not available)

## John and Jane Studebaker

John Studebaker, acting manager—Technical Services Department (SCECO), smiles as he recalls the loosely paraphrased World War II slogan he and buddy John Geralde used back in 1953 to sum up their Aramco career strategy: "Back for more in '54 and home alive in '55." The smile becomes a bit broader as he conceded that, having stayed 28 years beyond his originally scheduled departure date, the strategy was somewhat nearsighted. What was to have been a five-year stint turned into a 33-year career for John, who retired October 1, 1983.

John joined Aramco in 1950 as an electrical engineer with General Office Engineering (GOE) in Dhahran. Not a newcomer to overseas employment, he had already spent two years as an engineer in Aruba, Netherlands Antilles, following his 1948 graduation from the University of Pittsburgh with a BSEE degree. John remained with GOE until 1961. It was during this period that he met his future wife, the former Jane Kincannon, who was working as a secretary in Liaison Engineering. They were married in 1954.

In '61 John assumed the position of program engineer with Engineering and Construction Management, and a year later he joined Utilities Operations in Ras Tanura. A transfer to AOC Specialists Department in late '63 resulted in a move to The Hague for John and family, now a crew of six. Following two years as supervisor—Electrical Specialists,



John was promoted to project manager—AOC Project Management. In 1974 he returned to Dhahran's Project Management Department where, one year later, he assumed the project management of Ghazlan Power Plant—"the most challenging project of my career," he says. In 1980 he was named manager—District Power Operations, with responsibility for all power

transmission in the Eastern Province. He assumed his acting position with Technical Services (SCECO) in '82.

In his off hours John could most often be found motoring in his boat or with a fishing rod in hand. Just this September 18 he broke his own 33-pound fish record by landing a 37-lb., 5'7" sailfish off Jubail. Impressive as this is, Studebaker insists he won't be satisfied until he can

match his friend Tom Peirce's record of a 1,012-lb. black marlin caught off Australia's Great Barrier Reef. "You can bet a trip to the Great Barrier is in my future," he said.

Though Jane doesn't share her husband's love of fishing, she is an apt sailor. At various times she has contributed her energies to community work with the Cub Scouts and Brownies. She was also treasurer of the Dhahran Garden Group for several years. In 1976 Jane returned to work, this time with the Training Department, first as a secretary

and then as a staff analyst.

Those who know John and his love for fishing could easily have predicted that he and wife Jane would retire to a coastal region. But few could have guessed that the coastal region would be right here in the Eastern Province. "I'm 'retiring' to al-Khobar," chuckles John.

Effective October 15, Studebaker assumed the position of consultant to the Saudi Consolidated Electric Company in the Eastern Province. "This means no sad farewells," says John, who would otherwise have been faced

with leaving behind not only friends, but half his family: son James, 27, a materials adviser with Southern Area Producing in 'Udhailiyah; daughter Susan, 26, and son-in-law Ken Long, a planning and programs analyst with Power Distribution Department in Dhahran, and their two children, John, 3, and Wesley, 1. Unfortunately, David, 25, a student at a Dallas community college, and Mark, 21, a Northwestern University Electrical Engineering senior, will have to wait a bit longer to have Mom and Dad stateside.

## Richard and Madge Knox



Madge and Richard C. Knox have headed east for retirement in the West. They made their way to their Green Valley, AZ, home overlooking the third tee-box of the Desert Hills Golf Course by way of Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Hong Kong.

Richard began his 11-year Aramco career in 1972 as a construction engineer in Abqaiq and Dhahran. In late 1974 he accepted a one-year assignment at the Beirut Tapline office where he was involved with the design phase of office buildings for Dhahran, Abqaiq and Ras Tanura.

On his return to Saudi Arabia he was assigned to Dhahran Construction. He transferred to Power Systems, SCECO Headquarters, Dammam, in 1978 as general supervisor—Building and Office Services, the position from which he retired.

The Knox address: 740 West Camino Iturbide, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

## Ken and Angel Stoffer

On October 2, Ken and Angel Stoffer left Dhahran for retirement on their 40-acre farm in Genoa, outside Toledo, OH, the state where they were born and lived until they moved to Saudi Arabia, he in 1955 and she a year later, young family in tow.

For Ken, the transition from research science consultant to gentleman farmer should be smooth. He already looks the part, and he says he can't wait to start pruning the English walnuts and set out a vegetable garden.

To many, the newly renovated farmhouse would seem the ultimate expression of a value system partial to home, family and friends. Not that the Stoffers are strictly homebodies—they have circled the globe, hit every continent except Antarctica, and plan to travel more. "We have a whole new country to explore," Ken says, "our own." But that will come later.

Right now, they are concentrating on the 110-year-old homestead, once the home of Angel's grandparents and a repository of happy childhood memories for her. The opportunity to perpetuate such a gathering place for their children and grandchildren proved irresistible. They took the house down to the studs, enlarged it, borrowed the weathered siding from their barn to panel the study and added a garden room and a deck to catch the afternoon sun. Including the guest apartment over the garage, they are ready to accommodate children and grandchildren, one at a time or all at once.



For their offspring, now widely scattered, that is quite an offer. Their son Tom, his wife Linda, and grandsons Brett and Nathan, live in Dhahran. Second son Mark, his wife Fran, and granddaughter Alya, reside in New Hartford, CT. Round Rock, TX, is home to daughter Mary, her husband Ed Reilly (who also grew up in Dhahran) and their children, Sean and Anna. The fourth Stoffer child, Catherine, lives and works in Washington, DC.

When Ken arrived in Dhahran 28 years ago, he brought along a BS in Chemistry from Mt. Union College, Alliance, OH, supplemented by graduate studies at

Ohio State plus extensive industrial labs experience. His entire Aramco career—apart from a hiatus for stateside employment from 1968 to 1972—has been spent with Laboratories Department. An expert in water compatibility and scaling, he has presented papers at Middle East oil conferences and recently coauthored an article on water studies which appeared in *Journal of Petroleum Technology*, June 1983.

Ken has also distinguished himself as a painter of Middle East still lifes, many of them prizewinners, while Angel's artistic gifts

have flowered in her sewing, needlepoint and quilting. Both have been active in numerous self-directed groups over the

years, especially those involved in charitable endeavors.

"We're not on Aramco's flight path," they said just before leav-

ing "but we hope people will find us anyway." Their contact address: 2534 North Genoa-Clay Center Road, Genoa, OH 43430.

## Al and Billie Yiannakakis

Aramcons cruising the Aegean should keep their eyes open for a sleek white sailing sloop bearing the name *Lady Vasiliki* (Greek for Billie). The name Vasiliki probably won't be familiar. But the name of the captain will be. It will be E. C. "Al" Yiannakakis, manager of Terminal Maintenance, who, with wife Billie (after whom the sloop is named, of course) departed to begin retirement that each year will take them between their homes in Syros and Athens, Greece, and the St. Louis area of the U.S.—the point from which the Yiannakakis departed when they journeyed to Saudi Arabia almost 27 years ago.

"I've really enjoyed my time with Aramco," said Al Yiannakakis, who can still remember the day he arrived as a young maintenance engineer, not too many years after he'd graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. "It was a three-day holiday," he recalls. "The weather was fine. And within the hour I was in the sea swimming. And I said to myself, 'I'm going to like this.'"

As a man who loves the sea, Al—who has been active in the Ras Tanura Yacht Club and served as commodore twice—



has indeed enjoyed the proximity of the Gulf. He has also enjoyed the informal lifestyle he found in Ras Tanura. And, not least, he has enjoyed a great deal of "job satisfaction."

"In the early days especially, there was always a challenge. There was less help available, and we had to be creative and resourceful," says Al. He remembers such particularly exciting jobs as repairing a big leak on the Tapline while the line remained in service and replacing

sections of a damaged 48-inch line 100 feet under the sea by using the ARB-1 on its first assignment after arriving from the Japanese shipyard. "They were challenging jobs," says Al, who in more recent years has faced the challenges of such positions as maintenance and operations

manager of the Refinery and Terminal areas.

Not that all the challenges have been reserved for Al Yiannakakis. When his wife Billie arrived in Ras Tanura eight months after her husband, with the three older Yiannakakis children (youngest son Alex was born two years later), she found that life as an Aramco mother also required a certain amount of ingenuity.

"With four children, I had a lot to do," says Billie, who over the years gave her fair share of time to such activities as whipping up dishes for various events,

creating costumes, and making up games in her capacities as Cub Scout den mother, Brownie leader and general helper with school activities.

In recent years Billie has had more time for the Ras Tanura Women's Group and for one of her favorite pastimes, bridge. But as she says, "My life is my family"—husband Al and the four children: Amalia, who teaches kindergarten in Dhahran; Alex, a geologist working for an exploration company in al-Khobar; Constantin, an engineer with Technical Services in Dhahran; and John, who works in San

Diego, CA, as a planning manager for a gas turbine company.

With retirement, the physical distance between the Yiannakakis parents and children will increase, but both parents feel that there will be ample opportunity for visits. "All the children will go for cruises with their father," says Billie. And they will also no doubt spend time at their parents' summer home in Syros, Greece; their winter home outside St. Louis, MO, and what the Yiannakakis consider their permanent home at Diakou 9, Athens, Greece.

## Vivian S. McLellan

After 20 years of continuous service, Vivian S. McLellan headed for San Antonio, TX, September 1.

Vivian began her Aramco career in May 1963 as a secretary in Dhahran. From March 1964 to April 1967 she was secretary to the district manager in Abqaiq. She transferred to Dhahran in May 1967 and worked in various departments since then. Vivian says she considers the highlight of her career to be the six years she has worked in the Office Systems and Services Department as a staff analyst, the position from which she retired.

After a short holiday, Vivian plans to attend college for two years to obtain an Associate Degree in Nursing—a lifelong ambition.



## Henry "Hank" and Sue Barracano

Since Henry "Hank" Barracano departed for early retirement, Sky Swartz is down to only one set of grandparents in Dhahran. Only one? That's right. Ever since she came to Dhahran in 1978, both her grandmothers and grandfathers have been here. That's not the only family Sue and Hank Barracano leave behind. While most retirees look forward to rejoining their children and grandchildren, this couple will leave behind son Ralph and his wife Marina Johnson Barracano and daughter Linda Swartz and her husband Carter Swartz II. Marina is the daughter of Rupert and Lita Johnson, while Carter is the son of Carter and Bev Swartz, all of whom live in Dhahran.

Hank joined the company's Engineering Department in New York in 1956 and transferred to Saudi Arabia in 1959 as a member of Ras Tanura Engineering, where he held a number of positions in the Utilities functions. In 1965, he moved to Dhahran to join the Plants and Pipelines Department as a staff engineer. Three years later he was named unit head of the Electric Power Unit—Engineering, and in 1970 he was appointed superintendent relief—Engineering. In 1972, Hank became one of Aramco's first project managers.

The following year he was appointed project director of Pipelines—Northern Area and Utilities Projects, and in 1975 he was ap-



pointed manager—Construction Department. In 1978, he transferred to the Power Systems Organization as project director. In 1980, he was named manager of the Power Systems Technical Services Department, with responsibility for meeting the technical requirements of the Saudi Consolidated Electric Company in the Eastern Province. This post encompassed the functions of engineering, project management and inspection. On January 1, 1983, he was named assistant to the senior vice-president—Engineering and Construction, the post from which he retired.

Hank holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and attended law school at Tulsa University.

Both Hank and Sue have enjoyed traveling all over the world during their years with Aramco.

Sue departed Dhahran on July 20 to realize another of her travel ambitions—a cruise down the Rhine from Basel to Rotterdam. Hank visited Italy, The Hague and London briefly on his way back to Houston.

They will be at home at 8319 Terrace Wind Lane, Houston, TX 77040. They look forward to seeing their grandson, Leclare Bush Ratterree IV, who lives in New Orleans and is the son of their daughter Susan, the only one of their children not living in Dhahran.

## Frank and Florence Dixon

"In some ways, Arizona is a lot like Saudi Arabia, so we should feel right at home there," say Frank and Florence Dixon of Ras Tanura, who recently departed for retirement in Scottsdale, AZ.

Following graduation from high school, Frank joined the U.S. Navy and spent six years in the submarine service in the South Pacific. In 1943, when his badly damaged sub returned to the U.S. for repairs, he married his "prewar sweetheart" Florence Capra, in Vallejo, CA.

Following the war, Frank joined Aramco and arrived in Saudi Arabia in June 1947. He was assigned to the Maintenance and Shops Department, where he served in many capacities including that of relief foreman of the Engine Shop, the Heavy Equipment Shop and the Transportation Division. Due to an acute shortage of housing, Florence and daughter Patricia did not arrive in the Kingdom until 1949.

The Dixons left Saudi Arabia in 1961 but returned in 1966 when



Frank rejoined the Maintenance and Shops Department, again in Dhahran. In 1970 the Dixons moved to Ras Tanura where Frank subsequently filled assignments with the Marine Department, Industrial Training Shops and, since 1980, Offshore Drilling, the same department where Florence served as secretary to the manager for the past 11½ years.

Retirement plans call for travel, golf, gardening and, of course, visits to the three Dixon children. Son Frank, his wife Stephanie and younger son Douglas, all born in Saudi Arabia, are now living in San Diego. Daughter Patricia Axt and her husband Bruce reside in Los Angeles.

The Dixons' new address is 8310 E. San Bernardo Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85258.

## Ralph and Althea Niehaus

There should be a fine fall tang in the air when Ralph and Althea Niehaus, knapsacks packed with Edam cheese, rye bread and apples, set out from Amsterdam on a 300-mile bike tour of the Netherlands. The journey, which will take them through Haarlem's

tulip fields to the tree-shadowed canals of Delft, on to the port of Rotterdam and finally to The Hague, may seem a rigorous beginning for a retirement. But to those who know the active Niehauses, anything less challenging would seem out of character.

It was 11 years ago in September that the Niehauses—Ralph,

Althea, Marcene, Theodore and Julia—first arrived in Dhahran. Ralph, with 17 years of naval and maintenance engineering work experience and a dual degree in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering to his credit, began work with Northern Area Maintenance, first as an offshore

maintenance engineer and then as a contracts engineer with Dhahran Shops.

In the spring of '74, Ralph was transferred to the Water Injection Department, where he assumed the position of contracts coordinator. Over the past nine years, he worked as a project engineer with the Community Maintenance Department, both in the Guest and Executive Maintenance Unit and most recently in the Special Projects Unit.

Althea, who holds a BA in Library Science, has also enjoyed a varied work history during her years with Aramco. Her assignments have included those of head librarian of Dhahran's Recreation Library, technical writer, and technical librarian of the Training Department's Resources Library.

Despite being a two-career family, the Niehauses have led very energetic personal lives. Both have been active members of the Arabian Hoedowners and the Dhahran Theater Group

(DTG). In 1982 Ralph fulfilled a long-time ambition by taking to the stage as the solicitous butler, Hennessey, in DTG's production of *Dracula*.

Ralph and Althea are also avid bikers. "We've put several thousand miles on our bikes over the past 11 years," says Ralph, who regularly biked to the office in addition to taking evening and weekend pleasure spins. They also swim four days a week for fitness. In their quieter moments, Ralph experiments with photography and appliance repair, and Althea pursues her hobbies of cooking, reading and sewing.

All three of the Niehaus children—Marcene, 25; Theodore, 23; and Julia, 20—finished their studies through the ninth grade in Dhahran Schools and then went on to study at the Woodstock School in Masoorie, India. Happily, though, this September will find each of them back in the United States. Marcene, who is a certified medical technologist, will begin studies toward a four-

year degree this fall; Theodore, already a certified aircraft mechanic, will return to university for an Engineering degree; and Julia, a registered nurse, will begin working on a Bachelor of Science degree. "They're late bloomers," quips Ralph.

Following their 300-mile cycling tour through Holland's picturesque flatlands, Ralph and Althea will fly to Cape Cod for some leisurely sightseeing. Then it's on to Wisconsin for another 200 miles of biking through the autumn countryside. Additional stops on their way home to Edinburgh, TX—by car this time—include Washington, DC, North Carolina, Georgia, and St. Louis, MO.

Once they're settled, plans include building a getaway cabin in New Mexico and opening a "fix-it" shop where Ralph can ply his skills in mechanical repair.

The Niehauses may be contacted at 241 Hollywood Drive, Edinburgh, TX 78539.

(Photo not available)

## E. C. (Clay) and Jo Brown

E. C. (Clay) Brown, port captain—Terminal Department, departed Saudi Arabia September 15, with his wife Jo, for retire-

ment in Florida after 40 years of service. Clay completed 20 years of service with Esso Shipping Company, U.S.A. and 20 years

with Aramco. The Browns may be contacted at 1099 Coral Way, Palm Beach Isles, Singer Island, Riviera Beach, FL 33404.

(Photo not available)

## A. J. 'Tony' Opalach

Tony Opalach, who arrived in Saudi Arabia in February 1951, took along fond memories of his many and varied assignments and

good friends when he departed for retirement on July 31. His contact address: 331 Hillcrest Avenue, Woodridge, NJ 07075.

(Photo not available)

## Dick and Ruth Maise

As the company passed its 50th year and fifth month of operations, Aramco chief hydrologist C. R. "Dick" Maise liked to point out that he has been here for exactly half that length of time—"...just 25 years and two and one half months," said Dick, who departed for early retirement in October to join wife Ruth, already in Atlanta, GA.

"On the whole, it's been a good time here," adds Dick. He says he has especially enjoyed his tenure as Aramco's chief hydrologist, with responsibility for advising company organizations and Saudi Arab Government representatives on the conservation, development and use of groundwater resources. "I've had a lot of contacts with Government ministries in Riyadh and I enjoyed that," says Dick, who can also wax eloquent on other aspects of his 25-year career in Exploration and Petroleum Engineering.

Indeed, Dick, who joined the company shortly after he received a BA in Geology from Amherst College and an MS in Geology from the University of Utah, still has vivid memories of his first plane trip deep into the Rub' al-Khali when, after flying for hours over "what must be the most desolate yet fascinating desert on earth," he found not only that people were living there, but living graciously. Barely had he landed when, he found himself "sitting crosslegged on the carpet in a large tent, drink-



ing very sweet tea and listening to what seemed to be a very pleasant conversation conducted entirely in Arabic."

To this day, Dick says he has a special regard for the men of the Arabian desert. But, as he also has a high regard for the amenities of a pleasant home and family life, it came as no surprise to anyone when, one year after his arrival, he returned to the U.S. to marry Ruth Smith, a young teacher whom he'd met while serving as a post engineer geologist with the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps at Huntsville, AL.

For the next field season, Dick was again assigned to the Rub' al-Khali, with Ruth awaiting his return to Dhahran every three weeks. But by the end of that year the Maise family was transferred to Abqaiq, where Ruth began substitute teaching and Dick began a five-year stint as drilling engineer, during which

time he wrote an in-house study on casing string design that is still the standard reference for Aramco's oil fields. In 1965 the Maises returned to Dhahran, where Dick was promoted to staff geologist and, in 1974, to supervising geologist. In 1976 he was named to the position from which he retired, chief hydrologist.

"It's all been interesting and fun," says Dick, who has always been willing to share his interest, and his knowledge, with others. In addition to giving numerous lectures in subjects pertaining to geology, Dick has led many field trips for the Arabian Natural History Association (ANHA), the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) and various groups from the Aramco Schools. He has also attended five international geological congresses—held every four years—and visited

Norway, India, Czechoslovakia, Canada and Australia. In addition, he has participated in 13 self-directed groups, including the SPE, where he served as membership chairman and honorary director; the ANHA, where he served as president; and the Arabian Automobile Association, where he served as president for seven successive years—a feat that, along with owning and maintaining the same "classic" Chevrolet for 21 years, may be something of an Aramco record.

Ruth, who departed the Kingdom in August to establish

the new Maise home in Atlanta, also pursued a number of interests. In recent years she worked as a school secretary and as the librarian for Career Development. In earlier years, as the mother of Charlene, now a junior at the University of North Carolina, and Eddie, now a sophomore at Lakeside High School in the Atlanta suburb of Decatur, Ruth gave her share of help to the Brownies, the Girl Scouts and the Cub Scouts.

Now at home in Decatur, Ruth is already involved with local school activities, while Dick also

plans to pursue his many interests. Indeed, as a charter member of the Georgia Groundwater Association, he may soon find himself leading field trips in the Atlanta area, and, he adds, there is nothing he would like better than to find a few outdoor-oriented Aramcons in his entourage there.

In any case, both Dick and Ruth cordially invite Aramco friends passing through Atlanta to stop and see them at their new home at 2317 Sagamore Hills Drive, Decatur, GA 30033.

## Richard and Bonita Cain

Richard M. Cain, manager of Drilling and Workover Services, Abqaiq, and his wife Bonita departed Saudi Arabia recently

for early retirement. Their contact address is Box 670, Elkins Lake, Huntsville, TX 77340. (Photo not available)

## John and Roz Bowler

John E. Bowler, division head—Office Systems and Support Services Department departed Monday, August 1, with wife Roz for Lake Tahoe retirement. He spent 35 years with the

company in San Francisco, New York and Saudi Arabia. The Bowlers may be contacted at P.O. Box 1985, Carson City, NV 89702. (Photo not available)

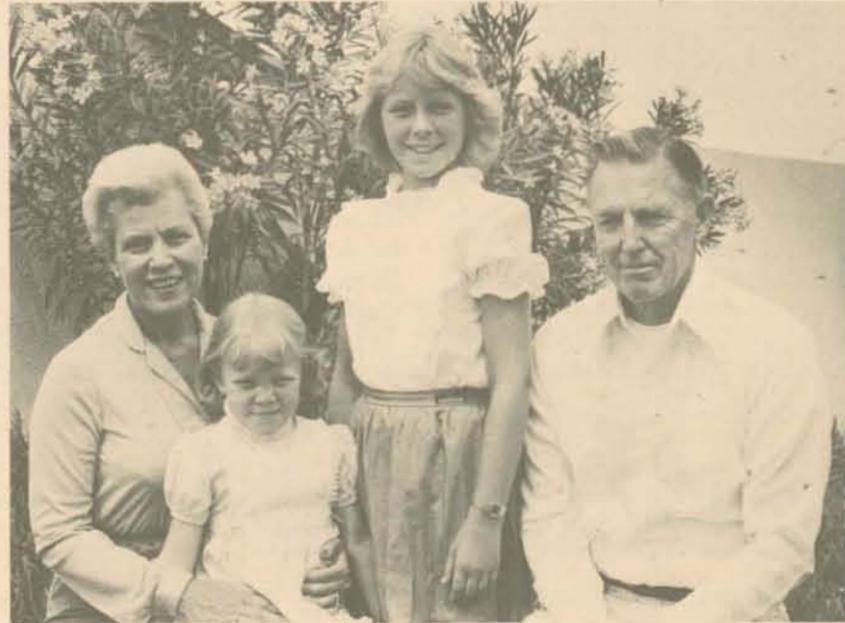
## Harvey and Elizabeth Bishop

When Harvey Bishop retired July 1 from his position as senior project engineer in the Onshore Gas Plants Division of Gas Projects, he traded in his collection of gas plant blueprints for a less complex but no less challenging set of house plans. "The plans I'll be following are for a small house with big rooms," quips Harvey, who, during some 30 years in the construction field, has designed and built countless facilities ranging from nuclear power plants to gas-oil separators.

After earning a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington in Seattle in 1952, Harvey worked in a variety of construction engineering jobs in the Port Townsend area of Washington State. A dimension of adventure was added to his career in 1964 when he signed on with Bechtel Corporation as a construction engineer assigned to Aramco projects in 'Udhailiyah.

"There weren't many people there in those days," says Harvey. "In fact, my wife Elizabeth was one of only two women in the entire camp." Despite their relative isolation, the Bishops enjoyed their Saudi Arabian assignment so much that in June 1972 they returned with their newborn daughter Karen, this time as Aramcons.

Harvey's first assignment was as a construction engineer with Abqaiq Construction. Then came assignments with Project Management, Gas Turbine Generator



Division; Project Design and Construction Department; and finally the Gas Projects Department.

Harvey says the most memorable challenge of his 11-year career with Aramco was the construction of the 'Uthmaniyah Power Plant. "I began work as a construction engineer on the project in 1973. In the beginning we were slated to build only two gas turbines for the plant, but before long, project plans expanded to include an additional six turbines. I was promoted to senior construction engineer and placed in charge of completing all eight by 1977. Accomplishing this was very gratifying."

Harvey has found this sense of accomplishment off the job as well. A lifelong aversion to public speaking induced him to answer an ad seeking community help in

organizing a Dhahran chapter of Toastmasters International. He consequently became a charter member and for three years never missed a meeting. "I never did learn to enjoy speaking in front of a group, but I got to be quite adept at it," he says.

Elizabeth Bishop has shown an equal measure of initiative and energy. Trained as a nurse, she organized and conducted childbirth education courses for expectant mothers on a volunteer basis in her home from 1972-1977. And, despite the demanding business of raising two daughters—Karen, 12, and Susan, 6—Elizabeth finds time for needlepoint, jogging and swimming.

Following a three-week tour through Europe, with a stop in Vienna to view the world famous

Lippizzaner stallions, the Bishops returned to the Ferndale, WA, area. There, on a hill with a commanding view of Mt. Baker, Harvey will put his career expertise back to work in constructing

the family home.

"Counting all the dogs and cats, Ferndale's population numbers about 4,000," says Harvey. In addition to traveling widely with his family, he intends

to be active in land and property development.

The Bishops' contact address is in care of William F. Bishop, 6th and Hancock Streets, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

## Bob and Jo Waters

For most of us, even the best-known Aramco oil fields are mere markings on the map. But for Drilling and Workovers equipment consultant Bob Waters, who left Saudi Arabia for retirement in Nevada with wife Jo, these names signify real places. He can picture the topography. He can remember incidents that occurred when working there. He can even visualize the geologic formations underneath.

All his working life—and that includes 24 years with Aramco—Bob has been involved with drilling and workovers. He helped engineer such Aramco discovery wells as Manifa No. 1, Khursaniyah No. 1, Fazran No. 1 and Shedgum No. 1. He also helped plan the first test well in the Rub' al-Khali. But the greatest discovery in which he had a part, at least in his own view, was bigger than any one well or any other field.

"When I first came, everyone thought that 'Ain Dar, 'Uthmaniyah, Fazran, Shedgum, Hawiyah and Haradh were all separate fields," says Bob, who spent his first several years with Aramco trying to delineate their boundaries. When those years passed, and no boundaries appeared, "we finally began to get



the idea that it was all one big field," laughs Bob, who along with everyone else was "staggered" to learn the true size of Ghawar, the largest oil field in the world.

Of course, delineating oil fields didn't become the stuff of Bob's life until some years after he'd joined Aramco in San Francisco, fresh out of Stanford University with a degree in Mechanical Engi-

neering. "September 1 was the 35th anniversary of my signing on with Aramco," says Bob, who, as "one of the first PDPs," underwent an intensive nine-month training course before being sent to the place he thought he was going all along—Saudi Arabia. The only snag was, he couldn't take along his family: wife Jo, also from Bakersfield, and their two

small children, Susan and Robert.

"Housing was in very short supply," explains Jo, who in June 1951—two years after her husband's first trip out—finally left the U.S. to begin life in Umm 'Unaiq, Dhahran and Abqaiq.

"It was a different world then," says Jo. She served her first presidency of the Abqaiq Women's Group in the early 1950s and has since regaled many women's groups with tales of walking down unpaved roads to formal tea parties, wearing a hat and white gloves and carrying her high-heeled shoes.

Bob has his own stories to tell, of course, mostly of the trials of the early days, but invariably told with the relish of a man who loved his job, whether as field drilling engineer, lead and senior drilling engineer or, finally, as assistant drilling foreman.

But even as Bob's career was moving upward, the oil business, always cyclical, was beginning a downhill slide. In 1960 Bob and Jo decided it was time to look for

new horizons, which, for Bob, meant first managing a drilling operation in Gachsaran, Iran, and later working as a liaison engineer with a drilling tool company working out of Los Angeles.

In 1971, when world demand for oil once again soared, Bob and Jo returned to Dhahran and Abqaiq. There, Jo's effervescent sense of community encouraged her to accept, at different times, several group presidencies—of the Dhahran Women's Group, the Abqaiq Art, Craft and Hobby Group, the Abqaiq Players Group, and the Abqaiq Bridge Group. Even more memorable, in Jo's view, was her work in spearheading the publication of the *al Hasa Cookbook*, of which 10,000 copies are now in print.

Busy as Jo was, Bob was even busier, for it was at this time that he was named a superintendent and assigned to what was to become his great love, onshore workovers. "You go in and figure out what's wrong, salvage it and get it back on production," says

Bob. As a "doctor of oil wells," he has revived so many "sick patients" that he is still introduced by his peers as "Mr. Workover."

In 1981 Bob was named Drilling and Workover equipment consultant, with responsibility for providing technical and safety support to all Aramco-affiliated drilling and workover rigs. "You get the big picture and it has been interesting," says Bob. He adds that he, along with Jo, regrets leaving Saudi Arabia in some ways, but who also looks forward to having more time to travel, to doing some consulting work, and, of course, to rejoining the rest of the Waters family, daughter Susan, her husband Gerald, and their sons, Mark, 13, and Keith, 11, of Torrance, CA; and son Robert, wife Jackie, and his son, 4-year old Nicholas, of Las Vegas. Following a leisurely trip back, including a short stopover in Morocco, Bob and Jo can be contacted at 1409 South 17th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89104.

## Edward T. Gallagher

After 29 years of service with Aramco, Edward T. Gallagher retired September 1. Edward spent the first 24 years of his career in Ras Tanura and the last

five in Dhahran in the Manufacturing, Supply and Transportation Organization. His retirement address is P.O. Box 247, Pocono Manor, PA 18349.

(Photo not available)

## California, here we come!

As announced in our last issue, the 14th Annuitants' Reunion will be held at the Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, CA, October 5, 6 and 7, 1984. The hotel requests

that you make your reservations as early as possible, using the form on this page. If you have any questions, you may contact this year's Reunion Chairperson,

Ruth Lantz McClain, P.O. Box 967, Sapulpa, OK 74066, (918) 224-6894. See you in October!

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All room rates plus prevailing city occupancy tax per room per day.

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# Huna-Wa-Hunak

**T**ranslated literally from Arabic, *huna-wa-hunak* means "here and there." In everyday usage, it's a term for items gathered from here and there; things that might have been temporarily set aside or forgotten, now regrouped; a hodgepodge.

Send your contributions to:

*Huna-wa-Hunak*  
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Houston, TX 77057



Rowland P. Corry, at the time of his retirement.

Annuitant Rowland P. Corry recently received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Weber State College Alumni Association, Ogden, UT. The award, recognizing "business and civic achievement," was given at the Weber College homecoming banquet on October 14.

Corry is a native of Ogden and attended Weber College in 1933 where he served as student body president.

He received his bachelor's degree from Occidental College, Los Angeles, in 1935. He completed graduate work at American University Graduate School in Washington, DC, and entered the military as a chief petty officer in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Corry worked for Aramco until 1963. Prior to his retirement in 1972, he worked as a personnel generalist at Hill Air Force Base. He was president of the Weber State College Emeritus Alumni organization.

We have a limited number of Girl Scout Engagement Calendars available on a first come, first served basis. For a free copy, write:

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Houston, TX 77057

Missing Persons Department—In our last issue, we published a photo submitted by Warren Hodges and asked who could identify the "mystery men," whose names Warren couldn't remember. Here's what we learned.

Bill Mulligan, of New Boston, NH, writes:

"I can help in part to answer your questions regarding the men in the photograph on page 27 of the Summer/Fall issue of your publication. The back row consists of: Dick Kerr, Andy Anderson, Bill Squires, Al Singelyn, Tom Barger, J. MacPherson, Harry Flackmeier, Parker T. "Pete" Hart, Bill Burleigh, Joe Howley and Floyd Ohliger.

"Pete Hart was the American vice consul in Dhahran at the time of the 'Id al-Fitr in 1945. He was shortly to become the American consul. Later he was a distinguished ambassador to

Saudi Arabia," and he held numerous other State Department positions. After retirement from the State Department, he served as a consultant to the Bechtel organization for several years.

"He maintains his residence with his charming wife Jane, at 4705 Berkeley, N.W., Washington, DC 20007. He summers at Squam Lake in New Hampshire—no surprise, since he

is a Dartmouth graduate. At the time the photograph was taken, Pete and his wife lived in Aramco housing, and the American diplomatic establishment was housed in Aramco offices."

As for the second man, it seems there's still a mystery. Les Snyder, of Santa Rosa, CA tells us:

"In the photo of the group of Aramcons taken by Warren Hodges in 'Id al Fitr in 1945, page 27 of the Summer/Fall 1983

issue of *Al-Ayyam Al-Jamila*, the man squatting at the end of the front row directly in front of Joe Howley was Larry Crampton. He now lives in Aptos, CA.

But Aramco Services Company employee Frank Petrowski says that man in front is Scott Harrison, formerly an Aramco surveyor, whose laundry mark was #8.

Shall we take a vote?



Front row, from left: Larry Crampton or Scott Harrison, Phil McConnel, Floyd Meeker, Merle Moore, Warren Johnson and Glen Sheets. Back row, from left: Dick Kerr, Andy Anderson, Bill Squires, Al Singelyn, Tom Barger, J. MacPherson, Harry Flackmeier, Parker T. "Pete" Hart, Bill Burleigh, Joe Howley and Floyd Ohliger.

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**Robert H. Dorsch—August 8, 1983**  
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