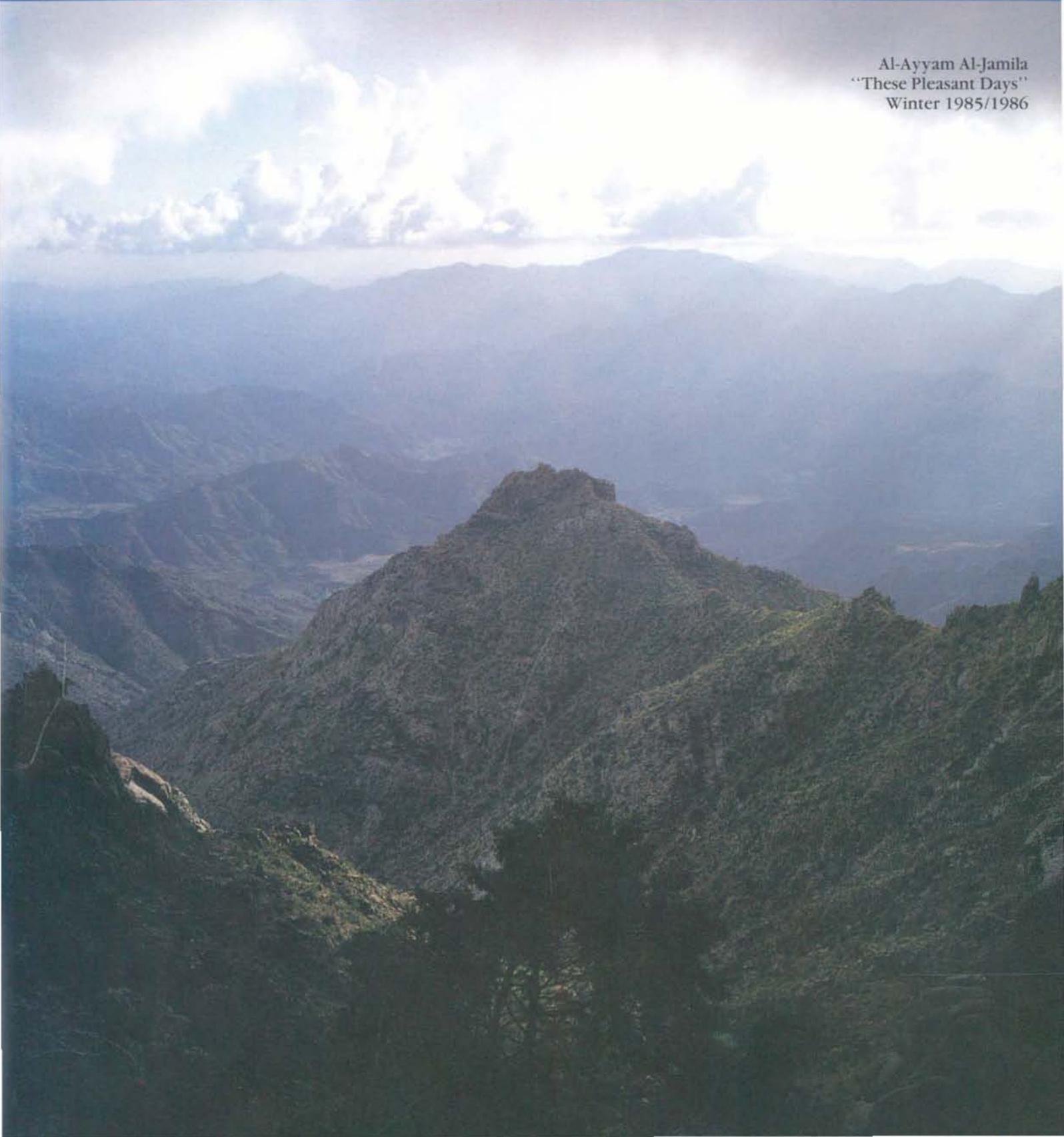


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George Covey



George Covey, senior vice president of Exploration and Producing, retired in August after more than three decades of service to Aramco. In an interview before his departure from Dhabran, Covey reflected on his career with the company and on the changes that had occurred since he first joined Aramco in 1953 as a freshly schooled petroleum engineer. Below is part of the text of that wide-ranging discussion.

The oil business is something of a Covey tradition. "I was an oil-field child," he said. "My family moved around virtually every year" to keep up with pipeline construction in the Midwest by his father's employer, Northern Natural Gas. Finally, the family settled in Tulsa, OK.

By 1953 Covey had earned a B.S. and an M.S. in petroleum engineering at the University of Tulsa, where his daughter, following in her father's footsteps, current-

ly is working on a master's degree in the same field.

"I was interested in 'going foreign,'" Covey said of his first professional job search. "At the time, the big foreign oil operations were in Venezuela; I looked at that and also Peru. However, Aramco seemed very interesting with the indicated large oil reserves, and it was in an earlier stage of development than some other operations in the world, so it attracted me."

Covey landed as a bachelor in Dhahran in April 1953.

"I was somewhat startled by my first look and impressions," he said. "At that time, oil operations seemed to be the smaller part of overall Aramco activity. Aramco had its own soft-drink bottling plant, ice cream plant, bakeries, shoe shop, dry-cleaning service and laundries. It was a complete, self-sustaining entity; it seemed there were more problems with all of those support activities than there were by any means with oil."

Covey was soon assigned to drilling activities in Abqaiq and points south. "I went to the 'Uthmaniyah drilling camp, which of course is gone today, and 'sat on' a couple of rigs—one in Haradh and one outside the 'Uthmaniyah camp," he said. "It was hard work. There were no roads, and the distance between the two rigs was 80-90 kilometers. The camp had no sidewalks, just boardwalks. But everyone enjoyed it. The golf course was strictly irons. You'd chip across the little transportation

yard fence, under the cars and back across the camp.

"In later years (1962-63), when I was married and had two very young children, we were in Nariyah, which again was a small camp later abandoned. There was a very close relationship between the residents. We would go down to the coast to fish and have barbecues or, I should say, fish fries. At the peak of activity there we had about 15 families, about 60 American bachelors and several hundred Saudi employees. It was very rewarding. You got to know each other very well. While newer employees can't quite imagine living under those conditions, it wasn't bad at all. It was exciting."

The biggest change at Aramco, Covey said, has to do with sheer size. "Years ago Aramco was a small company. We didn't have too many departments. There was



On September 29, 1962, George Covey, seated right, was installed as chairman of the Saudi Arabian Chapter of the Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME. Posing with him were, standing left to right, other officers and members I. S. Iliyan, C. Walters, R. O. Williams, R. L. Maby Jr., and E. A. Tindall. Seated at left was A. Sinnokrot.

only one senior vice president and nearly autonomous operating districts. You knew everybody. The working relationships entailed knowing to whom to go to find information. Now Aramco is truly, truly a large company. There is more of a bureaucracy, more committees."

But size, Covey was quick to point out, has its advantages. "Size lets you do a lot of things you couldn't do when you were small," he said. "I'm very proud of the Exploration and Petroleum Engineering Center and the EXPEC Computer Center, a one-of-a-kind facility that puts us right on the leading edge of technology."

Size also had enabled Aramco to harness the gas that once burned in flares, illuminating the night sky. "Now it's dark when I fly in at night," Covey remarked. "It seems that all of a sudden the flares went out."

Never one to wince at a challenge, Covey said his greatest satisfaction at Aramco came from completing the most difficult jobs. He recalled the early 1970s with particular fondness.

"Because of the excitement, I would have to say (the most satisfying effort) was when I came back to Saudi Arabia from a loan assignment to Exxon in New York in 1971. We found that instead of growing at a projected rate of 8 or 9 percent a year, we were going to be growing in excess of 20 percent. So I came back early from the loan assignment to take on the drilling operations (as manager of



Marilyn and George Covey (center) pose as winners of the powerboat fleet fishing competition held during the November 1984 HMYA regatta. In their craft Pretty Fish, the Coveys caught 118 pounds of fish to emerge ahead of 34 other anglers in 11 boats. Marilyn Covey holds an individual award—a rod and reel—for catching 20 fish during the event. Also pictured are, from left, Marshall Jones (second place), Tarl Spitzer (longest fish), HMYA Commodore Mike Malarkey and Haleem Moussa (largest fish).

the Drilling Department) and to expand as fast as we could. We went from drilling 46 wells in 1969 to drilling 323 in 1973. This was truly exciting. It was probably the hardest work of my life. But the people around me were working just as hard. Everybody was just really happy when we set new records and achieved our goals. It was truly a boom. You can't help but feel good after you've participated in one of those."

Covey also pointed with satisfaction to Aramco's Saudi development programs. "What we were trying to do has reached fulfillment," he said. "We have Saudi managers and executives. Our commitment was to train them and develop them to assume all the positions as soon as they became qualified for them, and we've achieved that."

Summing up the significance of



An avid angler from way back, George Covey cleans the day's catch in Abqaiq in 1961 (photo courtesy of W. Rogers III).

his work at Aramco over three decades, Covey said: "We've helped to discover and develop and plan the prudent operation of the largest oil reserves in the world... and that has to be significant in a world that is so dependent on energy."

Bob and Jeanne Rigsby

After 20 years with Aramco and a decade before that with Socal, Bob Rigsby left Saudi Arabia Sept. 19 to join his family and begin active retirement in Heflin, AL.

Bob, who was general manager of Drilling and Workover, said in an interview the day before his departure, "I intend to enjoy my family, travel, hunt and fish—plenty." He also plans to farm his sizable Heflin homestead and raise horses.

Bob, known for his lively informality, colorful speech and uncanny ability to get difficult jobs done, hails from Odessa, TX. He joined Socal in 1955 after graduating from Texas Technological University in mechanical engineering. While with Socal, he held positions in construction, maintenance, drilling, producing and petroleum engineering. He was Socal's lead drilling and workover engineer in Snyder, TX, when he transferred in June 1965 to Aramco as a development engineer in Abqaiq, where he lived for most of the next seven years.

In 1968 Bob transferred to the Drilling Department. There he served as contract representative, foreman and superintendent both onshore and off. He was promoted in 1975 to manager of the Offshore Drilling and Workover



Department. Following an eight-month assignment in 1976 as chief drilling and workover engineer, he became manager of the Northern Area Producing Department. In 1981 he was promoted to general manager, Northern Area Producing. He assumed the position from which he retired in February 1984.

"I have been impressed by both the culture of this country and by the development of the company to such a magnitude," Bob said. "I feel very fortunate to have been a part of Aramco...and to have experienced the challenges of par-

ticipating in a boom the likes of which had never been seen before."

Since 1971, the Rigsbys—Bob, Jeanne and the boys—have resided in Ras Tanura. There Bob developed a reputation as one of the most formidable Little League team managers Aramco has ever known. In seven seasons, his teams collectively lost only five games and captured the championship every time out. That accomplishment has erroneously been attributed to Bob's notorious "lucky hat," the target of numerous good-natured gibes.

Robert Jr. is in his third year at Vanderbilt University while Randall is a high school senior in Alabama. Their third son, Russell, died in June 1984 in a vehicle accident near Ras Tanura.

Jeanne was an elementary teacher in the Aramco Schools from 1965 until 1978. She played a strong role in youth activities, including helping to set up and supervise the Ras Tanura Youth Center. Since August 1984, when she left Aramco to establish her family's stateside household, she has resided in Alabama.

The Rigsbys' address is Rt. 2, Box 71, Heflin, AL 36264.

Robert Reasoner Reyner

Robert Reasoner Reyner, petroleum engineering specialist, retired in October. His contact address is 1953 East Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802.

Said and Nasira Akhtar



A "definite career change" is in the works for Said Akhtar, who left the Kingdom in November after three decades with Aramco. And along with a major change in careers, the employee who retired as a planning and programs analyst in the Southern Area Training Department had a radical shift in homes, for he left Abqaiq, where he's lived since signing on with the company.

Said, a Karachi University graduate, spent his first eight years with Aramco in the Engineering

and Mechanical Services Department, filling such posts as equipment dispatcher, engineering aide and statistical clerk. He moved to the Abqaiq Producing Maintenance Department in 1963, and was named supervisor of administrative services in that department in 1972. A post as department training coordinator followed in 1977, and in 1979 he was named to the post from which he retired.

He places among the most positive aspects of his career the "understanding and leadership" of his supervisors and co-workers in making his work enjoyable and satisfying.

Said has been an active member of the Scrabble Club since 1978. His wife, Nasira, enjoys gardening, sewing and cooking.

The Akhtars have four children: Nadira, 24, Saud, 23, Umran, 22,

and Noman, 13. Sons Saud and Umran are university students in Texas; Noman is a student in Karachi; and Nadira lives in Karachi with her husband, Mazhar, a research officer in the State Bank of Pakistan, and their 1 1/2-year-old son Wamiq.

The Akhtars flew directly to Karachi, where seeing family members topped their agenda. That, they say, marked the beginning of a "definite career change" to include "getting reacquainted with old friends in Karachi, making new ones and—while visiting our sons in Texas—contacting friends from Aramco now living in the U.S."

Their address in Karachi is B-12/10 Federal 'B' Area, where, they note, they look forward to welcoming friends "whenever they come through."

Hablan Essa al-Jaroudy

When Hablan Essa al-Jaroudy of the Terminal Operations Department retired to Qatif, he ended a 35-year Aramco career that gave him the opportunity to do many things and to meet "a great many interesting people."

Hired by Community Services in 1951, Hablan's first post was as a receptionist at Hamilton House, an assignment that gave him the chance to meet dignitaries from all over the world, including His Majesty, the late King Faysal, when he visited Dhahran while Crown Prince.

"At first we were in awe, but later we found he was just like one of our friends," remembers

Hablan.

In 1962, following studies in English and bookkeeping at the Industrial Training Center, Hablan was promoted to a clerical post within Community Services and, soon after, to a senior clerical position. In 1971 he was offered an opportunity to join the Terminal Department in Ras Tanura as a trainee operator. The job offered new horizons, and so Hablan accepted, beginning a career that soon saw him advance to operator and then supervising operator. This post that gave him responsibility for meeting with the ship captains to work out loading plans and overseeing the actual loading

of crude onto some of the biggest tankers in the world, "including the *Globtik London* at 484,000 deadweight tons."

In 1982 Hablan was promoted to senior on-the-job trainer and in January 1983 to training coordinator, "the best job" he has had with Aramco and the job that he left in October.

"For the first time, I will have enough time to spend with my children," says Hablan, whose still-young family includes four sons—the oldest at King Sa'ud University in Riyadh—and six daughters. The al-Jaroudy family may be contacted at phone 855-5464, Qatif.

Saeed Ahmed and Munezza Qureshi

Saeed Ahmed Qureshi is now the next-door neighbor to "the eighth wonder of the world"—the King Faysal Mosque in Islamabad, Pakistan. Saeed retired in September after 34 years of Aramco service, chiefly spent in the areas of budgeting and accountability.

Joining the Community Services Department in Dhahran in August 1951, Saeed held various positions over the years that developed his budgeting and accounting knowledge—knowledge he feels prepared him for a major change in 1971.

With his transfer to the Drilling Department in Abqaiq as a drilling accountant, says Saeed, "I entered a very technical area with not much of a technical background." He notes that, over the years, he's been fortunate "to find people who have helped educate me."

In 1973 he became responsible for supervising invoice verification in Drilling, a job he continued when he returned to Dhahran in 1976 with the Petroleum Engineering Drilling Department. He transferred once again to Abqaiq in 1980 as the supervisor of the Contract Cost Control Unit, the position he retired from.

"In this capacity, I have been



responsible for ensuring the correctness of legal and technical interpretations of drilling contracts," says Saeed, who has found these past few years to be some of the most challenging of his Aramco career.

Although an avid volleyball player in his youth, Saeed's free time in the last few years has been absorbed in reading medical and religious books—and of course, much of it has been spent in the company of his wife, Munezza, and their children.

Daughter Farhat, 17, recently graduated from high school in al-

Khobar, and daughter Farzana, 12, completed the sixth grade there. Twins Talat and Rifat, 24, are attending Asia College in Islamabad and son Atif, 21, has received an accounting degree from the Federal Government Commerce College in Islamabad.

With the King Faysal Mosque an added incentive to visit, the Qureshis hope to see many Aramco friends who may pass through Islamabad. Their contact address is 308-B/E-7, Main Faisal Avenue, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Jerry Randall

Jerry Randall, multicraft foreman, NGL Maintenance Division, retired in September. His contact address is: 4 Holden Circle, The Colony, TX 75056.

Tahir Hussain Siddiqi

Tahir Hussain Siddiqi retired after 34 years with Aramco. Tahir joined Aramco in 1951 in the General Office, Wages and Salaries and was assigned to the Medical Organization in 1956 where he was an accountant and staff advisor. In 1977 he was named contract coordinator, the position he left on his retirement. He departed "with many happy memories of the people he has worked with in the Medical Services Organization" and can be contacted at 90-N, Samanabad, Lahore, Pakistan. Pictured with him is Dr. A. M. al-Habbal, executive director of Medical Services.



Khushi and Anwar Mohammad



Khushi Mohammad's 37-year career with Aramco—chiefly spent in the Storehouse Operations and Transportation Organizations—concluded in August when he left Dhahran for his retirement home in Pakistan.

Khushi joined the Dhahran Parts Store in September 1948 and, during the following 12 years, became familiar with all

aspects of storing and issuing automotive and electrical parts used throughout the company. In 1960 he transferred to Ras Tanura Shops where he was responsible for issuing parts and materials to the RT garage. Following a move back to Dhahran in 1965, Khushi transferred to Transportation as a supervisor of the Materials Control Unit, overseeing the issuing of transportation-related parts and equipment.

From 1979 to 1984, he worked as a materials forecaster and, most recently, as a material advisor, the job from which he retired. Throughout his career, Khushi has enjoyed "having constant contact with the storehouse as well as with local contractors."

"Fulfilling a life-long ambition" is how Khushi describes the op-

portunity he has taken to perform the Pilgrimage, something he has accomplished six times. His interest in gardening and tending houseplants has kept him active in the Dhahran Garden Group since 1982.

Following his trip home, which included driving from Karachi to Gujrat via Lahore, he rejoined his wife, Anwar, sons Pervez, Jamshed and Navez, and daughters Kausar, Reehan, Rubina and Farina, who are all living in Gujrat. His only regret is leaving behind son Sohail, who is working in al-Khobar.

Khushi Mohammad's contact address is: Mohallah Panditan, Gali Araiyan, Gujrat, Pakistan.

Michel and Leila Hanna

The Michel Hanna family departed Saudi Arabia in November for a home on a green hillside overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

A graduate of the American University of Beirut with a certificate in public health, Michel's first job for Aramco in 1959 was as health inspector for the Medical Department in Ras Tanura.

He remained with Ras Tanura Preventive Medicine and Medical Support Services as a technician until March 1979, when he moved to on-the-job training work, first at the Berri Gas Plant and then for Ras Tanura Bus Operations. In 1980 he became fleet controlman for the Light Vehicle Administration Unit, and in April 1984 he moved to Northern Area Producing Training, where he retired from the position of training staff advisor.

Michel's wife, Leila, joined him in Ras Tanura in 1965. Their three children, all born in Saudi Arabia, are in school in Lebanon: Ghassan, a university sophomore, Lamise, an 11th grader, and Katia, a ninth grader.

Michel likes to lift weights, hunt and play pool, bridge and



tarnib—Lebanese bridge. Leila is the gardener in the family and was a member of the Ras Tanura Women's Group.

"I have a lot of friends I am go-

ing to miss very much," said Michel before his departure. His contact address is Deddah: Al-Koura, "Al-matal al-Akhdar," North Lebanon.

Bev and Tony Brosterhous

Bev and Tony Brosterhous retired November 1 after 22 years in Dhahran and 26 years with Aramco. Their new home address is 5947 Mira Hermosa, El Paso, TX 79905.



Hubdar and Irshad Siddiqui



Hubdar Siddiqui, left, is congratulated by Ali Baluchi, general manager, Community Services Operations, at a 35-year service award luncheon in Dhahran.

Having received his 35-year service award in August, Hubdar Siddiqui took early retirement at the end of August and settled in a suburb of his native city, Lahore, Pakistan.

Hubdar is widely known at Aramco as the company's water conservation coordinator, an ad-hoc position he has held for 20 months from within the Dhahran Utilities Department, where he

was a planning and programs analyst since November 1980.

Hubdar, however, spent most of his Aramco career with the Motor Vehicle Transportation Department, which he joined in 1950 as a stenotypist. He was promoted to head clerk in 1955 and to supervisor, Administrative Services, in 1960. He later became controlman for a transportation fleet of more than 10,000 vehicles. He was a transportation contracts representative handling light vehicle and bus contracts before his transfer to Dhahran Utilities.

Hubdar and his wife, Irshad, who live in Thuqbah, have five sons, two of whom live in Saudi Arabia. Iqbal is a pharmacist at the Dhahran Health Center and Iqtidar is a local sales representative for Saudia, the Saudi national airline. Another son, Akhlaque, is an engineering student at Syracuse University, NY, while Absar and Intisar are students in Pakistan. The Siddiquis also have three grandchildren.

The Siddiquis' address is 14-C Faisal Town, Lahore, Pakistan.

Mike and Betty Loeb



Mike and Betty Loeb, and their brown poodle, Bitsy, left Dhahran to begin retirement in the U.S.A., after what Mike likes to call "a combined total of 67 years in Saudi Arabia." Mike joined Petroleum Engineering, the organization from which he retired, in 1951; and both Mike and Betty have lived in Abqaiq and Dhahran twice since that time.

In retirement, too, the Loeb

plan to divide their time between two homes, one in Redington Shores, FL, and the other in Denver, CO, so they can enjoy "the good season" in each area. Spring and fall will be the time for travel, with trips already planned to the other 48 states to renew old friendships initially formed in Saudi Arabia, the top priority on the Loeb's retirement "to-do" list.

Almas and Abdul Aziz Chauhan



Abdul Aziz Chauhan will wrap up a 33-year career with Aramco tomorrow, when he retires from the position of supervisor, Housing Assignment and Rental Control Unit, Dhahran. Except for his initial year in Dhahran Personnel, Chauhan's assignments were in the areas of personal effects and housing.

A native of Sialkot, Pakistan, Chauhan served in the British army and in government service before joining Aramco. His army career began during World War II, and his first assignment was as a railway conductor in Assam. In March 1945 he was posted to Indonesia, returning home on general demobilization in June 1946 with the rank of sergeant. He joined the Punjab government service in 1948 and during this time attended night school, ob-

taining a bachelor of arts degree in 1951.

One year later Chauhan joined Aramco's personnel organization in Dhahran, moving to Community Services in 1953. Following a series of promotions, he was named supervisor of Dhahran Housing Operations in 1974, a position he held until 1979. He calls his work during that period, when he was responsible for renovation, maintenance, inspection, housing assignment and rental control, the most rewarding of his long career.

With that background, Chauhan was well prepared to undertake in March 1980 the position as head of the new Housing Assignment and Rental Control Unit.

Chauhan and his wife, Almas, have four daughters and five sons. One son has followed in his father's footsteps and is working

for Aramco in Dhahran.

Walking and reading are Chauhan's main hobbies. Almas Chauhan enjoys cooking and sewing clothes for family members.

From Dhahran, Chauhan, his wife and youngest daughter flew to New Orleans, LA, to visit two sons studying in the United States. Then, after a two-week stop in London en route home, there were visits to two sons and three daughters—and five grandchildren—in Pakistan. The Aramco veteran then plans to set out on what may well be a new career, investigating the possibility of starting small-scale dairy and poultry farms in Lahore or Islamabad.

The Chauhans' contact address: N-611 Samanabad, Lahore, Pakistan.

V.M. and Sosamma Joseph

V. M. Joseph, for many years the senior pharmacist at the Ras Tanura Health Center, departed with his wife, Sosamma, for retirement in Kerala, India, on October 4, following more than 29 years with Aramco.

Trained as a pharmacist at the Christian Medical College Hospital in Vellore, India, Joseph obtained his degree from the Government General Hospital in Madurai, India, in 1950. A position with a private hospital in Madras followed, and in 1956 he joined Aramco Medical Services where, for the next nine years, he held the post of pharmacist in the Dhahran Health Center. In 1965 he transferred to Ras Tanura, where in 1976 he was promoted to senior pharmacist, the position from which he retired.

An avid tennis player, Joseph belonged to community tennis associations throughout most of his Aramco career, and for many



years served as secretary of the Najmah Tennis Association. In more recent years, he also spent much of his time working with his personal computer, an interest to which he will devote even more time in retirement.

Wife Sosamma, who for many years worked in the Ras Tanura Commissary, will also have more time to pursue leisure time interests, including cooking and needlework.

Retirement in Konni, Kerala, places the Josephs closer to their younger son, Varghese, who is studying medicine at Kasturba Medical College in Manipal, India. Older son Matthew, however, remains behind in Ras Tanura, where he works as an instructor of electronics at the Ras Tanura Industrial Training Center.

The Josephs' contact address is Rajan Villa, Kallely Post Office, Konni 689 691, Kerala, India.

William and Floris Stringham



William and Floris Stringham retired to San Antonio, TX, by way of stops in several Far Eastern cities.

William joined Aramco in 1982 as a segment leader in the Engineering Laboratory Unit of 'Udhailiyah Producing Operations, where he was the proponent for the construction of the new laboratories building. William, who is a member of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers, Toastmasters International and Mensa International,

received a B.A. in chemistry from Kansas State College, Pittsburg, KS, in 1939, and feels that he has "been in the forefront of technology since 1944."

The Stringhams have five grown children: Steven in Montana; Scott in Oklahoma; and Janet, Juanita and Philip in various parts of Ohio. The Stringhams' contact address, until they are settled in Texas, will be c/o Phillip Szulborski, 8766 Selma Pike, South Charleston, OH 45368.

C.K. and Zuhra Mohammed

If asked what has been most rewarding about the almost 30 years he has been an Aramco employee, C. K. Mohammed, like most retirees, could name any number of career achievements.

There are, for example, the infection surveillance program he began and the Epidemiology Bulletin he revived and expanded, and which is now distributed throughout the Kingdom. But, for C. K., who completed his career in September as an epidemiologist in the Preventive Medicine Department, there are personal successes as well—like the interview granted him with the prime minister of India—that are as much a part of his years in Saudi Arabia.

C. K. joined Aramco in 1956 as a general duty nurse in the Nursing Division in Dhahran and four years later became a charge nurse in the same division. A move to the Preventive Medicine Division in 1963 as an epidemiology nurse gave him a thorough grounding in the specialty he would follow. In 1977 he became an advisor for the Preventive Medicine Department and moved to his present post in 1982.

To broaden his knowledge of epidemiology, he began studying for a master's degree in public health at the University of Minnesota in 1980 and in 1983 enrolled as a graduate student at Emory University and at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA.

He introduced the infection surveillance program at Aramco in



C. K. Mohammed with grandchildren, Subail and Jesna, and wife Zuhra.

1972, the first of its kind in the Gulf states. "There was a new public health emphasis in the United States in the late 1960s," says C. K. "and the program was intended to control the spread of infection in hospitals."

In 1982 he was put in charge of designing, writing and publishing the Aramco Epidemiology Bulletin, revived after a four-year hiatus. The bulletin is intended to bring the latest information on public health and disease control to hospitals and doctors in the Kingdom.

The well-remembered interview with Prime Minister Morarji Desai came in 1977 when C. K. represented a group of Kerala Indian citizens living in the Gulf states to present their request for an international airport in Kerala. Accompanied by a member of parliament, he spent 40 minutes with the prime minister, successfully pleading his countrymen's case. The airport was approved, and direct international flights started arriving there in 18 months.

Another personal accomplishment is the family that C.K. and his wife, Zuhra, devoted much time to raising. Daughter Saleena, who received a Higher National Diploma in economics from New Castle-upon-Tyne Polytechnic in the U.K., lives in Jiddah with her husband, Mohammed Abdulrahim, and their children, Suhail, age 3, and Jesna, age 1 1/2. Son Suneel, who has completed his medical degree at Calicut Medical College, is now serving his internship. Son Suresh is following closely behind his brother at Calicut, also planning to be a doctor.

Keeping up with their children will, of course, be one of C. K. and Zuhra's chief retirement projects now that they have completed the trip home via Egypt, Greece, France, Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. When they reached Bangalore, Zuhra, the family member with the green thumb, began gardening and raising houseplants.

For C. K., retirement will allow him to pursue his interest "in public health and controlling population growth among Third World people." That interest earlier led to his becoming an epidemiologist; now he plans to follow it into social service and family-planning activities. Of course, his favorite hobbies of swimming, socializing and card games won't be neglected.

He and Zuhra can be contacted at 764, Indira Nagar, I Stage, Bangalore 560 038, India.

Mohamed Ahmed and Fatima Noman

Mohamed Ahmed Noman left Saudi Arabia for retirement in Ta'izz, North Yemen, after more than 37 years with Aramco as a metalworking specialist and crack job skills trainer.

Having learned his craft at the British Trade School of Aden, Mohamed joined Aramco in February 1948 as a sheet metalworker for the Maintenance and Shops Division in Dhahran. His first supervising position came in 1953, and by 1961 he had been named foreman. In 1967 he transferred to Abqaiq as a zone maintenance foreman and

was based there until his retirement. In 1969 he was named metals foreman and in 1978, welding foreman.

From October 1982 until his retirement, Mohamed was an assistant superintendent for metal craft skills training within the Southern Area Training Department.

Mohamed said he and his wife, Fatima, intend to take up a life of agriculture and animal husbandry in Ta'izz, where Fawzi and Samira—the youngest of seven Noman children—are attending the International School. Ta'izz is also the home of the Nomans' el-

dest child, Fawzia, and of their grandchild.

Two other Noman children live in Saudi Arabia. Abdul is a doctor in Jiddah and Samir is a computer science major at the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran. The remaining children live farther afield. Adil, a petroleum engineer, lives in Ravenna, Italy, while Habiba is working on her Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin.

The Nomans' address is P.O. Box 5955, Ta'izz (or Taiz), Yemen Arab Republic; telephone: 967/4/231063.

Joe and Bernice Donaldson

Joe Donaldson of Ras Tanura, a veteran overseas worker who has held jobs on five of the world's seven continents, left Saudi Arabia in September with his wife, Bernice, en route to retirement in New Smyrna Beach, FL.

Joe joined the company in 1974 as a machinist in the Refinery Utility Maintenance Division. In 1976 he was named supervisor of the Materials Unit in the Refinery Maintenance Services Division, the position from which he retired.

Joe was born, raised and schooled in Savannah, GA. He learned the machinist's trade inside and out from 1945 to 1957 while apprenticing with the Seaboard Coastline Railroad in Richmond, VA. From 1959 until joining Aramco, Joe lived and

worked in numerous overseas locations, including Brazil, Vietnam, Thailand, Spain and, with Bernice, in Libya and Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands.

Bernice, who hails from Richmond, VA, was a member of the Ras Tanura Women's Group during all of her 11 years in Saudi Arabia and worked for five years in the Ras Tanura Personnel office.

An avid golfer, Joe said that, once settled in New Smyrna Beach, he intends to take up the game in earnest at the nearby Sugar Mill Golf Establishment. Generally, their retirement plans call for "more or less relaxing and enjoying sunny Florida," perhaps with a bit of angling for Joe and bridge-playing for Bernice. Also, they hope to set out next year to visit Aramco friends now living around the United States.



But at the top of their retirement list of priorities is to reacquire themselves with their four grandchildren, ranging in age from five months to 12 years. Two live in Florida and two in North Carolina, where daughters Donna and Patricia, respectively, have settled. A third daughter, JoAnne, attended Najmah school and now lives in Pennsylvania.

The Donaldsons' address is 204 Canterbury Circle, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32069.

M.A. and Meher Raheem Baig



M. A. Raheem Baig retired to Karachi with his family in November, certain his time in the Kingdom had been well spent.

For 26 of his 35 years with Aramco, artist Baig's work has been medical/industrial art and, after hours, almost exclusively, it has been the fine arts. Using early photos of the Eastern Province as inspiration, Baig and his artist-wife, Meher, who arrived in 1958, have created a remarkable pictorial record of local life as it used to be. Today, the Baigs are well known in the area as accomplished, prolific artists whose works are treasured.

But in 1950, with prospects slim for art-related work, Baig tucked away his fine arts diploma from the British School of Art in Bombay and went to work as warehouseman in the Dhahran Storehouse, moving to Abqaiq Storehouse three years later as order clerk. His return to Dhahran in 1956 as admissions clerk in the Medical Department led to art as a career: in 1959 he was promoted to draftsman in Preventive Medicine.

Named graphic artist in 1965,

and illustrator 10 years later, Baig received special recognition when his poster "Don't Burn the Flower of Your Youth—Stop Smoking" was selected for inclusion in an international health education conference held in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1979. The poster, widely displayed within Aramco, hangs in the Museum of Canberra, Australia.

In 1981 Baig transferred to Program Development and Evaluation Division, Training Organization, where he used his skills to produce training materials. He retired as senior on-job trainer, a position he acquired in 1982.

At home, and while raising five children (all with artistic talent), the Baigs have spent most evenings and weekends for the past quarter century at easel and drawing board. Baig's favored themes—the old houses, suqs and scenes of the desert and of village life—are expressed in pencil, pen, charcoal, oil, watercolors and acrylics. Meher, master of many media, prefers charcoal for her much-admired bedouin heads.

While their work adorns the

homes of hundreds of expatriates around the world, they were delighted to learn recently that one of Baig's oils has found its way to a place of prominence in the Ohio governor's mansion in Columbus.

Longtime members of the Dhahran, Ras Tanura and Abqaiq art groups, the pair have garnered many prizes over the years. Contributors as well as exhibitors, they have provided posters and helped with art calendars. For one three-year period, Baig taught art classes in all three areas concurrently.

The Baigs proceeded directly to Karachi to enroll Sara, 16, and Rommana, 13, in school. Soon thereafter, the family traveled to the States for the December wedding of daughter, Raeesa, to Pervez Farshori, a Ph.D. candidate engaged in cancer research at Howard University, Washington, D.C. In Philadelphia, they will visit their eldest daughter, Rasheeqa, and her husband Dr. Rashid Ansari, professor of systems engineering at the University of Pennsylvania, and granddaughter Sana Ansari, 3. Joining them will be their eldest child, M. Imran, who will graduate from Oklahoma State University with a degree in architectural engineering this year.

In retirement, the Baigs plan to squeeze in some gardening and socializing, but art, as always, will predominate. Besides painting and drawing, the Baigs plan to establish a fine arts institute for exhibitions, classes and the encouragement of new talent.

Their contact address is 417 Bahadurabad, Karachi, Pakistan.

P.K. and Mary Punnen



After contributing their part to Aramco's progress for more than 33 years, P. K. Punnen and his wife, Mary, left the date-palm groves of Saudi Arabia to settle down in a different kind of palm garden—their own grove of coconut palms in Kerala (which means land of coconuts) in India.

"P.K.," as he is known to his friends, joined Aramco in 1952 and was first assigned to the business office of the Abqaiq Clinic, where he worked in a supervisory capacity until he transferred to the Dhahran Health Center in 1965. During his 14-year tenure at the DHC, he worked in Preventive Medicine, Maternal and Child Health and the Epidemiology Service where, as a biostatistician, he contributed to reports on infec-

tious and contagious diseases. He also worked on the editorial staff of the *Epidemiology Bulletin*.

In 1979, P.K. transferred to Southern Area Community Services as a staff analyst and in 1980 was promoted to planning and programs analyst, the position from which he retired. "I particularly enjoyed the budgeting and accountability work," says P.K.

Leisure time has been devoted to family life and to his favorite hobbies of fishing and tennis. P.K. is especially proud of his part in helping to revive the al-Munirah Tennis Association, where he served as both president and secretary.

It was during his career with the Medical Department in Abqaiq that he met his lifetime partner,

Mary Mathew, whom he married in 1960 in Bahrain, an event still well-remembered by the wedding party, who flew to the wedding in a plane chartered just for that purpose by P.K. Mary was one of the two female Indian nurses to come to Abqaiq to start the new women's clinic there. Following her marriage, she continued to work in the clinic for many years.

In retirement, the Punnens will be closer to their son, Julius, now 21 and in his final year of studies at medical school in Bangalore, India, but further from their many friends, both Saudis and expatriates, who they hope will visit them at their new home at Anivila, Vazhanakote, Puramattom P.O., Kerala 689 543, India; telephone, Puramattom 86.

Bill and Helen Geerhold



If you measure retirement spots by Hollywood standards, Bill Geerhold may have the best retirement location of all. He left the Materials Supply Organization where he worked for the last 10 years, with his wife, Helen, and the family poodle. They headed straight for Gilford, NH, where they live in the Lakes Region, only about five miles from the "Golden Pond" made famous in the film of the same name.

Bill holds a journalism-English degree from the University of Southern California (Los Angeles) and had a newspaper career that

lasted nearly two decades as a reporter and editor in New England before coming to Aramco. He joined the Public Relations Department in Dhahran as a writer in 1973. He transferred to Materials Supply in Dhahran in 1975.

The Rochester, NY, native will be missed by colleagues at the Rolling Hills Golf Club where Bill calls himself an ardent if not proficient golfer, having consistently played in the best and worst weather to be encountered on the links.

Travel is among the Geerholds' top memories of Aramco. Mem-

bers of the Dhahran Outing Group for 10 years, the Geerholds value "the rewards of traveling to many other places" with fellow Aramcons, as well as the memories of many personal trips. They've also enjoyed the friendships they've struck up over the years in Saudi Arabia, acquaintances they plan to keep alive with visits in upcoming years.

And a particularly pleasant trip that will undoubtedly be coming soon is one to the West Coast for graduation exercises for daughter, Cheryl, 25, who is in her final year at the University of Santa Clara, CA, law school.

Helen will keep memories of places far and foreign alive in a particularly tasty way: during her years in Dhahran she's been busy "embellishing her many cookbooks with recipes from all over the world," notes her husband. She's been a member of Beta Sigma Phi since 1975 and has served as treasurer and vice president of the organization.

Don't expect the Geerholds to simply fade away in the New Hampshire countryside once they arrive from Dhahran. Bill says with a laugh that he'll be golfing "in and around the beautiful New Hampshire foliage" this autumn and, shortly after, taking cross-country skiing treks with Helen. Bill will also be putting his woodworking and carpentry hobbies to practical use on the couple's 10-year-old home and may even purchase a pickup truck or van to get to and from similar post-retirement jobs.

The Geerholds' address will be Rt. 6, Box 463, Laconia, NH 03246.

Jim and Florence Wilson



When Jim Wilson, superintendent, 'Udhailiyah Producing Maintenance Services, retired from Aramco in October, he no doubt had Florida's Central Panhandle on his mind. He also had memories of jobs that have taken him from Abqaiq to Qurayyah to 'Udhailiyah in a variety of key maintenance positions.

Jim, who arrived in the Kingdom January 1973 with his wife,

Florence, and daughter, Jama, now 24, returned to the family home in Carrollton, KY, where Jama is in the banking business. But soon after that he'll head for the Destin, FL, area to start a new home. This time, he and his wife will be accompanied by their daughter, Kendra Rhea, 12, who was born in Saudi Arabia soon after the couple's arrival.

Jim began his Aramco career as

a maintenance electrician at Abqaiq in the Plant Maintenance Division. He then worked successively as maintenance foreman at 'Udhailiyah Producing Maintenance, Water Injection Maintenance in Abqaiq, the Qurayyah Seawater Treatment Plant project, and Producing Maintenance and New Facilities in 'Udhailiyah, before being named in 1980 to the post from which he retired.

The most rewarding aspect of his Aramco career, says the Kentucky native, was serving as maintenance foreman at Qurayyah during construction and start-up of the Seawater Treatment Plant. Jim has kept busy in Saudi Arabia with his hobby of yard work, while his wife has enjoyed bowling and reading. They may continue those pastimes in their new environment in the United States, but will do doubt take time for some shoreside activities, too. The site the Wilsons have picked for their home is on the coast between Panama City and Pensacola, says Jim, and though "the water is not so blue" as the Arabian Gulf, there is a beach of "beautiful white sand."

The Wilsons' contact address is 912 Eleventh Street, Carrollton, KY 41008.

Will and Betty McGuire

On Saturday, November 2, Will and Betty McGuire left Ras Tanura for retirement in California, where they joined their two children, Brian and Janice Fields, in the Los

Angeles area. The McGuires look forward to visits from their friends at 6910 Tanglewood, Lakewood, CA 90713.

Joe and Elaine Pate

The Lone Star State regained one of its native sons when Joe Pate retired from Aramco in October. He and his wife, Elaine, stopped over briefly in Europe before heading home to Texas.

Joe, who has been with Aramco for 10 years, most recently as senior project manager for the Qasim Refinery Project Department, came to the Kingdom on November 4, 1975. Starting as a project engineer in the Gas Projects Department in Dhahran, he worked on planning for the Master Gas System until late 1976, when he became the department's construction manager for the Shedgum Gas Plant. Joe says this job and his next in the 'Uthmaniyah Gas Plant, where he was senior project manager were among his most rewarding because they involved him in the immense Master Gas Program.

Following work in 1982 on the Safaniya Gas Plant, he became senior project manager for the Ras Tanura and Tanajib Projects Department in 1983 and for Qasim in 1984.

Joe, who was born in Hereford, TX, attended high school in Amarillo before joining the Marine Corps, where he served as a topographical draftsman during the Korean War. Then he completed a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and began his lifelong work in engineering and construction of gas processing facilities and chemical plants.

Joe's hobbies are reading, traveling, writing and operating his personal computer. Elaine, who joined him in Saudi Arabia in 1978



with two of their children, has shared his love of reading and has found time for needlepoint and music as well. She was also active in community organizations, serving as manager of the Abqaiq Women's Group's Shuf Shop, as president of the 'Udhailiyah Women's Group in 1982, as corresponding secretary of the Ras Tanura Women's Group in 1983 and as its first vice president in 1984. In addition, she belonged to the garden groups in all three communities and was secretary of the 'Udhailiyah Parent-Teacher Organization in 1981.

When the Pates returned home, there were reunions with their children, all of whom are in Texas except son David Pate Sr., who is

following in his dad's footsteps in the Marine Corps. He, his wife, Josie, and their children, Michael and Mary Redway and David Pate Jr., live in Twenty-nine Palms, CA. Daughter Dana Howard, her husband, Joe, and their children, Grant and Jennifer, live in Pasadena. Daughter Ann Miles, her husband, Fred, and their son, Jason, live in Euless. Son Joe Pate is in Bryan, son Jeffrey Mitchell in Irving and son Darren Mitchell is attending high school in San Marcos.

Joe plans to continue with his work and be an "active" grandfather to six youngsters he admits to "missing a relationship with."

The Pates can be contacted at 2013 Crockett Street, Amarillo, TX 79109.

George and Mary Westuba



Summers in Montauk, Long Island, and winters in Florida make up just part of the retirement agenda for the Westubas, who left Dhahran in October.

After almost 35 years of service (26 in Saudi Arabia), George and Mary also plan to tour the U.S. and to spend a great deal of time with their grandchildren, Rubi, Daniel and Jacqueline.

It was in 1951 that George joined the Aramco Treasurer's Department in the New York office. He had already met the young Mary Uihlein who was, at that time, roller-skating for Western Union in New York (the office was just too big to walk through). A year later he and Mary were married.

The three-month temporary assignment that brought George to Dhahran in 1959 became permanent almost immediately. The young banking analyst was to view the company and communi-

ty from several different perspectives as the result of a varied and interesting career, for in 1970 George transferred from his position as supervisor of Banking and Investments to the Aramco Schools, where he became business manager. Following a move to the Medical Services Organization in 1977, George has, for the past eight years, worked as hospital administrator at the Dhahran Health Center.

While George was "banking," Mary busied herself raising the two Westuba boys, William and Daniel. In 1967 she went to work for Materials Supply, and two years later she transferred to Medical Services; she has been a familiar face in the Dhahran Health Center ever since, first working in areas of patient care and then in administration.

George helped out for many years with the Little League; Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, while Mary was occupied with Girl

Scouts, Brownies, the Women's Exchange and the Women's Bowling League. More recently the Westubas have concentrated on spending time with friends and enjoying an occasional "social" game of bridge.

Following a stopover in Amsterdam, the Westubas planned to visit relatives and friends in New York and then to travel on to Maryland to visit their son, Bill, and his wife, Betsy (nee Falvey of Ras Tanura), and their two children, Daniel and Jacqueline, and, shortly after that, to journey to Tennessee to see their other grandchild, Rubi, the daughter of their late son Daniel and his wife Robyn (nee Haggard of Dhahran).

George and Mary look back on the many friendships they have built up in their years in Saudi Arabia and hope for continued news of their friends. Their contact address is 6307 South A1A #251, Melbourne, FL 32951.

David Sealander

Fishing...and then maybe a little more fishing rank high on the to-do list of David Sealander, who retired from his position as Ras Tanura Inspection senior coatings inspector to return to his Florida home.

Even higher on David's list, however, was his plan to attend the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) board of directors' meeting in Orlando, FL, which took place the first week he arrived back in the U.S. A former director of the national organization and now a trustee, David spent most of his working life in the business of corrosion control, first with a large U.S. construction firm, later for Pan American World Airways, and then at Kennedy Space Center where, as senior coating technologist on a large military contract, he was responsible for coating and corrosion control on all launch-support equipment. It was during this peri-



od that the first inorganic zinc standards were developed for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Since joining Aramco in December 1978, David has been involved in corrosion-prevention work in the RT Refinery, and at various times has been assigned to tests and inspections throughout the northern area, including offshore sites. "The most rewarding part of the job has been meeting the peo-

ple, the teaching and the consulting work," he says.

A registered professional engineer as well as a NACE certified corrosion specialist and inspector, David hopes to do some inspection and consulting work in retirement, when he isn't working on his home in Florida.

David can be contacted at 1675 Davis Drive, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

S.B. and Afzal Begum Ansari

By the time S. B. Ansari left his post as Office Services relief supervisor in October after a 30-year Aramco career, he could boast a first-hand understanding of virtually every Aramco community.

Ansari, a native of Akola, Maharashtra, India, began service as a clerk-typist in the Ras Tanura Medical Department in January 1955. He transferred to Office Services in 1962 and, since mid-1976 alone, he's held positions in Abqaiq, 'Udhailiyah, Safaniya, Ras Tanura and Dhahran.

Among the most rewarding aspects of his long career, Ansari cites his involvement in the establishment of top-flight office services in 'Udhailiyah and Safaniya. He left Saudi Arabia "proud of the Kingdom's advances in the fields of petrochemicals and in general business."

Ansari and his wife, Afzal Begum, have six children—Yasmin, 23; Farruk, 22; twins Faisal and Muna, 21; Salman, 18; and Fahad, 10—all born in Saudi Arabia. All are attending school in India.

When not busy with business activities, Ansari is an avid Scrabble player and reader. Afzal Begum lists knitting as her favorite hobby.

Ansari and his wife visited son Salman in Madras en route home and were eager to see the rest of the family in Amravati, Maharashtra. There, he plans to improve and manage a tangerine farm near the Ansari home in Amravati City.

His address is c/o "Al-Sahar," Amravati Camp, Amravati 444 602, Maharashtra, India.

Heinz and Elsie Ditz

In December 1980, readers of *The Arabian Sun* learned about a model house on display in Heinz Ditz's Dhahran living room. Heinz built it to show his wife, Elsie, and their friends what the "dream house" he had drawn plans for would someday look like: a multi-level combination of California and German styling, with white stucco walls, red tile roof and floor-to-ceiling windows. The model and its furnishings, carefully constructed to a 1/200th scale, took three months of work to build.

Soon after the story appeared, Heinz began construction of the actual house on a site he had chosen in his native West Germany, a steep hillside with a dense forest behind and a vista of the Rhine Valley below. The work proceeded step-by-step and was completed just in time for the Ditzes to move in following his retirement on November 23.

Heinz, who retired as supervisor of the Exploration Project Unit after an almost 11-year career with Aramco, joined the company in April 1975 as a cartographer in Cartography Exploration, creating geological drawings and illustrations.

Time away from the job during his years here might be likened to



the proverbial busman's holiday, since Heinz enjoyed spending his leisure time at the drawing board, either designing his new home or creating pen and ink sketches of the historic architecture of the Kingdom.

Heinz lists drawing as one of the things he is looking forward to in

retirement and chances are he had a sketchbook handy when he and Elsie traveled from Dhahran to West Germany via Hong Kong and California.

The Ditzes' contact address is 20 Trifelsring, 6741 Eschbach/Pfalz, West Germany.

Bob and Joan Fuller

Bob Fuller of the Process Department, Engineering Services, and his wife, Joan, left the Kingdom in August for retirement,

after five and a half years with the company. Their contact address is 10149 Hammerly, Box 190, Houston, TX 77080.

Frank and Jennette Dougharty

When Frank Dougharty and his wife, Jennette, retired to Houston after 14 years with Aramco, they had plenty to look forward to and much to remember. For Frank, who retired as general manager, Southern Area Projects, part of the program even involved going into the construction business: he plans to begin by building himself a brand new home in Arkansas.

No doubt Frank will find that the variety of experience he's amassed during his years with the company will come in quite handy in his new vocation.

A 1953 graduate from Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering, he spent two years in the Army and joined Texaco in Houston as a pipeline engineer. He later put his education and training to work for two other firms in the Houston area, as a chief engineer and a senior pipeline engineer, before signing on with Aramco in 1971.

Frank went to Dhahran as an engineer in the Technical Services Division of the Engineering Department in July 1971. In 1972 he became a unit supervisor for Oil Handling Projects, and in 1975 he was named project manager for the Barge Ports Project, implemented to expedite the receipt of ocean cargo—including critical components for the Master Gas System—in the Eastern Province.

In 1977 Frank got the job of senior project manager of the Seawater Project, whose elements included construction of the Qurayyah Seawater Treatment Plant on the Gulf, pipelines from the plant to Ghawar oil field and water-injection facilities at the field. The engineer calls that project, part of the company's tremendous expansion program, one of the most rewarding aspects of his career.

The state-of-the-art Seawater Project "was bigger than any other" job of its kind undertaken anywhere in the world, he recalls proudly. "Nobody had ever done it before; we finished it on schedule, and it worked."

In 1979 Frank became superintendent of the Project Inspection Division of the Inspection Department, and in 1981 he was named manager of the Technical Services Department. In 1982 he moved to the post of general manager, Community and Industrial Projects, and served as chief engineer. He was named general manager in 1984.

Frank was a member of the Dhahran Computer Club and served as a director of the AAA for nearly three years. Jennette Dougharty has polished her needlepoint during the couple's years in Dhahran and has completed over 100 needlepoint designs.

Though the Doughartys are leaving the Kingdom, they won't be breaking all ties. Their son, Dennis, 31, lives in al-Khobar with his family where he works as manager of purchasing for a local firm. Certainly, they won't lose touch with their two grandchildren, Julian, 7, and Rynida, 4.

But even more excitement awaited them on their arrival in Houston. There, daughter Penny, 28, who works as an internal auditor for Aramco Services Company, was married October 5.

And things still aren't slowing down. After building that new house in Arkansas' White River Valley, where the Doughartys own 75 acres of land, the couple hopes to sell lots of the remaining property on which they will build houses for the purchasers.

Though his planned projects won't be as big as those he's carried out in the Kingdom since 1971, Frank Dougharty won't be shelving his experience when he retires. He'll be adding to it. But that's not really so unusual for someone who's had such a full 14 years with Aramco.

The Doughartys proceeded directly to Houston, where their contact address is: 1747 Lexington Street, Houston, TX 77098; phone: (713) 520-8089.

Jamil and Joyce Hattab



"I enjoy working with people. I like being with people." In that case, Public Relations specialist Jamil Hattab, who retired to al-Khobar November 1, clearly had the right job. For the past 16 years, he took care of thousands of visitors to the Oil Exhibit Center, from students to the general public to national and international dignitaries. "I'm a people-person all the way," he says.

Most of Jamil's pre-Aramco years were spent acquiring a solid background in the arts, drama and photography. Born and raised in Palestine, he graduated from Cairo's Academy of Fine Arts and the Arabic Institute of Drama, studied commercial art at Rochester Institute of Technology and photography at New York City Institute of Photography before joining Aramco in 1956 as moderator for the TV station, then still under construction.

Amid multiple tasks related to production of live and film programming, Jamil created, in 1958, "Baba Hattab's Children's Story Time," an instant hit with Eastern-Province children and their parents. Each week, in a peri-

od costume of his own design, Baba Hattab, encircled by children, retold a tale from the *Arabian Nights*, highlighting the points to remember with his drawings, which flashed at intervals across the screen. Afterwards, like a good father, Baba Hattab would point out the moral of the story—courage, for instance, or honesty—reinforcing the virtue in discussion with the children. Apart from a hiatus from 1960 to 1962, when Jamil earned a master's degree in television techniques and direction at Columbia College at Los Angeles, the show was telecast on Aramco's TV station until 1969, when, with the advent of Dammam TV, Aramco's live programming was discontinued.

Soon thereafter, Jamil transferred as PR representative to the Oil Exhibit Center where, for a six-month period in 1966, he updated the exhibits. In 1976, he was

named supervisor of exhibits and displays and, in 1983, PR specialist, the position from which he retired.

Well-known in local art circles, Jamil has been a member of the Dhahran Art Group since 1958, has taught classes in oil painting and charcoal drawing, and has won many awards over the years. His wife, Joyce, whom he married in 1954, is an avid reader who also enjoys painting on glass. They have one son, Jamal, a numismatist based in England.

Relishing the freedom of his new status, Jamil has lined up a host of activities. For starters: a trip around the world in spring, reading, tennis and a quite remarkable undertaking—a series of large historical paintings detailing events in the life of King 'Abd al-'Aziz Al Saud.

The Hattabs' contact address is P.O. Box 2908, al-Khobar 31952, Saudi Arabia.



This photo, taken in the spring of 1965, shows "Baba Hattab" entertaining his young audience with a tale from Arabian Nights.

Mohammad and Gulshan Saleem

Operating plans and accountability reports were left behind when Mohammad Saleem of Dhahran, a senior planning and program analyst with Organization and Industrial Engineering (O&IE), departed with wife, Gulshan, and four of their seven children for retirement in Lahore, Pakistan. The departure ended a career that began 37 years before to the day, on November 1, 1948.

"I can still remember my first journey to Ras Tanura," says Saleem, who, in fact, spent 15 years in that community, working as accounts review clerk, cashier and, finally, administrative aide for Ras Tanura Accounting. With this background, Saleem in 1963 moved to O&IE in Dhahran, where in 1978 he was promoted to clerical supervisor. Four years later he was named industrial engineer, and in September 1984 he was promoted to his last position, where he was responsible for



preparing "charts, operating plans and accountability reports" for both O&IE and Executive Office Services.

Though Saleem enjoyed the work, he does not foresee doing any more accountability reports in the near future. Instead, he looks forward to such leisure-time pursuits as gardening, watching the local cricket games "live," and perhaps even starting a sports club, thereby pursuing one of his

major interests at Aramco. A top volleyball and cricket player, he captained the Radhwa volleyball team for 10 years, never suffering a loss; while in 1980, as manager and player, he led the Dhahran cricket club to victory over 15 competitors in the first Eastern Province cricket championship.

Retirement will also give Saleem and wife Gulshan a chance to do more traveling, especially through Pakistan, and to spend more time with their seven children and four grandchildren. Older daughters Abida, Arifa and Asifa, all of whom hold B.A. degrees, are already living in Pakistan with their families, including the four Saleem grandchildren, while younger children Sofia, Shabana, Rizwana and Rizwan will move with their parents from al-Khobar to Lahore.

The Mohammad Saleem family can be contacted at 72/73 Ravi Block, Allama Iqbal Town, Lahore, Pakistan.

Herb and Lucy Engelhardt

Closing a 12-year career in Aramco's producing and water-injection operations, Herb Engelhardt left his position as superintendent, Tanajib Producing Operations for Texas to fish, golf and rock-hunt.

Herb and Lucy came to Dhahran in 1973, convinced "that big things were going to happen" in Aramco. They wanted to play a part in them. Herb's first assignment was as operations representative for the Producing Department in the startup of Zuluf GOSP No. 1. In the years since then, his career has included as-

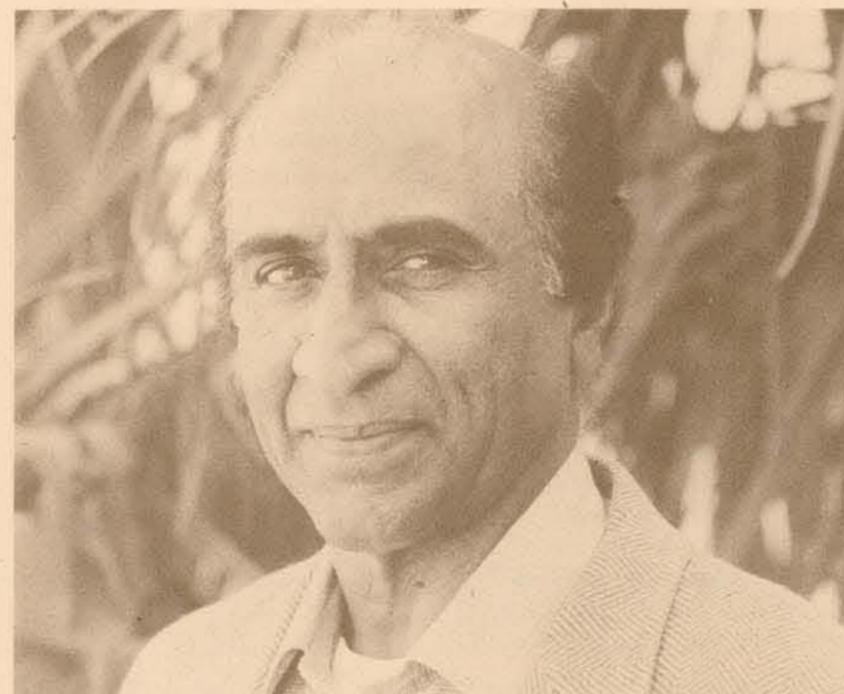
signments in Producing and Water Injection that took him "from Abqaiq to Haradh to Khurais and all points in between," and included positions as foreman, operations representative, assistant superintendent and superintendent in both operations and maintenance divisions. In 1984 he moved to Northern Area Producing, and he and Lucy moved to Ras Tanura.

Lucy worked as a customer-relations representative in the Abqaiq Commissary—the first woman to do so, Herb points out—and enjoyed meeting and helping the numerous new families that the

company's late-'70s expansion brought to the Friendly City. In recent years, she has devoted her time to her hobbies of jewelry-making, painting and sculpting and has had the pleasure of making many new friends since the move to Ras Tanura.

The Engelhardts traveled directly to their new lakeside home in April Sound, not far from Conroe, TX, where they are looking forward to visits from their friends at 198 April Waters North, Montgomery, TX 77356; telephone (409)588-4308.

Bashir and Farkhunda Ahmed



Reflecting on his past 38 years, all but one spent in Saudi Arabia, Bashir Ahmed, who retired to Karachi in November, comments, "These have been years of great change and accomplishment for Aramco, and I am really proud to have had a share in them. I am also grateful for the personal growth opportunities derived from my association with Aramco."

Another huge plus, he says, has been the innumerable friendships formed socially and in the course of his career, which was devoted entirely to personnel work.

Bashir held a series of positions prior to being named personnel counselor in 1952, a post he held

until 1969 when he transferred to DEPCO, the forerunner of SCECO, to set up procedures and policies on personnel administration. Rejoining Aramco in 1971, Bashir became personnel advisor in 1972. The following year, he drew a one-year assignment in his hometown, Karachi, to assist with expanding recruitment needs. In mid-1975, several months after his return to SAO, he transferred to Abqaiq as personnel advisor, the position from which he retired.

Describing his liaison role between company and employees as "very challenging," Bashir cites a thorough knowledge of policies, their proper interpretation and a

candid approach as essential to success in his field. Joining him in retirement is his wife of 30 years, Farkhunda (better known as "Mrs. Bashir"), who worked with Abqaiq Community Services for several years.

The parents of five grown children, the couple left three behind, plus two grandchildren. Atif, 29, a graduate of UPM and a systems engineer with a Saudi firm, resides with wife, Nasli, and daughter, Widad, in Jubail. Wasif, 26, a graduate of Texas A&M, is sales manager for a local travel agency, and Nazlee, 24, a graduate of Women's College, Karachi, lives in Jiddah with husband Mohammad Abdul Sajid and infant, Maha.

Asif, 28, of Karachi holds an M.B.A. from Texas A&M and a master's in aviation management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and Amar, 20, is a student in electrical engineering at National College, Karachi.

Acknowledging that family concerns have limited travel in the past, the couple took a long, relaxing holiday abroad. Their first priority, however, was to settle in the community they left so long ago.

"We want all our friends to know that Karachi is the city of entry to Pakistan, and our front door will be marked with a brass sign 'Ahlan Wa Sahlan'. We would like to see them all."

Their contact address is 2/113-S, P.E.C.H.S., Karachi 29, Pakistan; tel. 438066.

Leo and Rae Mullin

Traveling via the Far East, Hawaii and California, Leo Mullin and his wife, Rae, left Saudi Arabia September 22 bound for retirement in Houston, TX, after more than 14 years with Aramco in Dhahran.

Leo, who holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Delaware and a master's in engineering management from Drexel University in Philadelphia, joined the company in May 1971 after holding various engineering posts in private industry and the U.S. Air Force.

Most of his Aramco career was with Project Management, including eight years during which he was assigned to the Saudi Consoli-

dated Electric Co. (SCECO) in the Eastern Province. He returned to Aramco early this year and was assigned to Project Management's Dhahran Industrial Projects Division.

Leo was a founding member of the Dhahran Courtball Association and served as its first president in 1973. He was also a long-time member of the Society for Simulated Sports.

Rae, who holds a bachelor's degree in home economics and a master's in education, was instrumental in launching home economics departments within the Aramco School System in Dhahran, Abqaiq and Ras Tanura. A long-time home economics teacher at the Dhahran Junior

High, she said she hopes to hear from her former students.

At various times, Rae has also been a Girl Scout leader, on the adult committee of the Teen Canteen and an active member of the Dhahran Women's Group and Dhahran Art Group. She has held numerous offices in the sorority Beta Sigma Phi.

Two of the Mullins' four children—son Leo III and daughter Jean—live in the Houston area; son Charles and the Mullins' 1 1/2-year-old grandson, Charles Jr., live in New Orleans, LA; while daughter, Mary, resides in Keene, CA.

The Mullins' contact address is c/o Leo J. Mullin III, 3202 Sturbridge Lane, Sugarland, TX 77478.

Hassan Mohammed al-Natour

On October 1, Hassan Mohammed al-Natour, a business manager in Career Development, closed out a 35-year career entirely devoted to training activities in Aramco, Tapline and SCECO.

Hassan says it's been deeply satisfying to have had a "modest role" in most of the training programs of this era and to have witnessed the strides in Saudi development. "And in the process, I've come to know thousands of people and have made a great many friends," he says.

A former teacher and headmaster with the Department of Education in Palestine, Hassan also taught for the Ministry of Education in Iraq prior to joining Aramco in 1950. His first assignment as

an English and math teacher in Abqaiq Training soon led to headteacher duties, which included supervision of ITC and Job Training programs.

Following staff assignments for Abqaiq Training, Hassan transferred to Dhahran in 1962, where he wrote manuals for Management Training courses, some of which he later taught. In a series of staff-advisor positions in Dhahran Training, he started and supervised the apprenticeship program, carried out liaison with Tapline Training and performed planning and program functions for Training.

Transferred to SCECO in 1978, Hassan was instrumental in establishing SCECO's Training Organi-

zation, with responsibilities ranging from directing academic and vocational programs to acquiring the work force to run them.

Hassan's lifelong dedication to education has not gone unnoticed or, it appears, unappreciated, by his children. Hanan, wife of Sakhr Tarabzouni, Dhahran Purchasing, holds a B.A. in English; Mohammed (Pipeline Projects) has a B.S. in civil engineering and a master's degree in project management; Saher, an M.D. from King Faisal University, is specializing in dermatology; Eeman holds a B.A. in English and an M.A. in education; and Samia has a B.A. in business administration. Coming right along are Khalid, a second-year

at UPM, and Fatin, who plans to enter college next year in pursuit of a computer science degree.

With three children working for Aramco and a fourth, former Aramcon Eeman, residing in Abu Dhabi with her husband, Hassan is pleased that he need to go no fur-

ther than al-Khobar for retirement.

He plans to continue with his present hobbies—reading, gardening, fishing and raising tropical fish (he was a founder and former president of the Dhahran Aquarium Society) and to explore small

business opportunities. The first order of business, however, is a well-deserved trip around the world.

Hassan's contact address is P.O. Box 2595, al-Khobar 31952.

Dale and Edie Offield



Dale Offield, who left Dhahran in October with his wife, Edie, after a 12-year career with Aramco, said good-bye to a number of high-level engineering and project-management jobs.

Dale, a Texan who returned to home ground following a six-week journey by car from the Kingdom to England, and then a cruise aboard the *QE II* to New York, is proudest, however, of his role in the early phase of building the mammoth 'Uthmaniyah Gas Plant. He worked as construction manager for that project, a key

part of the Kingdom's Master Gas System, from September 1978 until February 1980.

The Texas A&M graduate also counts a number of other important Aramco posts in his resumé. Dale served as senior engineer in the Construction Department at Abqaiq from mid-1973 until mid-1976, and as project manager, Community and Industrial Facilities Planning, in Dhahran, before being assigned the 'Uthmaniyah Gas Plant posting. Prior to being named senior project manager for the Qasim Refinery, the position

from which he retired, Dale was the senior project manager for the Project Design and Construction Department, Dhahran.

Dale brought to Aramco 16 years of experience in the oil and chemical business in the Gulf Coast area of the United States, an area where he developed a love of outdoor sports such as golf, fishing and scuba diving, activities that he pursued in Saudi Arabia. A seven-year membership in the Society of Petroleum Engineers has also kept him busy, along with interests in woodworking, travel and computer-club activities.

Edie Offield shares her husband's love of golf and travel and also enjoys needlepoint and bridge. She was a member of the Dhahran Women's Group, Beta Sigma Phi and the Abqaiq Women's Group, where she served as president in 1975.

The Offields have three children: Don, who holds a B.S. in marketing from Lamar University in Texas; Kim, who holds a B.S. in criminal justice from Sam Houston University, also in Texas; and Karen, now a senior in mechanical engineering at Colorado State University.

The Offields' contact address is Rt. 4, Box 73, Dayton, TX 77535.

Ian and Barbara Johnston



When Ian Johnston, an 18-year Aramco geoscientist who's done almost every job in the Exploration Department, "retired" to Lexington, KY, on November 13, he wasn't planning on a full-time fishing holiday. In fact, the Southern California native simply exchanged one career "hat" for another: he's taken on a new job in Lexington as head of the Kentucky Geological Survey's stratigraphy and petroleum-geology section.

Ian came to Dhahran in late 1967 and was joined in early 1968 by his wife, Barbara, and their three sons, then 4, 7 and 10 years old. He cut his teeth in the oil business with Texaco in New Orleans in the early 1960s, after earning a B.A. at San Diego State University and an M.A. at the University of California at Berkeley, and joined Aramco after taking a doctorate in

geoscience at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Between 1968 and 1976, Ian worked successively as a paleontologist, exploitation geologist, stratigrapher and staff geologist. Six months after transferring to Saudi Arabia, he became Aramco's only paleontologist, and shortly thereafter compiled the first edition of the standard stratigraphic column for Saudi Arabia. Although continuously updated, it is still used today.

In 1976, Ian started a six-year assignment in the Croydon, England, Exploration office as an exploration geologist charged with developing wildcat locations. Since his return to Dhahran in 1982, he has held the position of supervisor, Exploration Technical Review.

Among his most rewarding staff

functions, Ian counts the work of monitoring exploration activities in the Gulf, preparing the annual Exploration report and coordinating the yearly Exploration technical meetings, which are attended by Saudi Government and U.S. company officials.

Despite a full slate of professional duties, Ian has found time to pursue a dizzying range of hobbies including genealogy, tennis, softball, bowling, travel and photography. He's a past president of the Dhahran Bowling and Softball associations and a member of the Tennis Association, a former AEA vice president and a member of the Dhahran International Genealogy Society. While active in AEA, Ian designed the association's current logo.

Barbara Johnston's been equally busy, with hobbies including stitchery, ceramics, drama and writing. She was active in the Women's Exchange from 1970-76, and she's been a member of the Dhahran Theater and Art groups since 1982.

Once settled in Kentucky, the Johnstons hope to learn about the eastern United States and also plan to travel west to visit their sons in La Mesa, CA: Jeff, 27, a construction quality-control engineer; Cameron, 24, a landscape gardener; and Doug, 21, a student at San Diego State University.

The Johnstons' contact address will be: Stratigraphy and Petroleum-Geology Section, Kentucky Geological Survey, 311 Breckinridge Hall, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0056.

Mohammed and Nuha Hejazi



In 1953 when Dr. Mohammed Hejazi joined the Dhahran Health Center not long after completing his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the American University of Beirut (AUB) Hospital, he often saw patients who had traveled for two or three weeks to get to the center for treatment.

"For the majority of those patients, whose ages ranged from newborn to 80 years, this medical contact was the first in their lives," Mohammed recalls.

Memories of his early years here are still vivid for Mohammed, who retired as chief of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Division in what he calls "the most cheerful branch of medicine."

"There is a lot of work and responsibility," says Mohammed, who can take credit for some 20,000 of approximately 100,000 deliveries performed in Dhahran

since he came. "But, when you go into the ward and see the happiness there, you are rewarded."

Besides sharing in the joy of new parents, he has over the years had the satisfaction of seeing the most up-to-date ob/gyn procedures and equipment introduced in the Health Center, such as fetal monitoring and ultrasound, and has seen the center become a provider of tertiary level ob/gyn services with specialties and sub-specialties.

Contributing to the development of the center has "been one of the most rewarding aspects" of his career, says Mohammed, who served as an obstetrician in the Medical Department from 1953 to 1958 and from 1960 to 1965, then as chief of Obstetrical and Gynecological Services from 1967 to 1981 and finally became chief of MCH. The two-year period from 1958-1960 was spent as medical

director and obstetrician at as-Salamah Hospital in al-Khobar, which replaced the one-time Pediatrics and Maternity Hospital.

When obstetrical duties didn't keep him at the Health Center around the clock, Mohammed enjoyed spending time with his family: wife, Nuha, daughters Dina and Shereen, and son, Nabeel. Dina, now 27, is married to Dr. Ahmed Hejazi of Lebanon and will soon be teaching English at her father's alma mater, AUB. Nabeel, 26, is a civil engineer employed by Aramco in Dhahran, while Shereen, 24, is working toward a master's degree in computer data management at Webster University in Geneva, Switzerland.

For recreation, Mohammed read or played bridge and was a member of the Aramco Bridge Group and the AUB Alumni Group. Nuha's hobbies were tennis, ceramics and sewing, and her membership in the Dhahran Tennis Association and the Art Group.

Looking back on his more than 32 years with Aramco, Mohammed states that "if I had to redo my life, I would not do anything else." Looking ahead to retirement, he plans for plenty of traveling and the possibilities of part-time work in one of the medical facilities in al-Khobar.

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