

# 937th



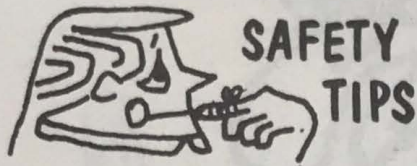
# SOONER NEWS

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PRACTICE ORI---Col George H. Bergmark, left, representing the 937th, was the first to greet Col Edgar L. Pewitt, CCE Team Chief and vice commander of the 512th as he stepped off the plane carrying the visiting ORI inspection team. Lt Col James Craig, former personnel officer of the 937th, was a member of the inspection team.



### PREPARING FOR WINTER DRIVING HAZARDS?

In most parts of our country, winter driving is bringing its special set of rules for safety and survival. Winter is different; thus drivers will have to approach winter driving differently.

First of all, be sure that the automobile is in top shape because cold weather driving puts more and different kinds of stress and strain on it. Generally, the car owner's manual contains valuable information useful for cold weather operation. For example, drivers should assure that, among other things:

The cooling system is properly checked and filled with anti-freeze. The electrical system receives adequate inspection and attention. A weak battery that made it through the summer usually will be inadequate in frigid winter weather. A check is made for leaks in muffler pipes, the muffler, and its connections. Tires provide adequate traction on ice, snow, or wet roads. (Some areas may require use of snow chains.)

Usually, winter driving takes considerable more time..engine warm-up, getting started and stopped, getting from home to work and home again. While the car is warming up, the window areas should be cleared free of frost, ice, or snow..including the outside mirror. Also, slower speeds should be maintained on slippery roads, as well as avoiding sudden stops, starts and turns. A sharp eye is needed to spot glare ice,

### PROMOTIONS

James N. Hawley was promoted from MSgt to SMSgt. Six men were promoted from Sgt to SSgt: Larry D. Collier, Clifford C. Davis, John G. Fredrick, Dan A. Murray, James R. Jones and Clarence W. Pendley Jr.

Twenty-six men received promotions to Sgt from A1C: David L. Austin, Ronald K. Baker, Stanley K. Brantley, Steve E. Britton, Wager O. Gilbert, James M. Gleason, Ervin L. Gosnell, Paul W. Gossett, Marvin D. Hall, William R. Hamilton, Joseph S. Hudson17, Samuel R. Iven, John P. Keefe, Clark A. Kinkade, Robert G. Koenig, Gary E. Majors, Charles L. McGowen, Richard L. Moore, Kenneth M. Preston, Robert W. Rasberry 11, Gary D. Terry and Joe S. Wilson.

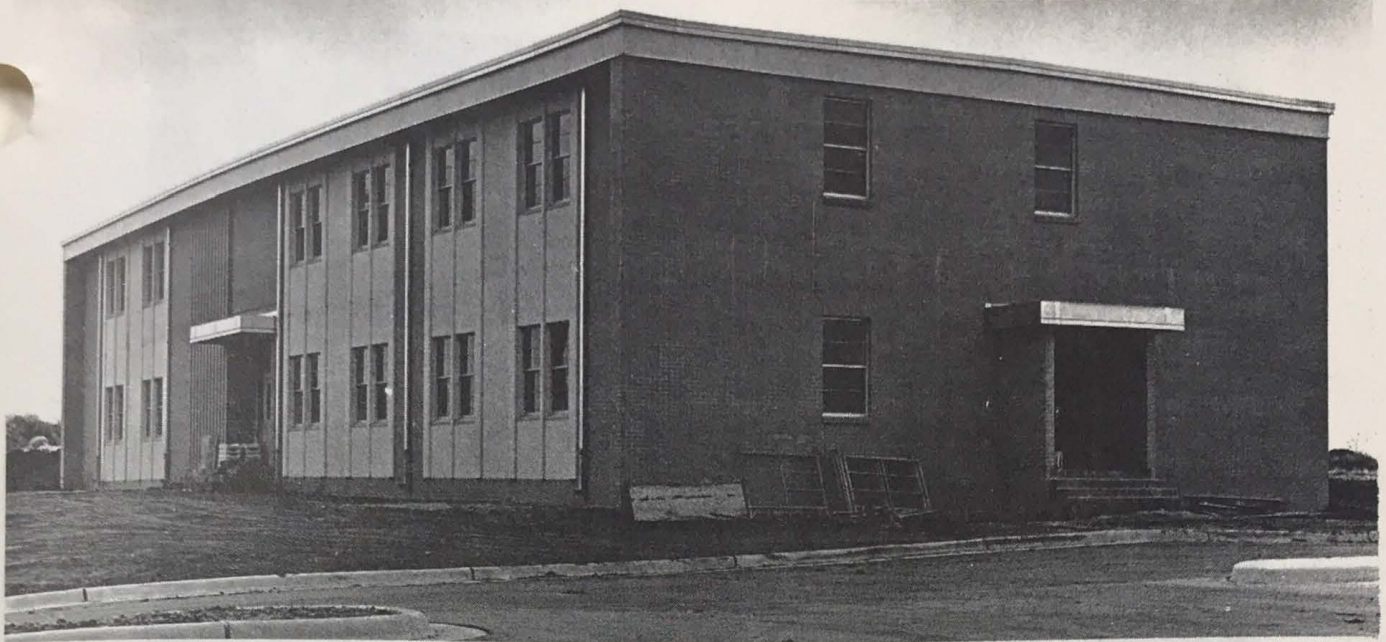
Seven men were promoted to A1C from Amn: Billy W. Bratten, Ronald G. Gee, Michael G. Harmon, Robert T. Harrington, Billy D. Logue, Carl O. Stramski and John E. Thompson.

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or other slick spots from behind the wheel. The brakes should be pumped to slow down or stop on slippery surfaces.

Blind corners and intersections often feature sliding vehicles that can't stop in time, stalled drivers, and accidents that happened previously. Keep a good distance behind the vehicle ahead..allowing enough room to stop instantly, if you have to.

Winter driving can be lots of fun, a new experience, or an exciting challenge. It can be a season of safe, uneventful driving..or it can be a series of problems. All personnel, whether they operate government or private vehicles, should adhere closely to local safe winter driving practices, including those provided in Chapter 9, AFM 127-101.



FUTURE HOME---Sixty days was the word during the December UTA in regard to when the new administrative building for the 937th would be ready for occupation. Although the structure looks complete from the outside, a good bit of finishing work must be done inside.

## Chaplain's Column

by Major Edward L. Lane

Christmas is the season during which we are concerned with giving and receiving. For this reason, this is one of the most joyful seasons of the entire year.

Children look forward to the family gathering around the Christmas tree when they open their packages. Parents, in turn, receive a great sense of satisfaction when their offspring receive their gifts with joy and appreciation.

Paul, the apostle, stated, "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive." This was the sentiment of God when he sent his only son as his gift to this world.

### CHANGE FOR THE AIR FORCE SERVICE NO.

Air Reservists are reminded that effective 1 July 69, the Air Force Service Number (AFSN) will be replaced by a Social Security Account Number (SSAN). Due to the sizeable impact it will have Air Force Wide, Hq AFRES has begun the conversion of the affected departmental forms which units will receive when their stocks are normally replenished.

UTA DATES  
DECEMBER 14-15



VISITING BRASS---Col Harry J. Huff II, 937th commander, and Major Bob Williams, former 937th Personnel Officer, were both present during the November UTA for the unit's practice Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). Huff is currently on active duty at the Air Was College and Williams is now a staff officer with the 512 Wing.

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#### HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

You can help make this upcoming holiday season a safe one. All personnel of the 937th are urged to follow the tips below.

1. Please don't drink and drive. If you don't ruin your holiday, you might ruin someone else's because of alcohol abuse. Enjoy yourself, but remember--you are asking for trouble when you drink and drive.

2. Drive carefully on wet, icy, snowy roads.

3. Christmas tree lights should be checked to prevent electrical shorting. Turn christmas lights off when out of the house, or when the family is asleep.

4. Keep Christmas trees moist by keeping water in the stand.

5. Only outdoor Christmas lights should be used outside. Indoor lights are not insulated for outdoor use.

6. Use only fire proof material for decorating Christmas tree.