

SHE'S MAKING A CHANGE**....WE ARE TOO!**

Changes in the command and staff of the 937th's Public Information Office and revamping of the Sooner News, the 937th internal publication, have been announced by Lt. Col. William Stealey, commander.

Taking the reins as information officer is Lt. J. Stephen Hope, public relations representative for Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Tulsa.

Hope said he is in the process of building a professional news staff for the unit's publicity section, and plans major changes in the unit's internal publication, the Sooner News.

Joining the public information staff are A1C Ron Fulkerson, staff writer and former assistant city editor of The Daily Oklahoman; A1C Larry Snipes, journalism instructor at Oklahoma State

University and a former copy editor at the Oklahoman; and Amn. Robert Taylor, photographer at the Oklahoman for the past year.

Also on the PIO staff are Amn Bill Witt, photographer; A1C Thomas Hunt, clerk; and Richard Thompson, illustrator.

"We hope to recruit additional PIO personnel from the ranks of area professional news agencies," Hope said. "We're currently searching for a professional television newsman, a photographer and an illustrator."

He said the PIO staff is planning major changes in the Sooner News format. The biggest move will be to put the publication on a quarterly, rather than monthly, basis.

"While we are concentrating on upgrading and im-

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BIG SWITCH!

Most of the 937th has moved into the unit's new building, and its obvious that the new headquarters is going to have quite an impact on the troops.

The most startling thing about it all is the atmosphere. While it doesn't compare with the lobby of the Hilton, there isn't much resemblance, either, to the drab countenances of the barn-varyety buildings that grace most military bases, including Tinker.

Instead, the 937th now sports green tile floors, mint-green painted walls, and restrooms (they don't deserve to be called "heads") that are, by golly, even inviting.

Thus far, a Sooner News

check revealed, there is a lack of reading material in the Johns, however.

Missing are the familiar flying safety mags, and the poetic writings that grace bathroom walls of almost any vintage. Hopefully, the unit's graffiti buffs have turned their pens to other victims.

For airmen and officers with spare time, a new hobby in the new building seems to be fighting for a five-level in interior decorating.

What with the big switch, there didn't seem to be enough pictures, charts, drawings and sage cliches to fill all the gaps on the new walls, and

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Big Switch

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Finding chairs was a busy project, too. Snatching the best upholstered, most comfortable looking chairs kept casters rolling, even across the parking lots. For some folks, it was a hard thing to take sitting down, especially when they had to stand up.

Another shocking development was the discovery of an abundance of electrical outlets. Electric typewriters, were a n d still are, in big demand, what with all that power just staring at folks from the wall, people were plugging for things to plug in.

Something else to smile about was that old hangar-floor nemesis, the pop machine.

Relief was provided by a new, shiny machine in the basement that (1) works and (2) works for a dime. Unfortunately, it already needs a mate, because, even though it has the courtesy to return your coin, its "Sold Out" light has a habit of popping on just when you're the thirstiest.

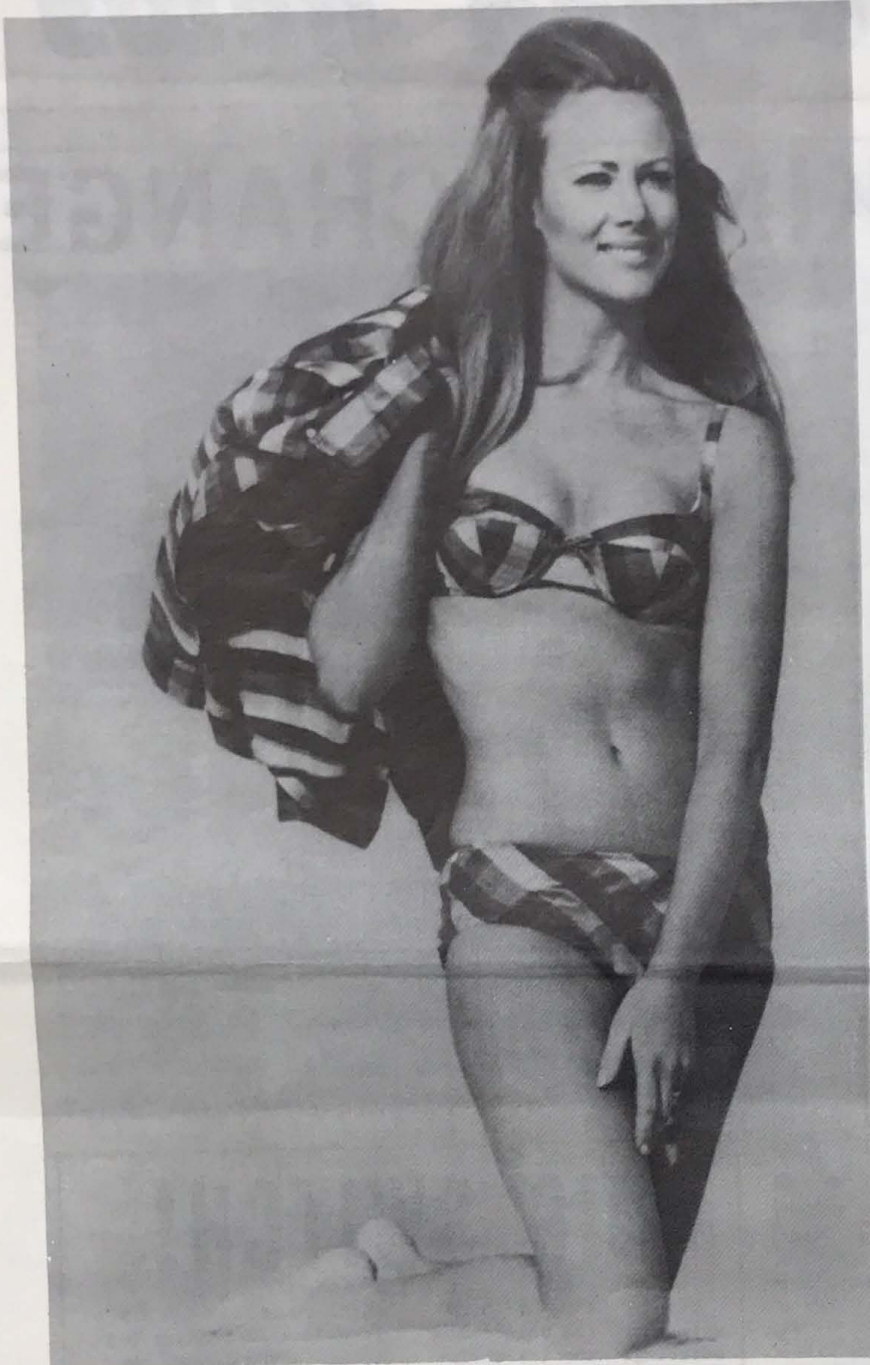
Best of all, the commander's happy. Lt. Col. Stealey doesn't have to hold his staff meetings in the mess hall, where he's apt to get sauerkraut slopped onto his efficiency reports, and the contractor got all the bricks put together in the right order.

"An Air Force Reserve building inspector said it was one of the best buildings he's inspected in the last seven years," Col. Stealey said.

The building was constructed at a cost of \$500,000, and took a bit longer than planned because of inclement weather and strike shutdowns.

Suprisingly enough, the new building's restrooms even come equipped with electric shaver outlets.

Purpose of these has been carefully mulled. They are either for people who stay late, people who come early or to do away with sideburns that, oops, droop past the middle of the ear and get all tangled up in Air Force Regulation 35-10.



Poolside safety's something to keep abreast of, too.

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK

By the Safety Officer

Are you one of the few who thinks safety is for the other fellow? If so, the statement below is printed for you. Perhaps you will change your mind after you have read it. But if not, please sign it and keep with your will and life insurance policy.

I, _____, hereby insist it is nobody's business but my own if I work without wearing goggles, safety shoes,

hard hat, or any other safety equipment and hereby promise that I will, without complaint perform the following duties in case I am blinded or crippled:

1. Be lead wherever I want to go by a seeing eye dog if I am fortunate enough to get one.
2. Learn to dress and eat without eyesight.
3. Get someone to describe the scenery to me on vacations.
4. Learn to read Braille instead of watching television.

5. Use my imagination to visualize the way the children's eyes light up at Christmas time and what graduations and weddings are like.

6. Learn to do housework so my wife can get a job to support our family.

7. Do all the yard work around the house, yard and garage that does not require eyesight.

8. Find a good neighbor to teach our little boy how to play ball, build model airplanes, fish and hunt.

(SIGNED) _____



THEY LIKE IT in the 937th, and these five airmen reinstated all at the same time during the March UTA. From left, they are SSgt Willie L. Fields, SSgt Robert Pickett, SSgt Alex Reed jr., SSgt Don R. Welchel, and SSgt Eugene Lowe. Administering the oath is Capt. Larry G. Bunch, personnel officer.

WE'VE CHANGED

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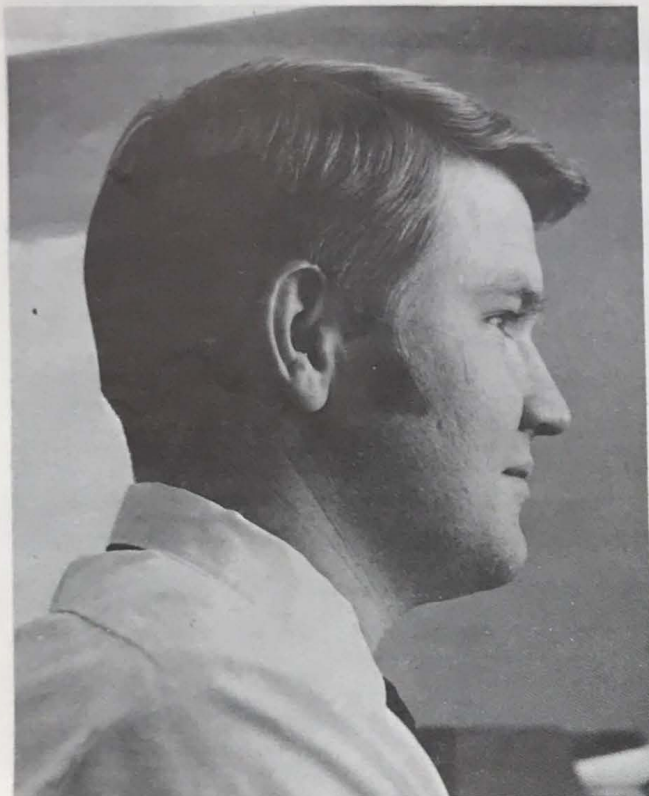
proving the quality and content of the Sooner News," Hope said, "we are putting additional focus on newspaper, radio and television publicity -- telling the story of the 937th to the public."

Already, since Hope took command in January, 937th news articles, pictures and TV film have been printed and broadcast in all major Oklahoma City area newspapers, on the wires of the Associated Press, on more than 90 radio stations in Oklahoma City and across the state, and on all three Oklahoma City television stations.

"Our aim is to print a Sooner News that will be viable and of immediate interest to all members of the 937th, and at the same time inform the public that a mission pertinent to their interest is being performed here," Lt. Hope said.



TAKING CHARGE of the 937th Public Information Section is 1LT J. Stephen Hope, Tulsa public relations executive. In two months, Hope has instituted major changes in the unit's publications and garnered wide public media coverage of 937th activities.



WRONG



RIGHT

It may be a hair-owing experience, but the 937th command has warned some airmen may have a brush with the red pencil on the sign-in sheet if sideburns continue to droop too low.

A few have already had some close shaves, and apparently some more is what's needed.

Authority for all this is Air Force Manual 35 - 10 (which prescribes a whole bunch of things, including hair appearance) and Lt. Col. William E. Stealey, 937th commander.

"Hair must be neat and closely trimmed. It may be clipped at the edges of the sides and back, but must present an evenly graduated appearance. Long and conspicuous sideburns are prohibited," 35-10 says.

"Sideburns below the middle of the ear are not acceptable," Col. Stealey adds.

Stealey said long sideburns, some of which might even be called chin-ticklers, have been of "ultimate concern" to him -- and that includes haircuts.

"Personnel who do not meet the standards...will be red-lined from the Form 40," Stealey said.

That fuzz on your face can cause problems too.

"The face will be kept clean-shaven, but a short neatly trimmed mustache may be worn. A beard may be worn only when temporarily approved by medical officials for medical reasons..." 35-10 prescribes.

However, the medical reasons are not spelled out. It may be pointed out, though, that such things as razor burns and hangovers likely are not considered medical reasons.

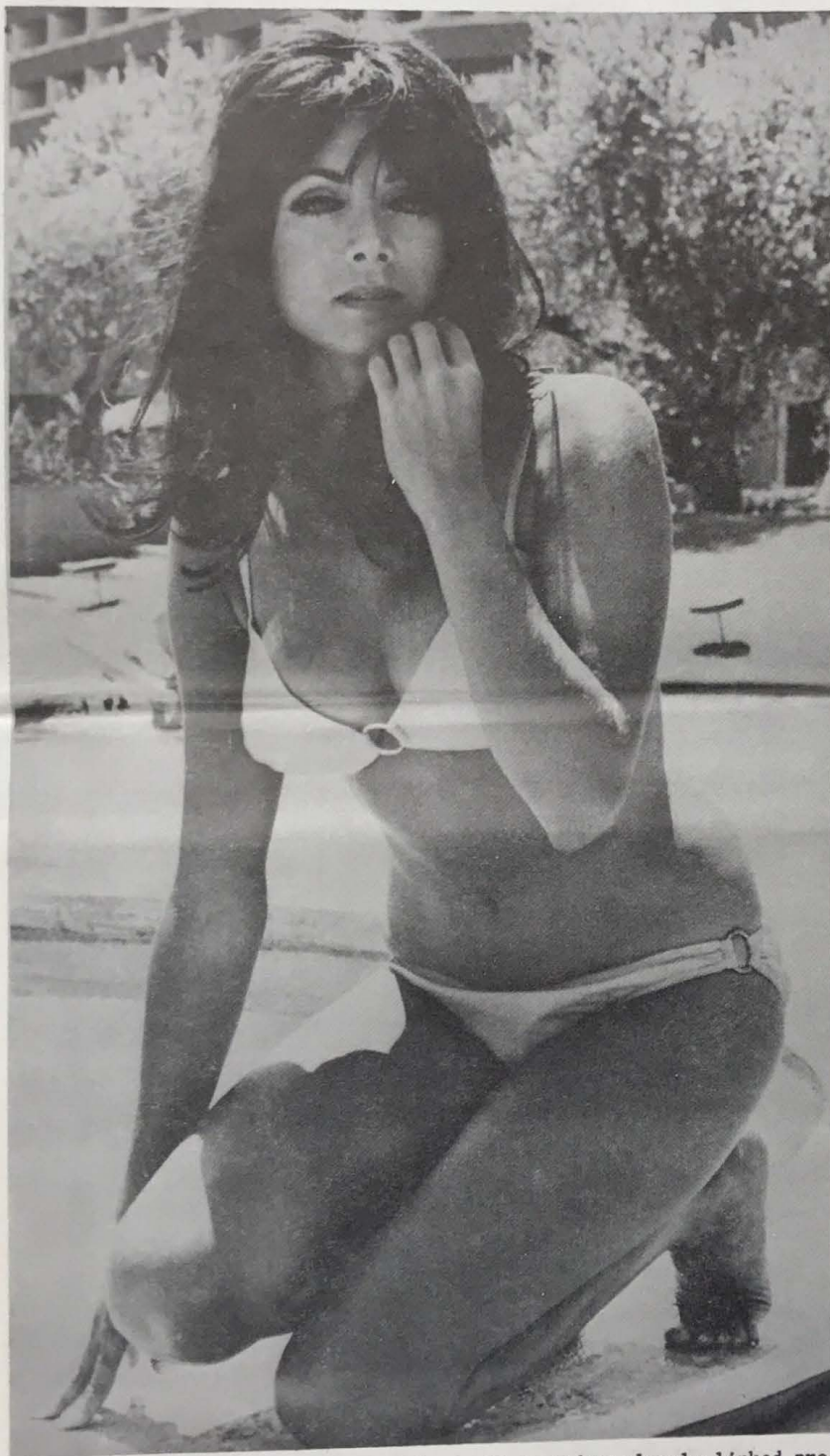
In addition, on personal appearance, 35-10 rules that "Articles such as pencils, pens, watch chains, fobs, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, combs, cigars, cigarets, pipes and sunglasses cases will not be worn or carried on the service uniform."

In general, airmen and officers alike at UTAs must "be well-groomed and insure that his personal appearance at all times reflects credit upon himself and the Air Force," 35-10 says.

And, commanders point out, this edict must be followed, even if it gets some of us in a lather.

IT'S A HAIR-OWING EXPERIENCE

HOW WOULD YOU RANK THIS?



Gina is pondering whether 937th members all know how closely linked promotions and SKT testing are connected. Not knowing your speciality can throw you a curve. That's how things stack up, she demonstrates.

Four 937th MAG officers have been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and one to the rank of major, it has been announced.

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Donning the silver oak leaves are former majors Jack W. Sutliff, Ponca City; Derry D. Irons, Fort Smith, Ark.; William J. Martin jr., and Wilburn L. Williamson, both of Oklahoma City.

Promoted to the rank of major was Warren F. Klima, Oklahoma City, and captain's bars go to William W. Walker, Fairfax, and Leona G. Sorenson and Judith A. Ship, both of Midwest City.

Information officer J. Stephen Hope, Tulsa, was promoted to first lieutenant.

Enlisted promotions include the following:

Robert W. Wade to TSgt, and Thomas O. Fowler, Kenneth J. Massey, Kenneth W. Melton and Nicky J. Richards to SSgt.

New sergeants are Billy D. Boese, Jimmie N. Criss, John S. Freeze, Ronald L. Jenkins, John T. Panza, Paul L. Patton, Allie V. Peoples, John R. Simpson, David W. Turner, Larry E. Urish and William O. Warner.

Promoted to A1C were Dean J. Craven, Mart W. Holland, Marsha A. Ilari, Randall D. Kever, Larry R. McDaniel, Ronald W. Stevens and James R. Young.

Airmen basics promoted to airman at Lackland Air Force Base include Michael A. Swick, Robert W. Strange, Billy J. Benton, Travis D. Baker, David F. Fytcheson, Robert P. McIntire and John C. Douglas jr.

Our definition of a nudist camp is a place where nothing goes on.

We define bragging as the patter of little feats.



MSgt William Mekush, rear, instructs TSgt Clifford Lowery in C-124 simulator.

HIGH-FLYING 937TH FIRST

Taking over from the regular Air Force, the 937th has assumed responsibility for the only C-124 pilot, co-pilot, flight engineer training school in the world.

Lt. Col. William E. Stealey, commander, said the unit is taking over operation of the Globemaster Technical Training Unit from the 443rd Military Airlift Wing, Tinker regular unit.

The 937th will be training students from its own unit, other air reserves units, Air National Guard units and the regular Air Force.

Robert Ritchie, one of the seven civilian instru-

ctors in the program, said reserve and national guard units' use of the C-124 troop and supply transport craft is expanding, and with it the 937th's training program will expand.

The course includes all ground and classroom training in the C-124, involving some 25 hours in an aircraft simulator.

The course lasts six weeks. The flying phases of the pilot and flight engineer training is given at the students' homes bases.

Subjects covered include general aircraft knowledge, engines, electrical systems, propellers, instruments, hydraulics, commun-

ications, navigation, aircraft performance and aircraft simulator training.

There are some 300 pilots and flight engineers in Air Reserve and Air National Guard units at present, with the number steadily increasing, training officials said.

Transition of training to the 937th was formally opened by the commanding general of the 512th Military Airlift Wing, Brig. Gen. John Hoff.

Gen. Hoff visited the training facilities as the first class began studies, and joined them in refreshments, including a cake baked in the shape of a Globemaster.

937th Garner's Highest Combat Rating

Air reservists with the 937th have received the highest possible combat capability rating for the third consecutive year at their annual inspection.

Col. Jackson S. Wallace, inspection team chief from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., announced the rating at the close of the last UTA.

The reservists were graded on both management and performance.

As part of the inspection actual flights were sent on their way to Labrador, Alaska, Europe and the Far East.

The flights were called back after take-off to begin the exercises which constituted a part of the rating.

After returning to Tinker they pulled regular maintenance inspection, refueled and reloaded the aircraft before taking back to the

air for other destinations on the east and west coasts. After the examination was completed, the planes were called back.

Simulated emergencies were also presented these flights, and reactions to these problems were graded.

The 937th is required to receive the highest rating possible to maintain its level of proficiency.

The 937th's global crews consisting of seven men are capable of flying one-fourth the way around the world without stopping for crew rest.

As a unit achieves this highest rating, additional requirements are added for next year's evaluation.

Two sections of the 937th were noted for an outstanding performance in the actual performance and management tests.

The 73rd Aero Medical Evacuation Team was noted for an outstanding performance in the performance tests and management tests.

The technical training unit was also noted for special accolades. This unit is responsible for training C-124 crews for the Air Force, Air Force Reserves and the Air National Guard.



LOADED DOWN during the 937th's move to its new building across from the hangar building is Lt. Col. William E. Stealey, commander. The smile on his face? That's partly because he's looking at an expanse of staff meeting space in his office and doesn't have to confer in the mess hall anymore. Story on Page 1.

Want to Help Hunt Recruits?

Aid is being sought in the area of recruitment for the 937th, said Capt. Larry Bunch, personnel officer.

Capt. Bunch is seeking support of 937th personnel for recruiting man days.

Some 50 vacancies for prior service personnel are open in the unit.

People interested in helping in the recruiting process should contact either Capt. Bunch or TSgt Otis J. Burnett.

A noted French physician maintains that if a man consumes a glass of brandy after dinner each evening for 1,200 months, he will live to be 100 years old.

NURSE FINDS WAR'S REAL,

The realities of war are no longer thousands of miles away for a air reserve nurse serving in the 73rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the 937th Military Airlift Group.

1LT Karolyn Bruner, Oklahoma City, served her two weeks of active duty in December on air medical evacuations from Yokota, Japan, with the 56th Squadron stationed there.

She explained that these flights back to the United States were not practice, but the real things with war wounded who completed the trip in New Jersey.

The patients, she said, were on the plane for some 17 hours and were being administered medical aid throughout the flight.

It was her first confrontation with the battle wounded.

"It's amazing, because they are all so young. They're all shot up. It's really sad," she said.

"She added that there are two nurses and three medical technicians aboard. "We fly as auxiliary medical crew and don't take place of regular crew members."

Lt. Bruner spoke highly of her counterparts who fly these missions.

She added that the nurses average about 100 hours of flying time per month. "They work hard."

Active duty people, she noted, fly into Vietnam, but reservist nurses are not allowed to fly into battle zones.

Not all of her time on active duty was spent working with the wounded.

She said she and a fellow reservist -- 1LT Lynn Saunders of the same unit -- got a day off which they spent in Tokyo.

The best thing she saw in Tokyo was "about 11 million people."

Lt. Bruner's active duty gave her a chance to see for the first time another part of the world, and it also allowed her to feel a closer kinship to the men and women serving in Vietnam.



Mylene thinks of faraway places, too.

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