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WELL-DEVELOPED plans and getting a good start are all-important to success, as pretty Beverly Drew, Miss Oklahoma of 1968, proves. That's the formula used by the 937th in its 1969 summer encampment -- a well-rounded success so far.

SUMMER CAMP SYSTEMS 'GO'

The 937th has gotten its annual summer encampment off to a flying start -- as any airlift unit should -- and commanders report all training wheels are rolling smoothly.

With more than a week of full-time training left in the 15-day session, plenty remains to be done and the agenda's full.

At the top of the list is the 937th's fifth annual military ball, scheduled Friday night at Top of the Mall, Shepherd Mall at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets for the party are \$1.50 per person, with setups and entertainment all free beyond the door.

This year an added attraction has been added to the ball: a list of prizes worth more than \$700, with more likely to be announced at party-time.

Among the prizes are two color TV sets, two mini bikes, a Seko watch, four habachi pots, four Sizzlin Sirloin dinners, a \$5 gift certificate to J. C. Penny Co.; a \$10 gift certificate to Stockton's Department Store; a \$5 gift certificate to TG&Y; six free Firestone wheel

balances; six free Firestone tire rotations; two Sunday smorgasbord dinners at Glen's Hickry Inn; two giant Shakey's pizzas; three Pizza Hut pizzas; four bar-b-cue dinners; an ice chest from Oklahoma Tire and Supply; and a bronze decor from Sears.

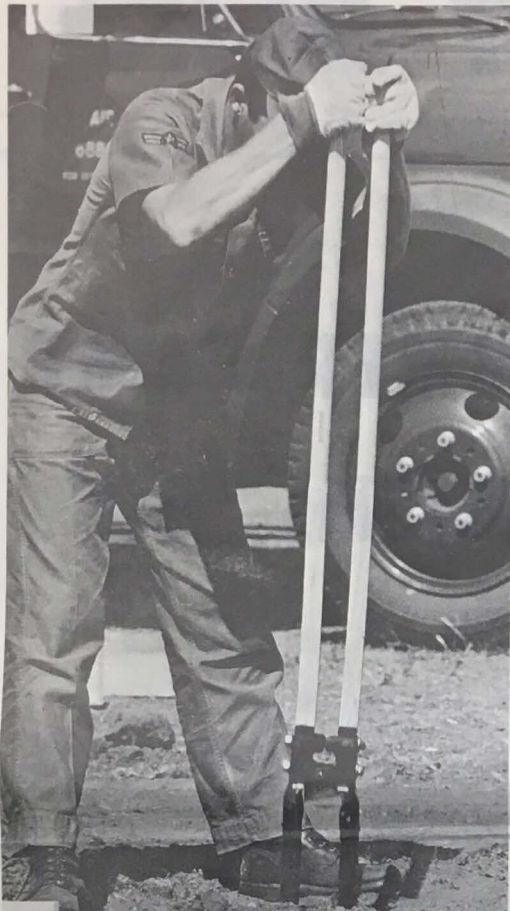
Saturday's schedule calls for a parade involving all squadrons of the 937th, lead by the Air Force Reserve Band, with an open house for family and friends of the 937th members following.

The family day picnic will begin at noon at the base picnic grounds and last until 6 p.m., with food being served until 3 p.m.

Following the Saturday festivities, 937th troops will be given the day off Sunday.

Monday starts the final full week of intensive training, with range firing, QJT training, various kinds of testing, counseling on the agenda, winding up with outprocessing and pay Saturday, Aug. 23.

Through it all, one objective remains the same; to keep the 937th atop the heap in combat readiness rating.



A1C Charlie Pledger puts his back into his duty.



Sgt. James Ecker takes a long look through his surveying level.

937TH HOUSE RAISING UNDERWAY

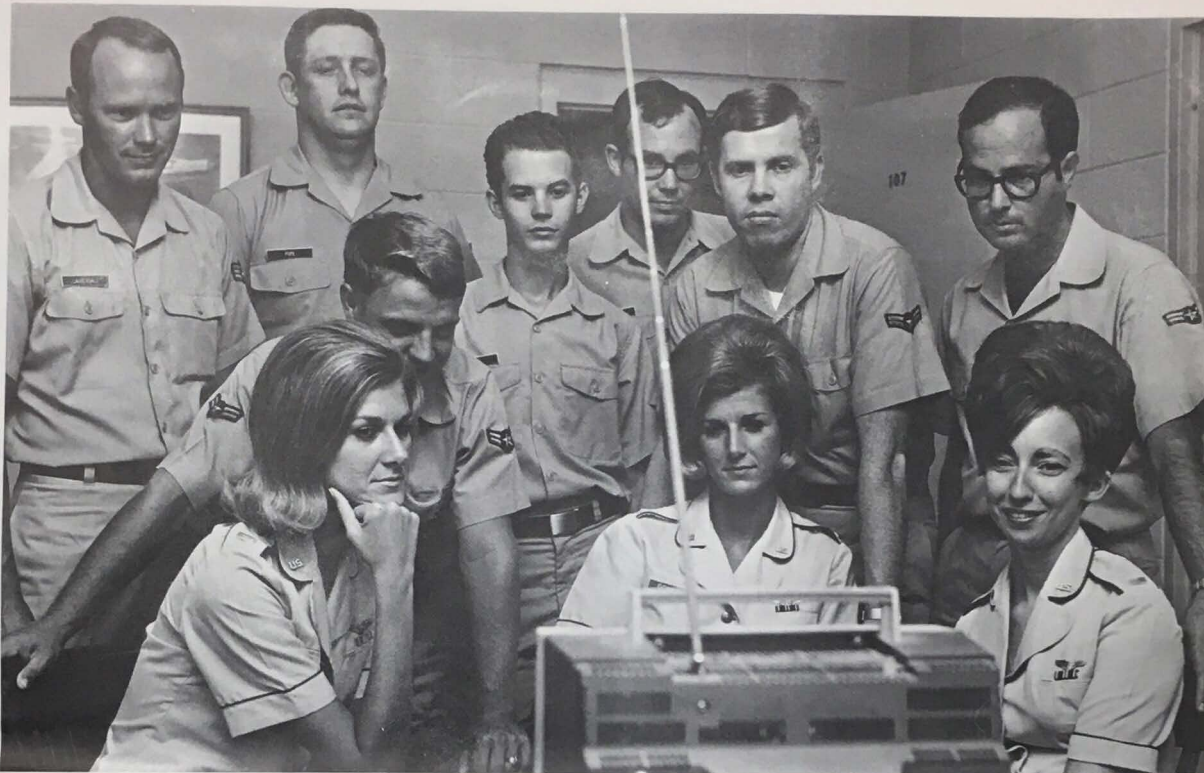
Doing something constructive during their two-week 937th summer encampment are these airmen putting up butler buildings to house tools and machinery for aircraft maintenance.

Supervisors were hopeful the buildings would be standing by the end of the camp's first week, with finishing touches to be applied during the final week.

Parts of the buildings were prefabricated, but talented 937th airmen dug the foundations, poured concrete, bolted together steel girders -- and drank plenty of ice cold soft drinks to beat the heat.



Civil engineers of the 937th pours concrete for two butler buildings.



APOLLO 11 draws rapt attention of members of 937th who take time off of duties during the July UTA to watch a

Eagle lands on the moon. Since an Air Force colonel was on the mission, special interest was generated in 937th.

EIGHT PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Eight 937th officers were promoted to lieutenant colonels during June and July.

Receiving their new rank were Glen D. Emerson, William C. Zarling, Richard E. Miner, Hugh R. Bowers, Harry A. Anderson, Virgil M. Melson, Samuel T. Hucke Jr., and David J. Sutton.

The ten captains promoted to major were Robert H. Furr, John A. Sells III, Ivan D. Geddie, Irvin Schmidt, James C. Watkins, Louis E. Thurber Jr., Duane P. Ylvisaker, James D. Young, and Donald E. Phillips.

New first lieutenants

are James R. Bierly and Wilma F. Ray.

William F. Reneau gained master sergeant stripes.

New tech sergeants are Everett C. Elrod, Larry D. Travis, Horace E. Augustine, Curtis O. Hanneman, Elmer Palmer, Warren Scott, Jack L. Steinberg, and David L. Wasland.

New staff sergeants include Steven G. Rapfogel, Joseph C. Ratway, Robert W. Russell, Donald G. Bard, Richard E. Blochowiak, Foy J. Harbour, William T. Hanger, Samuel H. Hays III, Terry O. Woods, Delbert D.

Henderson, Russell S. Jay, Charles A. Newton, Samuel R. Offutt, Harold D. Pense, Charles H. Sheldon Jr., Larry A. Smith, Phillip D. Squires, James M. Stetler Jr., and Dale R. Thompson.

New sergeants are Owen E. Smith Jr., Graydon F. Avritt, Jerry D. Ball, James R. Baugh, Tommy H. Bohrofen, Donnie R. Driskill, Richard D. Eichler, De Layne Karber, James E. Lynn, Stanley J. Mayer, Russell Millican, Kenneth E. Perry Jr., Gary T. Piccolo, James J. Roberts, David G. Thompson, Phillip M. Ward, William E.

Tarkington, James L. Blevins, Dee G. Brandon Jr., Ronald K. Brantly, Stephen C. Brown, Leon C. Dorn Jr., Vernon H. Jones, Clarence G. Mayo, and Gerald L. Noble.

New airmen first class are Billy J. Benton, Larry D. Evans, David F. Eytcheson, Dan E. Guess, Bruce A. Hayes, Dwayne R. Lancaster, Dan R. Owens, Johnny D. Sharp, Dale E. Simms, Robert W. Strange, Robert R. Sudlik, Terry L. Thrower, Donald L. Chronister, Jerry L. Kerr, Charles T. Pledger and Daniel W. Shankle.

Promoted to airman was David R. Hale.

TEAMWORK : KEY TO SUCCESS

Keeping those C-124s in the air at the 937th keeps a lot of people busy doing a lot of different things, as Sooner News photographers found during a stroll around the unit during summer camp in-processing and duty days.

Just a few of the jobs that need to be done include giving those immunizations, making sure everything on a Globemaster does what it's supposed to do, checking personnel records out to keep them current, and even making sure the 937th grass stays green.



For these two airmen summer camp starts off working on a C-124 rudder.



The old familiar sight of needles greet 937th airmen.



AIC Ronald Gee comes in with a splash at summer camp.



An "operation" on a C-124 engine is captured through the hull of a dormant engine.



Airmen of the 937th line up to process in for two weeks of summer encampment

HIS WORK A RECIPE FOR THE FUTURE

It may take only three minutes for the 937th dining hall airmen to cook an egg, but the guy who oversees it comes over 1,000 miles to see that it's done right.

He's MSgt Howard L. Cooper, food service superintendent who makes a monthly trek from Alamogordo, N.M., to perform his 937th duties.

Cooper's civilian job also involves seeing that people are fed -- and fed properly. He's food service administrator at Holloman AFB Hospital in Alamogordo.

Cooper, who's been in the 937th food service since September, 1966, spent ten years in the regular Air Force and Army. Now, he drives either to Lubbock or Amarillo, Texas, from Alamogordo -- a distance of

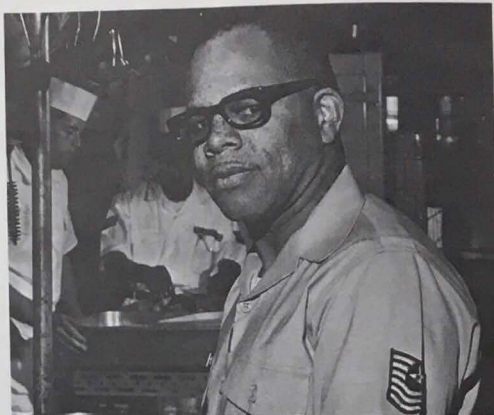
some 700 miles -- then catches a 937th flight to Tinker for his military duties.

As 937th food service superintendent, Cooper has more than 20 airmen under his command.

Food service, he says, has been a part of his life since he was 9 years old, when he started working part-time in restaurants and cafes.

Cooper worked in restaurants full-time before he enlisted in the service, and has now decided to turn his profession into a private business.

He has been with the Holloman hospital food service for two years, transferring from the Amarillo AFB food service, and is now attending New Mexico State University studying to become a registered dietitian.



"After 18 more hours of college work, I'll have a degree in commercial institution food management," Cooper says. "Then I plan to open a nursing

home."

Cooper is married and the father of five children, ranging in age from 10 to 20.

Blood Drive Under Way

A drive for blood to help fill the need in Vietnam will be held at Tinker Thursday and Friday.

The drive is sponsored by the directorate of maintenance on the base and up to four hours of administrative leave to make donations can be taken with supervisory permission.

Donations can be made in the conference room of Building 3001 and Building 427 beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The quota has been set at 380 units, with 260 units of Type O needed, 70 units of Type A, 40 units of Type B, and 10 units of Type AB.

Defense Fund Cutback Kills 937th Globemaster Training

Some six months after the 937th took control of it from the regular Air Force, Headquarters Air Force Reserve has ordered discontinuance of the Technical Training Unit (TTU) for instruction of C-124 pilots and engineers.

When the 937th took the TTU's reins in January, the unit was responsible for training all military personnel -- air reservists, guardsmen, and regulars -- in the C-124.

Training was carried on in a classroom framework, with use of a C-124 flight simulator to complete the coursework.

But the TTU program, under the direction of Lt. Col. Glen Emerson,

was dismantled this month because of budget cutbacks ordered by the Department of Defense.

Lt. Col. William E. Stealey, 937th commander, said the closing down of TTU would result in a net savings of \$250,000 per year.

The unit cost \$500,000 per year to operate, Stealey said, but the flight simulator will be kept in operation to train pilots on an individual basis and for refresher courses so the savings amounted to only half that amount.

Stealey said another factor in closing the TTU was that no more Globemaster units are due to be created, so that there no longer was a real need for a classroom program to turn out C-124 pilots,

co-pilots and flight engineers in large numbers.

The Defense Department fiscal cutbacks have affected the 937th in other areas, too, Stealey said.

The commander noted the unit is currently short nine full-time personnel and, due to DOD fiscal policy, cannot hire persons to replace those who retire, resign or leave the unit for other reasons.

However, Stealey said the personnel working with the TTU would not actually lose their jobs.

He said the 937th will find spots in the unit for as many of them as possible, and others will go to other positions on Tinker or other Air Force bases.

937th Wins Safety Award

A long history of flying safety of the 937th has been recognized.

Lt. Col. William E. Stealey, commander of the 937th, accepted for the unit the Military Airlift Command's Flight Safety Award from Brig. Gen. John W. Hoff, commander of the 512th.

The plaque signifies a total of 12 years of accident-free flying for the 937th.

Col. Stealey said the unit has already received plaques marking the 5-year and 10-year spans of accident-free flying.

He noted that two other groups in the 512th Wing achieved their 10-year levels during the same ceremonies at Carswell AFB, Texas.

The 937th has a 1 so collected annual safety plaques for the past 12 years in addition to the three special awards.

Col. Stealey explained



AIRMAN OF QUARTER TSgt Frank D. Jackson receives handshake and certificate from Lt. Col. William E. Stealey, commander of the 937th. S g t. Jackson works in Supply Squadron with the unit. He lives in Del City.

Chaplain's Corner

Victor Hugo wrote, "Have courage for the great sorrow of life, and patience for the small ones. And when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake."

Courage is knowing what not to fear. It is the standing army of the soul that keeps you from being conquered by doubts and fears. The Lord spoke these words to Joshua, the great general, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

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937TH BALL JUST 'ROUND THE CURVE

Just a smile is all some folks need to get ahead, as 25-year-old German starlet Margaret Rose Keil amply proves. But 937th airmen who hope to cash in on more than \$700 in prizes need to be present Friday night at the annual military ball at Top of the Mall in Shepherd Mall -- and more modestly attired.

The lucky persons who win the two color TV sets to be given away at the ball just might find pretty Miss Keil gracing their tubes -- if they happen to be able to pick up TV shows from Italy, where the West Berlin beauty is often seen in films and TV commercials.



937th Jumper 'Top POP'

TSgt Allen G. Jones may be 48 years old, but he's still a top POP as far as parachuting goes.

Jones won first place in accuracy and upwind accuracy in the first annual southwest conference parachute meet of the Parachutists Over Forty Society (POPS). The event was held June 14-15 in Decatur, Texas.

POPS are parachutists over 40 years old, and

there are some 350 POPS competing in the nation.



TSgt Jones

Contestants at the Decatur meet travelled to Texas from as far away as Utah and California.

Jones has been jumping since May 30, 1968, and has logged some 260 jumps.

He has been a reservist with the 937th since October, 1960. He has been a parachute rigger since 1942.