

THE SKYCRACKER

Published every Friday by the Office of Public Relations, U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Athens, Ga., at no expense to the Government. Opinions expressed in this paper do not necessarily reflect the policy of the Navy.

CAPTAIN CHARLES E. SMITH, USN
Commanding Officer

LT. COMDR. RALPH W. BURLEIGH, USNR
Executive Officer

LIEUT. HOWARD W. KRAMER, USNR
Public Relations Officer—EDITOR

Coming Events

Friday, January 28

Basketball. Skycrackers vs. Georgia Tech, Perry Gym, 2000.

Saturday, January 29

Basketball. Skycrackers vs. Gainesville Radio School, Perry Gym, 1500.

Graduation Dance. Dahlgren Hall, 2100-2400. Music by Maser's orchestra. 38th, 39th, and 40th Batts.

Dance. Officers' Club on Jefferson Road, 2130-2400.

Regimental Review. Sanford Stadium, 1515. 38th, 39th, and 40th Batts.

Sunday, January 30

Church Parade, 0925.

Chapel Service. Chaplain G. G. Lacy, 0940.

Movies. Auditorium, 1515. "Stranger in Town," Frank Morgan and Jean Rogers. Paramount News, novelty reel, cartoon, and "Dog Sense."

Movies. Auditorium, 1945. "Slightly Dangerous," Lana Turner and Robert Young. News of the Day, and cartoon.

Basketball. Skycrackers vs. Atlanta Boys' Club . . . Skycrackers vs. Athens ASTP School, Perry Gym, 1500.

Wednesday, February 2

Enlisted Men's Wives' Club. Athens Service Center, 2000-2245. Enlisted cadet's wives especially invited.

Friday, February 4

Basketball. Skycrackers vs. Cherry Point (N. C.) Marines, Perry Gym, 2000.

Saturday, February 5

Smoker Dance. Perry Gym, 2000. Program by 38th, 39th, and 40th Batts. Dance afterwards with music by Chief Anderson's orchestra.

Dance. Officers' Club on Jefferson Road, 2100-2400. Music by Chief Maser's orchestra.

Sunday, February 6

Church Parade. 0925.

Chapel Service. Chaplain G. G. Lacy, 0940.

Movies. "Bataan," Auditorium, 1515. Robert Taylor and George Murphy. Paramount News, cartoon and March of Time, "Youth in Crisis."

Movies. "Thank Your Lucky Stars," Auditorium, 1945. Eddie Cantor, Ann Sheridan, Humphrey Bogart, and an all-star cast. News of the Day, and novelty reel

Navy's Artie Shaw Is Top Favorite

Favorite musician in the Armed Forces is the Navy's Artie Shaw, according to the vote of judges, announced in "Esquire." These judges also named an All-American Jazz Band which included:

Trumpet, Louis Armstrong; clarinet, Benny Goodman; piano, Art Tatum; bass, Oscar Pettiford; odd instruments, Red Norvo; trombone, Jack Teagarden; saxophone, Coleman Hawkins; guitar, Al Casey; drums, Sidney Catlett; and vocalists, Louis Armstrong and Billie Holliday.

PORT

39th Scores Second Clean Sweep, Aims at All-Time Record Total

Peffle's Champs, First to Repeat Sweep, Have Won Eight

THE 39th Batt this week became the first class in the history of NPFS to fly a full string of regimental championship flags twice during its stay aboard.

Admiral Hardison Heads NAPTC

Rear Admiral Osborne B. Hardison, USN, heroic commanding officer of the aircraft carrier U. S. S. ENTERPRISE in the battle of the Santa Cruz Islands in October, 1942, has been designated as Chief of Naval Air Primary Training and will assume his new duties early in February.

Admiral Hardison will succeed Captain Dixie Kiefer, USN, Chief of Staff of the Naval Air Primary Training Command, who has been Chief of Naval Air Primary Training on additional duty basis since November 20. Captain Kiefer is former executive officer of the aircraft carrier YORKTOWN.

Both Admiral Hardison and Captain Kiefer are holders of the coveted Navy Cross.

The Naval Air Primary Training Command, with headquarters in Kansas City, Kansas, has supervision of all primary ground and flight training for Naval, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard aviators.



Admiral Hardison

Junkers 52-96

Catholics Announce Club Opening

The National Catholic Community Service Club is sponsoring a regular weekly entertainment program for Catholic cadets, officers, and crew at the Parish House at St. Joseph's Church, it was announced by J. W. Huey, local chairman.

The Parish House will be open Sundays, beginning Jan. 30, throughout the afternoon and evening, and refreshments will be served. The club facilities include a game room in the basement where ping pong, bingo and cards may be played. Prizes will be offered.

Wednesday evening bridge games for officers and their wives are scheduled weekly at 2015.

Each Saturday night, beginning Feb. 5, Catholic cadets are invited to attend an informal dance at 2030.

Halifax-99

New Disbursing Officer

Newly arrived disbursing officer is Ens. J. Robert Day, of Brighton, Ia., who reported from R/S Boston, Mass.

Ensign Day is a 1940 graduate of the University of Iowa, and has previously been stationed at NAS, Anacostia, and the Supply School, Boston.

Lieut. S. W. Peffle's trainees will have a total of eight E pennants to their credit when they claim the academic flag next Monday. They will also get a crack at seven more flags before graduation.

The all-time record, held by another Wasp Barracks battalion, the 33rd, is nine championship burgees.

The 39th won the regimental military championship with an overall average of 3.172. Other averages: 40th, in second place, 3.15; 38th, 3.14; 41st, 3.136; 37th, 3.126.

Honors in the different activities were closely contested last week with three ending in ties. The 39th, 40th, and 41st Batts all scored 3.2 in CONDUCT IN RANKS; the 37th, 39th, and 40th were tied at 3.175 for honors in WATCH EFFICIENCY, while the 37th, 38th, 39th, and 41st scored 3.2 in FORMATIONS.

First place in INFANTRY DRILL was claimed by the 40th Batt, MILITARY BEARING, by the 38th, INSPECTION OF RANKS, by the 40th, and ROOM INSPECTION, by the 41st.

Former rodeo-rider V-5 Cadet Bruce Crowell, Jr. (38-C-1) is the newly appointed regimental commander. Hailing from El Paso, Tex., Crowell was battalion commander at Flight Prep, in Austin, and J.O.O.D. at WTS there. Cadet A. L. Lott (38-C-2) is sub-commander.

Cadets of military merit chosen as battalion commanders for the current week were: 38th, R. F. Skrable, PhM2c, D-2; 39th, L. W. Bullock, E-2; 40th, H. H. Fuller, G-3, 41st, H. L. Sluder, J-3; 42nd, B. L. Morgan, L-1.

Junkers 90-116

New Officers (Contd.)

Donald. The Del Monte School has finished its pre-flight training activities and will be converted to other uses by the Navy.

Lieutenant Kern played with Lieut. Jack Harding on the 1925 Pitt team, and played tackle against Lieut. Christopher Freeman in the Rose Bowl game against Stanford on New Year's day 1928. He was widely selected for All-American honors.

Lieutenant Kern made two later visits to the Rose Bowl as line-coach of the 1932 and 1936 Pitt elevens. He was head coach at Carnegie Tech 1937-39, taking the '38 team to the Sugar Bowl. From 1940-42, he coached the West Virginia University club before entering the Navy.

Lieutenant Yeager once served as line coach under Lieut. Jack Riley at Fort Hays (Kan.) State, and for four years was head coach at Iowa State University. For the past three seasons he piloted the University of Colorado teams.