



# THE SKYCRACKER

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## Coming Events

### Friday, December 24

Children's Christmas Tree Party, Dahlgren Hall, 1430.  
Yuletide Ball, Dahlgren Hall, 2100-0100. Entire station invited.

### Saturday, December 25

Movies. "So Proudly We Hail," Auditorium, 1515. Claudette Colbert, Paulette Goddard, and Veronica Lake. Cartoon and novelty reel.

Movies. "Heaven Can Wait," Auditorium, 1945. Don Ameche and Gene Tierney, in technicolor. Bugs Bunny cartoon and sports reel. Christmas carolers on the stage.

Christmas Dance. Service Center, 2000-2330.  
Dance. American Legion Cabin, Lumpkin, 2000-Officers' Club Dance, 2100-2400.

### Sunday, December 26

Church Parade, 0925.  
Chapel Service. Chaplain G. G. Lacy, Auditorium, 0940.

Holiday Breakfast: Service Center, 1015-1130.  
Movies. "Dixie," Auditorium, 1515. Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour. Paramount News. Donald Duck cartoon and novelty reel.

Movies. "Mr. Lucky," Auditorium, 1945. Cary Grant and Laraine Day. News of the Day and cartoon.

### Friday, December 31

Basketball. Skycrackers vs. Charleston (S. C.) Coast Guard, Perry Gym, 2000.

Dance. After game, Perry Gym. Liberty expires at 0100.

Dance. Officers' Club on Jefferson Road, 2100.

### Saturday, January 1

Graduation Dance. Dahlgren Hall, 2100-2400. 36th, 37th, 38th Batts.

Dance. Officers' Club on Jefferson Road, 2100-2400.

### Sunday, January 2

Church Parade. 0925.  
Chapel Service. Chaplain G. G. Lacy, 0940.

Movies. Auditorium, 1515. "Claudia," Dorothy McGuire, Robert Young. Paramount News, cartoon, and Novelty reel.

Movies. Auditorium, 1945. "Stand By For Action," Robert Taylor, Brian Donlevy. News Of The Day, and cartoon.

## Cadets May Attend Mass

Catholic cadets may attend any of the four morning masses tomorrow (Christmas Day) at St. Joseph's Church, beginning at 0830.

One week from tomorrow (New Year's Day) a special mass will be celebrated at 1730 during liberty.

Havoc—61

Hotel clerk: "Inside or outside room, sir?"

Guest: "Inside, looks like it might rain."

Junkers 88—66

CBM: "Tell me, where is the mizzen mast?"

S2c: "I don't know, sir. How long has it been missin'."

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# New Year's Eve Dance in Perry Follows Coast Guard Court Game

A SALUTE to the New Year will be rendered by all hands here next Friday night when the versatile 45-piece Navy band splits in half to provide music in two places at once.

A big crowd of cadets, crew and civilians is expected at the New Year's Eve hop in Perry Gym which immediately follows the Skycracker-Charleston Coast Guard basketball game. Chief Anderson's musical outfit will dish out the melodies, and the Welfare Fund will dish out everything else, including paper hats, noise-makers and free cokes.

The dance ends at 15 minutes past midnight and liberty for all cadets expires at 0100.

Chief Maser will wield the baton for the formal Officers Club party the same evening. Attendance at that affair will be restricted to club members, wives or dates, and out-of-town house guests.

Regular graduation dance for the 36th, 37th, and 38th Batts will be held in Dahlgren Hall the following evening from 2100 to 2400.

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## A Whale of a Story!

Flying Officer Ralph Witchie, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, stationed in the Middle East with an RAF squadron, tells this story and he swears it's the truth, s'help him:

"My plane was badly holed during a recent operational flight. I had to fly low over the sea—only had one motor working. Two hours later I sighted what appeared to be an enemy submarine. I decided to shoot it up, so I went down to within five feet of the water.

"Just as I approached I noticed it was a whale and I had to laugh as my front gunner was blazing away. But I didn't laugh long.

"As I passed over the whale, he blew and the water he spouted drowned out my remaining motor and I had to land in the sea—the only pilot in this war, I think, to be shot down by a whale."

Beaufort—58

## Telephone Center Opens In South Campus Store

A public telephone center for the convenience of cadets was formally opened last week in the South Campus Ship's Service building.

The center is located in a specially constructed wing of the building. The facilities consist of a switchboard and eight booths, served by two attendants. A public address system enables the operator-attendants to page the cadets when their calls are ready.

Comfortable chairs, reading and writing tables, postcards and stationery, and many of the currently popular magazines are also provided by the telephone company for the center. A library of telephone directories of other cities is available so that callers can help speed the long distance calls by looking up numbers whenever possible.

## Carolers Sing Tomorrow Night

### Cadets, Girls on Stage

A specialty arrangement of "White Christmas" and a surprise grand finale will be the feature offerings of the mixed choral group which will entertain at 1945 Christmas Night in the Auditorium before the movie.

Director of the group of thirteen cadets and ten NPFS women employees, is Mrs. L. R. Wagner. Miss Wilma Wright is soloist.

The chorus includes: Misses Genevieve Wilfong, Ruth Jarrell, Ruth Manley, Connie Thomas, Harriet and Jean Miller, Ineze Jones, Betty Puryear, Mrs. Hope Sailors, and Mrs. Thelma Ashman.

Cadets L. A. Merritt, Jr. (36-K-1A), W. R. Laine (38-D-3B), W. B. Mathes (38-D-3B), B. E. Wilson (36-L-1B), G. C. Ballman (37-B-2B), E. J. Thabet (38-C-2A), A. S. Coe (36-K-2A), J. L. LaBarre (38-C-2B), J. L. Plummer (35-J-1A), D. S. Roberts (35-J-1A), W. G. Christie (37-B-3B), W. J. Irvine (38-C-3B), and M. M. White (38-D-3A).

Hudson—66

## Brinson Heads CAA-WTS; Kettunen, Leffler Detached

Lieut. Mose E. Brinson, former Navy operations officer at the Athens airport has been appointed resident Navy officer of the CAA-WTS School here. He succeeds Lieut. Elmer Kettunen, former officer-in-charge.

Since the decommissioning of the Navy Flight Instructors School and the transfer of its facilities to aviation cadet training, three other members of that station's officer complement have received transfer orders to new duties elsewhere. They are Lieut. (jg) W. T. Leffler, former executive officer, who goes to NAS, Olathe, Kan.; Lieut. Joseph Jolly, flight officer, to Ferry Command, Columbus, O.; and Lieut. (jg) John Canny, first lieutenant, to NAS, Pensacola, Fla.

The station has facilities for the preliminary flight training of approximately 100 cadets.

Airacobra—34

## Honorable Discharge Buttons

An honorable service button to be worn on civilian clothes has been authorized for men and women separated under honorable conditions from active duty in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

The design is the same as that authorized by the War Department for those honorably discharged from the Army, thus standardizing the emblem for all persons honorably separated from the armed forces.