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The Station's Santa Claus, in Most Cases, Was the Post Office



THE BUSIEST SPOT on the station for the past two weeks has been the Navy Post Office, located in the basement of Navy Hall. In the photo on the left is shown Gene Strowd, CSP (M), USNR, with an armful of packages, while in the center, left to right, Ralph Bauthues, Sp3c (M), USNR, and Alan Abner Barker, Sp2c (M), USNR, are shown sorting a part of the mail which came in Monday morning. On the right the photographer snapped a group of cadets from the various halls as they started back with the mail. What the picture doesn't tell, though, is that most of them had to make more than one trip.

Cadets Get Special Christmas Dinner

An extra-plentiful holiday fare, including turkey with all the trimmings, is planned for the Regiment of Cadets for Christmas Dinner tomorrow.

The menu, designed to satisfy all appetites with tasty holiday foods, follows:

- Egg Nog
- Beef Consommé
- Hearts of Celery
- Sweet Mixed Pickles
- Snow Flake Potatoes
- Tiny Green Peas
- Roast Young Turkey
- Oyster Dressing
- Giblet Gravy
- Cranberry Jelly
- Baked Virginia Ham
- Lettuce, Tomato and Asparagus Salad—Dressing
- Parkerhouse Rolls
- Butter
- Fruit Cake
- Orange Topping
- Grapes
- Apples
- Mixed Nuts
- Assorted Candies
- Coffee
- Cigarettes

In observance of Christmas as an all day holiday, town liberty will be granted to cadets from 0830 to 2400 tomorrow.

Today (Christmas Eve) the Saturday schedule will be observed.
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As the Command pauses in its work and training for a few brief hours and celebrates Christmas Day, I extend to our fine Regiment of Cadets my most cordial and friendly greetings and very best wishes.

John P. Graff
Commanding Officer

Stores to Close

The Chapel Hill Merchants Association Office, as well as all business firms downtown, will be closed tomorrow (Christmas Day), it was announced yesterday by the secretary of the association.

Episcopal Services

Christmas morning services will be held in the Chapel of the Cross (Episcopal) starting at 1030, Dec. 25. Pre-Flight personnel are invited.

Movie Schedule

Dec. 24—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Hit the Ice" with Abbott and Costello. Feature starts at 1410, 1532, 1940 and 2112. Complete show one hour, 32 minutes.

Dec. 25—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Love Crazy" with William Powell and Myrna Loy. Feature starts at 1310, 1500 and 2110. Complete show one hour, 49 minutes.

Dec. 26—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Billy the Kid" with Robert Taylor. Feature starts at 1320 and 1504. Complete show one hour, 44 minutes.

Cadets Invited to Dance

Pre-Flight cadets are invited to a Christmas Eve dance being given in Graham Memorial Lounge by the Town Girls of the University from 1930-2400, Dec. 24.

Post Office Kept Busy At Christmas

A Chief Boatswain once remarked that mail specialists worked only twice a year—Christmas and New Year's.

Just how much truth is in the above statement is hard to say, but it's most definite that the mail specialists on this station have been kept more than busy for the past 10 days.

There is a famous slogan of the Post Office Department, which says, in part, that the mail must go through, regardless. And as special assistants to Santa Claus, the local post office crew has had to work long hours, extending far into the night, in order to carry out that slogan.

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