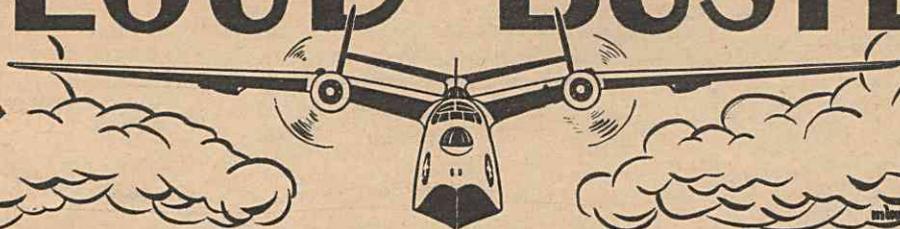




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Admiral Buckmaster and Staff Visit Here



Cadets Invited to Opera

A special free performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, "Iolanthe," will be given for the regiment of cadets by the Carolina Playmakers in Memorial Hall, Thursday, Feb. 4, starting at 1900, it was announced this week by Lieut. Frank Gillespie, assistant welfare and recreation officer.

Rear Admiral Elliott P. Buckmaster, USN, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training with headquarters at Kansas City, Kan., flew to Chapel Hill with his staff last weekend to visit the Pre-Flight School.

The flying Admiral came aboard Saturday and departed Sunday morning after inspecting cadet quarters with Comdr. John P. Graff, USN (Ret.), commanding officer of this station.

Admiral Buckmaster was commanding officer of the aircraft carrier, *Yorktown*, until it sank after the Battle of Midway last year. In his present position, he has charge of the training at the Pre-Flight Schools and at the various Naval Air Stations used for primary flight instruction.

In the picture above, taken just before departure Sunday, Admiral Buckmaster (fourth from left) is shown with members of his staff and Comdr. Graff (fifth from left). The plane in the background is a Navy Douglas transport used by the distinguished visitors.

The visit here of Admiral Buckmaster and staff climaxed an eventful week at this Pre-Flight School. Early in the week, on Jan. 18, Col. Roane Waring, National Commander of the American Legion, (pictured on the right), visited this naval activity and ad-

dressed the regiment of cadets from the stage of Memorial Hall.

On Friday, Jan. 22, Comdr. Merle A. Sawyer, USN (pictured on the left), visited the station after formally presenting the Army-Navy "E" Award to the National Munitions Corporation of Carrboro. The Pre-Flight Navy Band provided music for the ceremonies which were attended by many of the officers and by the entire 14th Battalion of the Regiment.



Pre-Flighters Dance at Ball Tonight

Cadets, officers, crew and civilian employees of the Pre-Flight School are expected to join in goodly numbers with university faculty, students and townspeople tonight to make the President's Birthday Ball, which climaxes the annual infantile paralysis fund-raising campaign, a signal success. Start-

ing time for the ball is 2100, and the place, Woollen gymnasium.

Music will be provided by the Pre-Flight orchestra, and special entertainment—including several glee club numbers and a tumbling exhibition by Ens. Porter K. Johnson, USNR, former Amherst Col—See BIRTHDAY BALL, page 4