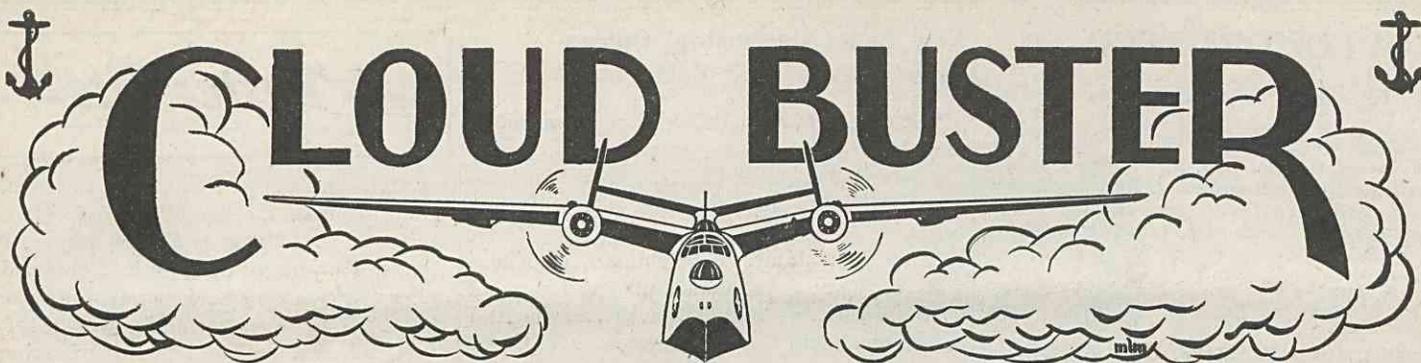


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Comdr. Hamilton Given Double Tributes Here

Comdr. Thomas J. Hamilton, USN, who has directed the Pre-Flight training program since its inception, was honored here last Thursday with double tributes to the important role he has played in the success of the naval aviation physical fitness program.

One of the tokens of esteem presented to Comdr. Hamilton was an inscribed silver plate from the officers of this station. The other was a Certificate of Acknowledgment from the Agonis Club of Columbus, O., where Comdr. Hamilton spent his youth. The presentations were made following an informal address before the entire officer personnel, in which Comdr. Hamilton related his experiences and impressions gained on a recent tour through the Pacific war area.

Inscribed on the silver plate presented by Comdr. John P. Graff, USN (Ret.), Commanding Officer, was this message:

"To Comdr. Thomas J. Hamilton, USN, who through outstanding leadership and tireless effort, has created for naval aviation the world's highest standard of physical fitness.

"With appreciation and admiration from the officers of the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, N. C."

The inscription was dated May 23, 1943, the first anniversary of the commissioning of the Pre-Flight School here.

Lieut. Robert Watts, USNR, of the Academic Department, a friend of Comdr. Hamilton's of See *CMDR. HAMILTON*, page 3

Movie Schedule

May 22—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Commandos Strike at Dawn" with Paul Muni. First afternoon show starts at 1555, first evening show at 1930.

May 23—To be announced later.

Capt. Foss Relates Battle Experiences

Captain Joseph J. Foss, USMCR, who on Tuesday personally received the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, spoke before the Regiment of Cadets, Officers and V-5 Instructors here Thursday morning.

One of the most forceful and interesting talks to be made here, Captain Foss gave the cadets a "good picture" of what they will go against after they win their wings.

"Don't get the idea," Captain Foss warned the cadets, "that you can go out and win this war single handed. That can't be done. It takes teamwork, and if you expect to be a successful pilot you must learn to work with others."

While most of the speech centered around the exploits of his fighting squadron, Captain Foss reminded his audience throughout how important it was for them to take their training seriously.

"You've got to work hard at everything you do," he told them. "Your program from beginning to end was planned to make you the best fighters in the world. There is a purpose behind every phase of your training. You've got to be able to dish it out and take it."

As Captain Foss unfolded the story about his squadron it sounded like something you would expect to read but not expect to happen. Stationed at Guadalcanal from last October 9 until early this year, the group saw constant action against every type of Japanese warfare. "We didn't care who did the dirty work," he said, "so long as it was done. We were cut to destroy the enemy, and we went after our objective as a unit, not as individuals."

Captain Foss himself has of-

School Observes First Anniversary Tomorrow

What was only a dream a year and a half ago will celebrate its first anniversary here Sunday afternoon.

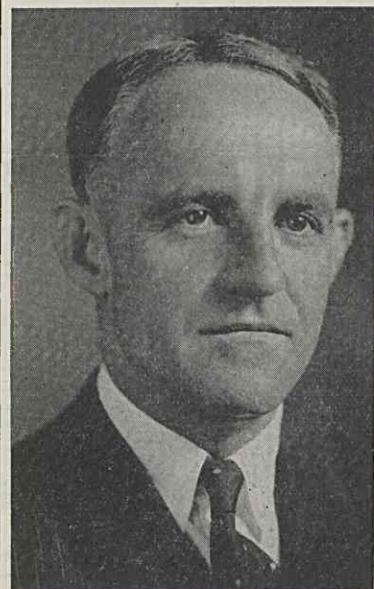
Dr. Frank P. Graham, President of the University of North Carolina, will deliver the principal address which is scheduled for Kenan Stadium at two o'clock. There will be a Regimental Review with the entire regiment of cadets participating, and the colored Pre-Flight

band will be on hand to furnish music for the gala occasion. To round out the day's program the Pre-Flight baseball nine has a game scheduled for Emerson Field starting at 4 o'clock.

Pre-Flight training was started with the purpose of making Uncle Sam's Navy fliers the roughest, toughest and smartest in the world. Captain Arthur W. Radford, USN, who reported to Washington a few days before Pearl Harbor to take over a new position as head of the Aviation Training Division of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics, realized that war-conscious America, harnessed to modern science at its best, was producing bigger and faster planes and tanks, better guns, torpedoes and other weapons of battle. Hardly a day passed without some new invention superseding something which had hitherto been considered worthwhile. Yet Captain Radford realized that, even in this war of machines, the men who run them still hold in their own hands the reins of success or failure.

Capt. Radford as head of Naval Aviation Training conceived a rigorous athletic program, one designed to make the Navy fliers the most perfectly conditioned in the world. He had been at the Naval Air Stations at Trinidad, and at Seattle, Wash., and observed that fliers who were not in good physical condition could not stand the pace that the Navy has set. While at these air bases, he felt that if the day should come when he might have an opportunity to outline policies he would

Asked how good he thought the See *CAPT. FOSS*, page 3



Dr. Frank P. Graham

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