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To Perform This Afternoon at Duke-Carolina Football Game



THE CRACK DRILL PLATOON which appeared in Washington last week at the Cloudbuster-Georgetown football game will perform between the halves of the Duke-Carolina game this afternoon in Kenan Stadium. The Washington performance received high praise from Naval Officers, and was applauded warmly by the 15,000 spectators present for the contest. Shown above are the drill platoon and two close-up pictures of Lieut. Robert D. Robinson, Pre-Flight drill master. Lieut. Robinson's record of military service dates back to 1918 when he served overseas at the youthful age of 18. He is proud of the fact that most of his years in service have been spent in the Marine Corps, which celebrated its 167th anniversary last Tuesday. The inset picture on the left shows the drill master in Marine garb, while on the right is a photo of Lieut. Robinson which was taken recently at this station.

Capacity Audiences Applaud Kate Smith Broadcasts Here

Kate and Jane Take Time Out For Interview

The Songbird of the South, Kate Smith, and screen actress Jane Wyatt had much to talk about last night but little time to talk.

It was 15 minutes before their first broadcast, and we could have five of them. In that time we had to get their impressions of North Carolina, the Pre-Flight School, and Chapel Hill. We had an interview to do.

Now interviews don't always turn out so well. Those answering the questions usually give out the same old answers to those asking the same old questions. This would be different, we said. No questions from us! We would just let both of them talk for five minutes, take down as much as we could, and pass it on to you.



Kate Smith and Ted Collins

Yes, Miss Smith (Let's call her Kate for that doesn't sound so formal) was happy to be back in Chapel Hill and North Carolina. She reminded us that she attended the Duke-Carolina football game five years ago, that the weather was unusually hot, that she didn't remember who won, that her home is in Virginia.

Everyone had been fine to her, Kate said. She wanted to be especially remembered to Lieut. Frank Gillespie, assistant welfare officer, for the excellent way he handled the million and one details that go into making a coast to coast radio broadcast.

As for the Pre-Flight program itself, she said she was amazed. "No one could possibly watch these cadets without praising the youth of America for meeting the challenge," said Kate. "These boys will play a big part in the final victory, and I am glad that we were able to entertain them."

This is Miss Wyatt's first visit to North Carolina. "Everywhere I've been these past few weeks," she said, "naval men have spoken very highly of the Pre-Flight School here. They seemed to really love the place. Now I can understand why."

Looking very much the screen actress, Jane told us what she had been doing since the completion of her latest movie, "The Navy Comes Through."

"I left the West Coast and stopped first in Boston. From Boston I started a personal tour of theatres in many cities and finally ended up in New York City. I came down on the train from New York Wednesday night. It took a long time to get to Chapel Hill, but visiting the Pre-Flight School here and appearing on the Kate Smith program See *INTERVIEW*, page 6

George Murphy, Jane Wyatt Appear As Guest Stars

Capacity audiences greeted Kate Smith, Ted Collins, guest stars Jane Wyatt and George Murphy, the Pre-Flight School glee club, and other entertainers at the two Kate Smith Hour broadcasts from the stage of Memorial Hall last night.

The first show starting at 2000 was attended by the Pre-Flight cadets, officers, crew, civilian personnel of the Pre-Flight School, and their guests, while the audience during the repeat coast-to-coast broadcast at midnight was composed largely of University students, faculty members and townspeople. All who viewed the programs were high in enthusiastic response to the evening's top-flight entertainment.

Congratulating Comdr. O. O. Kessing, commanding officer of the station, and the ship's complement for the fine work being done here, Miss Smith, throughout the broadcasts sent interesting information to the nation about the Pre-Flight conditioning program.

As for the show itself, nothing more could be asked. Miss Smith sang seven songs, namely: *I Came Here to Talk for Joe*, *Be Careful, It's My Heart*, *I Get the Neck of the Chicken*, *God Bless America*, *That Old Feeling*, *Moon-glow*, and *I Got a Gal in Kalamazoo*. *God Bless America* was probably given the greatest ovation due to its universal appeal and also to Miss Smith's unique style of putting it across to her listeners.

Guest stars Jane Wyatt and George Murphy contributed an original play, "Voices," to the entertainment. Their latest movie, "The Navy Comes Through," had its southern premiere at the Carolina Theatre in Chapel Hill yesterday. It is also showing there today.

Flying High, an original naval aviation song written by Cadet Jimmy Leydon, of Chapel Hill's First Battalion, See *BROADCAST*, page 6

Coming Events

Nov. 14—Football game at Kenan Stadium, University of North Carolina vs. Duke University. Kickoff at 1400.

Nov. 14—Free movie at Village Theatre, "The Talk of the Town" with Cary Grant and Jean Arthur. Feature begins at 1920 and 2128.

Nov. 15—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Big Street" with Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball. Feature begins at 1300 and 1437.

Other Movies

Nov. 14—Movie at Carolina Theatre, "The Navy Comes Through" with Pat O'Brien, George Murphy, and Jane Wyatt.

Nov. 15—Movie at Pick Theatre, "Night Monster" with Bela Lugosi and Lionel Atwell.

Nov. 15—Movie at Carolina Theatre, "Thunderbirds" with Gene Tierney and Preston Foster.

Naval Leaders Laud Cadet Exhibition

The following letters were received by Comdr. O. O. Kessing, USN, commanding officer of the station, during the past week commending the performance given by Chapel Hill Pre-Flight cadets between halves of the Cloudbuster-Georgetown football game played in Washington, D. C., last Saturday evening:

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR AIR
WASHINGTON

November 10, 1942

DEAR COMMANDER KESSING:

The drills put on Saturday evening between the halves of the Chapel Hill Pre-Flight School-Georgetown game were well done and very impressive. Because of the favorable comments made to me about them I am sure others felt the same way.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the drills and on the general good showing made by aviation cadets throughout the evening.

Sincerely yours,
ARTEMUS L. GATES

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS
WASHINGTON

November 9, 1942

DEAR COMMANDER KESSING:

It was my good fortune to see the football game between North Carolina Pre-Flight School and Georgetown last Saturday night, and to witness the excellent demonstration given by your drill team and athletic squad between the halves. I was very proud of the team and the exhibitions given.

I couldn't help but think back to the time, eight months ago, when we were trying to put this program over, and to feel that with your help, assisted by the officers and men under you, it had been put over one hundred per cent.

Please convey my congratulations to the officers, cadets, and men of your command.

With kindest personal regards,
Sincerely,
A. W. RADFORD,
Captain, U. S. Navy

Ralph A. Bard To Visit Here Saturday, Nov. 21

Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Ralph A. Bard, will speak from the stage of Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, Nov. 21, it was announced this week by Dick Railey, chairman of the Carolina Political Union, non-partisan university organization which is bringing the noted personality to the campus.

It is expected that Mr. Bard will visit the Pre-Flight School during his brief stay here.

"Naval officers, cadets, enlisted men and their friends are invited to hear the Bard speech," CPU Chairman Railey stated.

Lieut. Comdr. Micou Ordered to New Post in Chicago

Lt. Comdr. Benjamin H. Micou, supply officer of the station, has been ordered detached from Chapel Hill and is expected to leave during the latter part of next week for his new assignment as supply officer on the staff of the Air Technical Training Command, Chicago, Ill.

Lt. Comdr. Micou is being succeeded by Lt. (jg) Frederick D. Thompson, former assistant to the supply officer at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Tex. Lt. (jg) Thompson came aboard last Tuesday and is now becoming acquainted with his new duties here.