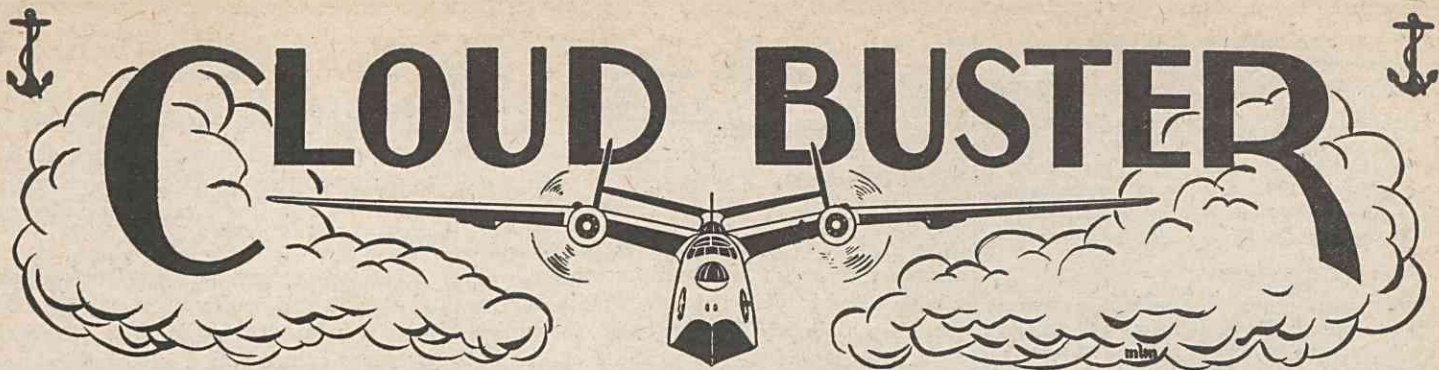


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## Xmas to Be Observed As Holiday Here

Christmas will be observed as a holiday on this station, with a modified Sunday schedule in effect, it was announced by Executive Memorandum during the past week.

Town liberty will be granted to cadets from 0830 to 2400 on Christmas Day. While cadets must attend all meal formations, dining out privileges will be granted for the noon meal (Christmas Dinner) and for the evening meal.

On Friday, Dec. 24, the Saturday schedule will be observed, except that town liberty in the evening will be extended to 0130 Christmas Day.

In keeping with the holiday season, there will be Christmas Eve Midnight Services in Memorial Hall and Hill Music Hall for Protestants and Catholics respectively. The public is invited to attend both of these services. Dining

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## Pre-Flight School To Give Christmas Parties for Children

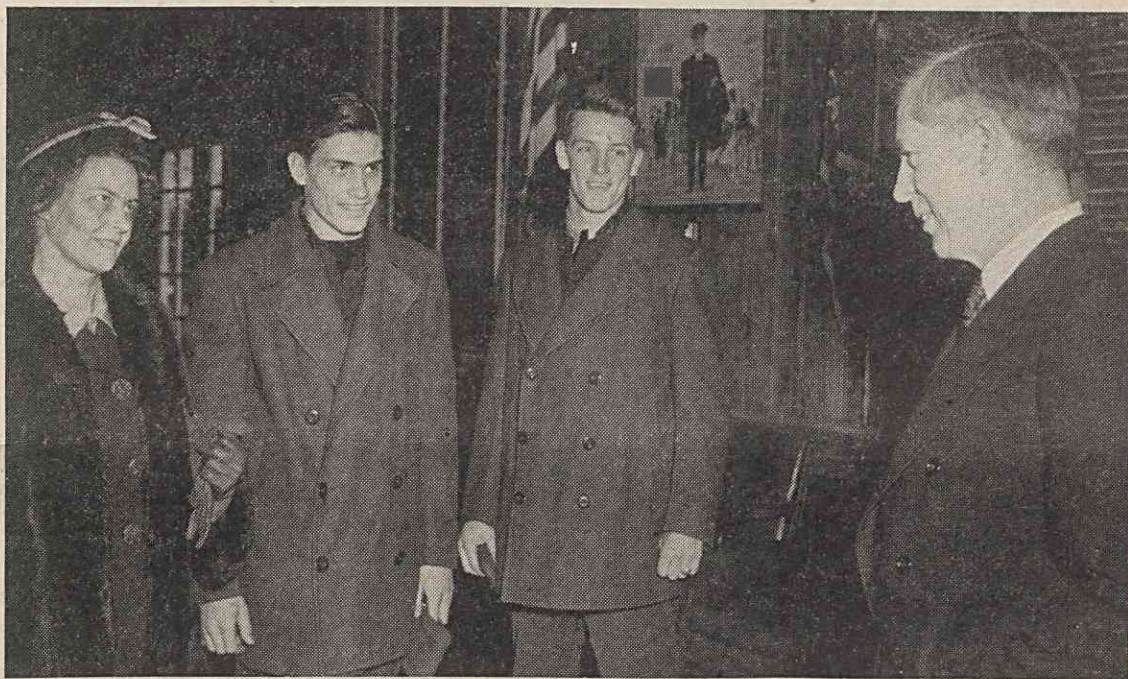
Two parties for elementary school children of the Chapel Hill community will be given by the Pre-Flight School during Christmas week, it was announced yesterday by Comdr. John P. Graff, USN (Ret.), Commanding Officer.

First of the Christmas parties, for white children between the ages 6-12, will be given in Navy Hall on Monday, Dec. 27.

The second party, for colored children from 6-12, will be held at the Navy Band Center in Carrboro on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Both affairs will be in the afternoon from 1430 to 1630.

Ice cream and cookies will be served at each party, and gifts will be given out to all of the youngsters.

## Vice President Henry A. Wallace Visits School



DURING HIS VISIT to the Pre-Flight School last Saturday, Vice President Henry A. Wallace (extreme right) chatted briefly with cadets and visitors in Navy Hall, including Mrs. John H. Mottola, from Brooklyn, N. Y., Cadet Charles E. Mottola and Cadet Robert Forsberg, both of the 37th Battalion.

## Cadet Regimental Leaders



NEW CADET REGIMENTAL officers chosen from members of the 36th Battalion are shown above, left to right: Thomas J. Hynes, Parkersburg, W. Va., regimental commander; Ben K. Leathers, Jr., Donora, Pa., regimental sub-commander; Arthur J. Adams, Brooklyn, N. Y., regimental adjutant, and Melvin A. Feher, Lansdowne, Pa., regimental commissary officer.

### Lieut. DeBell Detached

Lieut. Wilmot T. DeBell, USNR,

navigation instructor, has been detached to the regional office of the NAPTC, New York, N. Y.

## Japanese Sea Power

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Although the Japanese possess sea power in considerable strength, their naval history is quite unlike that of the western nations. Recent studies by Alexander Kiralfy which have appeared in *Foreign Affairs* and in *Makers of Modern Strategy* (Princeton Univ. Press, 1943) have revised our naval analysts' prophecies of great sea battles for the control of the Pacific. Kiralfy maintains that the Japanese have no doctrine comparable to Mahan's "battle fleet supremacy" idea, and that their fleet will never fight for mas-

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