

## Douglas Simpson Receives 20th Century-Fox Contract

## Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis To Be Commencement Speakers

### Exercises Planned For Badin Lake; Speakers On Raft

Professors Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis have consented to sing and speak, respectively, at the graduating exercises to be held at Badin lake.

The exercises this year will be held at the lake because officials believe that the seniors will feel more like graduating there.

A raft, placed in the water, will be provided for the speakers so that they may float around and be heard distinctly by the vast throngs on the shore. Small individual boats will be used by the graduates to go out to the speakers' raft to receive their diplomas. Mildred "Muscles" Kyzer is now giving rowing lessons to all the seniors, and the seniors are working diligently to master the art.

Extra music for the occasion will be provided by Mr. Fry and his Ninth Grade Chorus, who will be flying overhead in a blimp.

The subject for the evening will be the "Advantages of Quitting School." Mr. Lewis will present this subject in his own inimitable style, and he also has personal knowledge of quitting school since it is one of his many experiences.

Five hundred students will graduate from the halls of A.H.S. this year, the smallest group to graduate since 1892. Gold-engraved diplomas are to be given to the seniors on June 1.

After much persuasion, Bob Corriher has consented to be the class valedictorian. The salutatorian will be James Dennis.



### Entire Play Cast Will Accompany Him To Hollywood

Doug Simpson, who had only two lines in the senior play, "The Form Divine," delivered them with such unrivaled perfection that he has landed a fifty-year contract with 20th Century Fox. His salary is Hollywood's biggest—\$5,000,000 per year.

Darryl F. Zanuck, famous Hollywood producer, was in the audience of 3001 and raved, "He's Burt Lancaster with Gable's technique!" Mr. Zanuck was so impressed with the presentation that he has contracted the entire cast for a Hollywood filming of the play.

The entire cast has been exempted from final exams, presented with diplomas, and will fly to Hollywood on Thursday of next week.

An unprecedented crowd of 3001 persons was taken care of by removing the roof and one side of the building. Mr. Cashwell wasn't worried over the inconvenience at all and says, "It was no trouble at all—anytime, anytime." Since the building was rather crowded, the Fire Department was called out to patrol the building and insure safety.

A famous dramatic critic from New York, who also saw the play, stated in his column in the "New York Times," that "Mona Rae Crotts is undoubtedly a new Zsa Zsa Gabor with bombshell talent!" "This Martha Rae also is a tremendous find—Betty Hutton and Judy Garland all tied up in one beautiful package!"

### Chorus Will Sing At Carnegie Hall

The Albemarle High School Mixed Chorus will give their Spring Concert at Carnegie Hall, New York, this year.

The Mixed Chorus is very fortunate in having Fred Waring,

### Benton Gets Up In The Air

#### Discovers Exido; Still Flying High Over His Results

internationally famous conductor as their director. Mr. Waring was selected from a number of other conductors competing for the honor of directing the Mixed Chorus.

Numbers for the concert have not yet been selected, but there will be a few hill-billy numbers, folk tunes, and jazz songs.

There will be three solos by Donald Dorton, Keith Sikes, and Barbara Holt. Mr. Sikes will sing "Backstreet Affair"; Mr. Dorton has selected the "Germany Folk Song"; and Miss Holt will sing a number from "Carmen."

Mr. Benton has done it again. In his experiments, the renowned science teacher of A.H.S. has made the discovery of the century; EDIXO.

What is Edixo? You name it, and Edixo does it.

In his secluded little laboratory on top of Morrow Mountain, Mr. Benton has worked for years, combining every known and unknown chemical in the world. Then last Monday, when his hair had turned white, his shoulders had grown hunched and his snow-white teeth had been long-gone, he poured a little chlorophyll-serutan into a bottle of alcohol and distilled cafeteria soup. His triple-lens glasses slid off the end of his Roman nose when two tiny men jumped out of the bottle and sang, "We're the vapo-rub geni in the blue jar of Vicks."

Mr. Benton knew he had done it; so he set about testing his product. First he drank a little and before he could stop himself he had done the Charleston, the huckle-buck and the samba and had Called-the-Jack all the way to Albemarle and back.

Then he poured some into a pot of petunias on his windowsill and in a few minutes it had climbed clear to the sky and Rita Hayworth, Donald Duck and Gargantua climbed down it and into Mr. Benton's window.

Mr. Benton was so floored by this that he just sat down to catch his breath, but as luck would have it, he sat down in a drop of Edixo that he had spilt, and there's no use to tell the rest.

Newspapermen flocked from all over the country to interview Mr. Benton. Large patent medicine companies offered him fantastic sums for the formula. Mr. Benton finally decided to sell it to the prescription department of a local drug store, but found

### Cashwell, Hatley Believed Guilty

The latest development in the amazing robbery of the A. H. S. steps is the arrest of J. L. (alias Joe) Cashwell and R. C. Hatley. They are being held on suspicion of stealing the steps. Detectives working on the case believe that Cashwell and Hatley are partners in crime, for it is suspected that Hatley made the special vanishing solution for the steps and Cashwell helped to put it on the steps.

After three torturous days of teaching Mixed Chorus, it is believed that they will confess to the crime. Judge Gary Lunsford says if they will confess and restore the steps their sentence will be lightened. They must wash the dishes in the cafeteria for a year and a half and also read Sans Famille in English for assembly.

In the meantime Nancy Drew Lowder and Judy Bolton Roscoe are hard at work with their Junior G-man sets. The S.B.I. and F.B.I. plus the Cloak and Dagger men sent by the government are on the job. "Cloak" Mauldin and "Dagger" Dry are busy finger printing all the teachers, for the students are beyond suspicion. They hope to crack the case soon, so the students can return to their beloved high school.

there was no material in the world that would hold it, as they all dissolved; so he just pitched it out the window.

At last report, Morrow Mountain was still erupting like Mt. Vesuvius.

## New High School Plant Includes Seven Buildings

Albemarle High School moved into its new location on April 1. This improvement was made possible by the entire student body.

Larry Hearne, the famous architect, drew up the plans for the new modern buildings. His staff of draftsmen included: Peggy Morton, Vance Troutman, Larry Chance, Dwight Little, Rex Whitley, Max Snuggs, and Bobby Brooks.

The construction of these buildings was done by Mickey Harwood, Larry Crisco, Bob Palmer, Gaeth Pendergraft, under the supervision of T-Boe McLendon. All these students gave up their time, allowance, and hard labor.

The eighth graders now occupy the old building on Third street, while freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors occupy the new campus site just beyond the city pond.

The new Science building is constructed in the unique shape of a bomb and has already claimed world-wide attention. Housed in this building will be the Engineering, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Industrial Arts departments.

Business Administration is carried on in the Typing building along with the regular English, French, Bible, and History classes.

The "Full Moon" class and the annual staff now have a printing press to do their own work. Math students, such as Elliott Gaddy, Thomas Crisco, Jimmy Griffin, Pat Allan, and Elaine Mills, and many other math

scholars contributed to the Triangle building, where there is quiet, peace, and work for math only.

The library and the cafeteria are housed with the Home Economics laboratory. These students prepare the meals that are served in the cafeteria each day for practice. This "Frying Pan Building" is modern in every way.

The student store and lounge, an attractive little building at the far end of the campus, is fashioned to resemble a candy bar. And they sell everything a student could want.

Some very alert students saw the need for a Star Dedication building, in memory of the famous actresses the high school has produced. The building, a perfect five-pointed star, makes a beautiful sight when it is lighted at night.

Mr. Grigg states, "This new plant is a life-time dream at last realized, and it will be a model for generations to come."

### Honor Group To Hold Annual Tea

The National Honor Society of Albemarle High School has resigned. Mr. E. C. Haley, new A.H.S. principal, accepted their resignations this morning.

To celebrate their welcome release, the society will entertain all students who failed at least one subject this past semester at a "tea." This "tea" will be held at Earl's Pool Room on the

### Three AHS Girls Find Cancer Cure

Mr. R. C. Hatley announced to the world on April 1 the most terrific discovery ever made in the medical world. Three of his most brilliant students, Eleanor Jones, Sylvia Long and Norma Sue Lowder, have produced a positive cure for can cancer.

Mr. Hatley made this statement: "I didn't know they had it in them. They've always appeared rather dumb until I got them working on this job. I'll admit, if it hadn't been for my assistance, they could have never done anything in this field."

These three students aren't very well known in the high school, for they spend most of their time at the Stanly Theatre, where they got a few ideas on mixing this drug. The drug, which is the real cure for can cancer, is a combination of piccadilli and sauerbraten. Both of these are sold in the balcony of the theatre.

Eleanor, Sylvia and Norma are happy over their success for this reason—they will be given a passing grade in chemistry for this six weeks. Not only will it bring them county-wide fame, but they will pass at least one course.

Aquadale road. Guests will be asked to furnish their own refreshments.