

# **Mt. Edgecumbe Grads Hear Will Rogers, Jr.**

Will Rogers, Jr., was the main speaker at the commencement exercises last Friday at Mt. Edgecumbe High School held at the Field House.

The graduating class numbering 150 had invited Rogers and were more than pleased that he had accepted the invitation.

Will Rogers, Jr., son of the late world famous humorist, is a special assistant to Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

"Commissioner Bennett and I have been tremendously impressed with his knowledge of and concern for Indian problems and his ability to work with all kinds of Indian groups and inspire them to new efforts and insights," Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has said.

Rogers spends considerable time working with students and teachers in Bureau schools and represents the Commissioner at meetings of tribal organizations, exhibits, festivals and other events.

Rogers, 55, is a graduate of Stanford University and has been a Congressman, newspaper publisher, Army officer during World War II, motion picture actor, television commentator, writer and California State Parks Commissioner.

He has homes in Los Angeles, Calif. and Tubac, Arizona. His wife, the former Collier Connell, helped found Arrow, Inc., and Indian interest organization.

They have two sons, one an adopted son, Clem, a full-blooded Navajo, and a second son, Carlos.

Nothing in human life is more to be lamented, than that a wise man should have so little influence.

Herodotus