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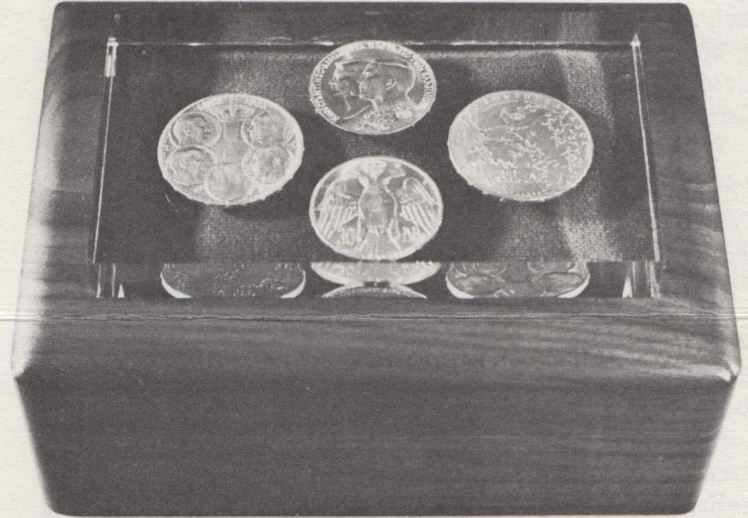
## KING CONSTANTINE HONORS AFS AT SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY GRADUATION

### Monarch Visits School for First Time Since Ascending Throne Last Year

King Constantine of Greece, who as Crown Prince was made an Honorary Graduate of The American Farm School in 1955, returned this year to honor the School on the occasion of its Sixtieth Anniversary graduation program. Unfortunately absent was the beautiful Danish-born Queen Anna-Marie, who was on the island of Corfu awaiting the arrival of the royal couple's first child.

King Constantine came to the throne in 1964 upon the death of his father, Paul. As the late King's only son Prince Constantine received careful training for his royal duties and knew and was known to the Greek people. The King was especially acclaimed when in 1960 he captured an Olympic Gold Medal for sailing in the international competition in Italy.

Ten years ago on the occasion of the School's Fiftieth Anniversary, King Constantine visited the School with his parents, receiving the pin and honorary straw hat bestowed on such an occasion from retiring director Charles House. This year, standing before the thousands who had gathered to greet him and witness the graduation ceremony, the King accepted from Director Lansdale a special memento: a walnut box with a clear lucite top, inlaid with four thirty-drachma coins, two depicting the five kings of modern Greece, George, Constantine I, George II, Alexander and Paul, and two showing in profile himself and Queen Anna-Marie. The students, staff and trustees join in hoping that another ten years will pass before the King, with his family, will visit the School again.



Walnut box, with four 30-Drachma coins embedded in clear lucite top, presented to King Constantine on the occasion of his visit to School, May 17, 1965. Coins depict modern kings of Greece and His Majesty King Constantine with Queen Anna-Marie (top center).

## DIRECTOR LANSDALE AND FAMILY RETURN TO GREECE AFTER FOUR-MONTH U.S. STAY

"Why do you call this trip 'home leave'?" asked young Jeff Lansdale as he set sail with his brothers, sister and parents for America just before Christmas. "Isn't Greece our home?" Now, after almost four months in the United States, the Lansdale family still think of Greece as their "home" but also know America as their "country." For the entire family this quadrennial trip was a memorable experience, as Mrs. Lansdale said, "seen in sharp contrast to our lives at the School."

On this visit the Lansdales chose to live in Princeton, New Jersey, and enroll the children in public school there. The easy adjustment to a very different academic life was a happy surprise. Each child made honor roll in an advanced section. The work-load was less than they were accustomed to in Greece. School was also, however, an opportunity for making new friends, and gaining insight into other ways of life; a life that is perhaps "more crowded and noisy," but yet genuine, productive and often stimulating.

For the Farm School's director, the time was spent public speaking, consulting and seeking financial aid for the School. His first appearance was at the Sixtieth Anniversary Dinner in January; his last, a meeting with the Board of Trustees in late March. In between Mr. Lansdale visited Hartford, Boston, Worcester, Mass., Providence, Wilmington, Del., Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Rochester, Detroit, Schenectady, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas, Austin, Tuxedo and River-

### PLAN AHEAD! GREECE IN 1966? TWO GROUP FLIGHTS PLANNED

The New York Committee for The American Farm School has made tentative plans to schedule two "Group Flights" of twenty-five or more persons each on regularly scheduled American carriers in the late spring of 1966. Persons contributing \$10 or more to the School are eligible as members of the New York Committee to participation in these flights.

One flight would leave about June 8th and return about July 6. The other would leave at the same time, but return about August 10. Short stop-overs in London and Rome are planned. Round-trip fare would be under \$600, including fare from Athens to Thessaloniki.

A highlight of a visit to the School would be the colorful graduation pageant now scheduled for the evening of Saturday, June 11, 1966.



## A GRADUATE LOOKS BACK ON TEN YEARS AFTER LEAVING FARM SCHOOL FOR VILLAGE LIFE

Tenth reunion from school or college is a common experience for Americans. For some it is a time to refresh slowly fading memories of campus life, for others perhaps a time to lament opportunities missed, and probably for all a time of joyful nostalgia. For Petro Antoniou a visit to the Farm School ten years after graduation was indeed such a time of mixed emotions, and yet also an opportunity to appreciate how his years at the School had made his present life as a part-time farmer and home-town manufacturer possible.

While the town of Kastoria, in northwestern Greece, is noted for its fur industry, the nearby village of Korisos lies in an area of general, though frequently marginal, agriculture. Standing in the path of World War II, the village was also fought over during the communist insurrection from 1946 until 1950. Early in this conflict Petro's father was killed, leaving the young boy and his three brothers to tend their twelve scattered acres of land, and his mother alone to care for him.

Returning to School for a Graduate Follow-up Conference, Petro looked across the rows of ripe corn, and realized how much the School had grown since he first traveled the 120 miles from Korisos to Thessaloniki in 1952. He had felt lonely then, but now he was at home among the buildings where he once had slept, worked and learned, in the companionship of some former classmates. Yes, there was more of everything: more buildings, more cows, more chickens, more staff, and especially more young village boys. But these were changes in appearance. The American Farm School was still the place where he had come to learn, so that he could return to his farm and carry on as he and his father would have done together.

Petro's education at The American Farm School had been made possible by an American Scholarship. He had been a good student and from the beginning applied himself to his studies. During his third and fourth years Petro was a member of the Student Council and chairman of the Recreation Committee. He remembered too working at the School's power station after graduation, for though his farm was above average in size it could not support four brothers and the families they would eventually have.

Often in Greece farm income is not enough to meet family needs. As a result the Farm School encourages graduates to double occupations, a kind of approved moonlighting, thus diminishing the impact of seasonal farming and filling a need in the villages for craftsmen, tradesmen and mechanical technicians.

Petro then found a position as agricultural extension agent for the Queen's Fund and later as a power technician in Ptolemaida. But working away for wages to support the family farm was not the answer. Perhaps more could be done with the wheat, beans, corn, alfalfa and chickpeas they now raised. Perhaps more could be achieved in the village of Korisos, and so Petro returned to the farm and

to his home. Soon he became active in village affairs and in time was elected a community officer working closely with the village President. And then Petro was able to marry Anna Torothia, a girl of his village, and what a wedding it was!

With the arrival of daughter Olga, Petro had to face squarely the economic limitation of his farm. In the good family tradition of Greece he joined with his brothers to open an iron shop, making braces for doors, frames for windows, balcony railings and other structural items. The need was there and Petro saw it, and with his brothers was able to do something about it too. Now the family remains together, taking turns looking after the farm and sharing in a productive local enterprise.

Perhaps it was not surprising that Petro quickly noticed the *periptero*, standing across from Princeton Hall at the School. This miniature cooperative store was started by the students to fill their need for pencils, papers, books and candy, and to help them learn co-op management. The profits are shared by the student-members of the store. Just as the School has grown during the ten years since his graduation, so has Petro's life, and his family's, through cooperation, careful management, and constant application of the lessons he learned during his years as a Farm School boy.

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## DIRECTOR AND FAMILY RETURNS TO GREECE

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dale, N. Y., and Darien, Conn., and northern New Jersey. He also made several appearances in New York City and in Princeton. In numerous communities local committees had organized extensive programs for Mr. Lansdale, often in honor of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the School. The

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Director Lansdale addressing Town School outdoor assembly.



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round of dinners, luncheons and meetings, while at times tiring, was always stimulating and often rewarding for the School. The Trustees recognize the great time, effort and money that went into the organization of these programs and deeply appreciate everything that was done for Mr. Lansdale during his time in America.

On numerous occasions Mr. Lansdale showed the School film, *GREEK EARTH REBORN*. It seemed universally well received. Recalling incidents of his trip Mr. Lansdale noted that many people who had previously seen colored slides of the School often wondered how the School could have grown so much in the two years since they last heard Mr. Lansdale speak. Actually, the older slides did not do justice to the full extent of the School's program.

It would be impossible to choose among all the public programs and pick one that was most significant or most interesting. There was an unlimited variety of community efforts — from black-tie dinners and church sermons, meeting at the White House and watching lettuce being picked and packed — and comparisons are impossible. One appearance, however, does stand out as the most unusual. In San Francisco the Town School for Boys holds its morning assembly outdoors. The students, ranging in age from six to sixteen, stand about the interior court yard or outside their balcony classroom doors. Headmaster Sam Hazard asked Mr. Lansdale to speak to the boys in this setting announcing that he would have no more than five minutes to describe The American Farm School. The speech was brief, the setting most interesting, and the description slightly less than complete.

En route to Greece Mrs. Lansdale wrote back saying that "Our trip to America surpassed all expectations. We carry away impressions of greatness — not only of area, culture, wealth and development — but especially of people. The vast interests of the American people and their dedication to helping others less fortunate never ceased to overwhelm us." And to all who made this trip possible, pleasant and profitable go the heartfelt thanks of the entire Lansdale and School family.

## RETIRING U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GREECE HENRY R. LABOUISSÉ ELECTED TO FARM SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Labouisse Recently Named Executive Director of UNICEF

Craig R. Smith, President of the American Farm School, recently announced the election of U.S. Ambassador Henry R. Labouisse to the Board of Trustees. On March 9, the appointment of Mr. Labouisse to a five-year term as head of UNICEF was released.



Ambassador Labouisse, flanked by Mrs. Labouisse and Director Lansdale, arrives for dedication of Cincinnati Hall.

Mr. Labouisse, who was a key official in establishing Marshall Plan operations in Europe after World War II, later became director of the International Cooperation Administration, the agency for the United States foreign aid program that was the forerunner to the Agency for International Development. Since 1962, Mr. Labouisse has served as Ambassador to Greece, where, with his wife, Eve Curie Labouisse, he first came to know the School.

In recent years the Labouisses have been frequent visitors, taking an ever deeper interest in the School's work. The Ambassador accompanied President Johnson to the School during the latter's visit as Vice President in 1962. On two occasions he has attended graduation. In New York City many will remember hearing the Ambassador read a message from President Johnson, congratulating the School on the occasion of its Sixtieth Anniversary Banquet at the Hotel Pierre. The trustees most heartily welcome Mr. Labouisse to the Board and look forward to serving with him in the years ahead.

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## FARM SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

### Staff Weddings Planned

Word has arrived of two important impending marriages. Phillip Foote, director of the English Department, recently announced his engagement to Miss Mary Swift of Austin, Texas. A May wedding is planned. Mr. Foote, who has been associated with the School since 1960, is now taking a year of graduate study at the University of Texas. He is scheduled to return to Greece with his wife in time for the start of the fall term, Master's Degree in one hand and bride in the other.

Antonios Trimis, Coordinator of the School's Community Development Program, has become engaged to Miss Ellie Pakoulieri, recently of Istanbul. For the past several months Miss Pakoulieri has been employed at the School in connection with the Planning Survey.

The students, staff and trustees join us in wishing both couples all the best, and, as it is said in Greek, *Na Mas Zisate*, may you live a long time for us.

### A Basketball Bounces Across the Sea

Not literally, of course, but a new one is on its way through the generosity of the Tuxedo Park School. Funds for the ball were collected by the students, many of whom contributed lunch money to the project. With a mighty expert toss, Tuxedo Park School Headmaster John Shepard passed the ball to Director Bruce Lansdale, who sailed for Greece with it as a most important part of his luggage.

### Mrs. Nobody Goes Somewhere

Mrs. Louise Morse of Newburyport, Mass., is not really a nobody, but that is the name she uses when traveling the world, gathering information for lecture appearances in the United States she makes to raise money for CARE. A few years ago Mrs. Morse became interested in the School and this year visited there for the second time. Result: more than \$600 to provide CARE carpenter kits for each member of the graduating class. Warm thanks

to Mrs. Morse, and to the many audiences which, through their contributions, made these invaluable tools available this year.

### Rochester Chicken House Nearing Completion

A bright red tile roof now tops the chicken house begun in the summer of 1964 by a dedicated and hard-working group of teen-agers from the Third Presbyterian Church of Rochester, N. Y. The insides are to be finished soon, just in time for the first flock of summer broilers to be raised by the boys as a student project.

### AFS Office Manager Retires

After more than 34 years' service to the School, under Dr. Charles House and Mr. Bruce Lansdale, Office Manager Constantine Georgiades has retired. His duties will be assumed by Gregory Pechlivanos, Assistant to the Director. Mr. Georgiades will be long remembered for his careful handling of the many contributions received in Greece. Among his close associates he will be missed for his singular skill at *tavli*, the Greek backgammon.

### Sixth Fleet Personnel Visit School

Officers and men of the U.S. Sixth Fleet visited the School recently and challenged the boys to a round of basketball. If tradition holds, the Navy men are generally bigger, but the AFS students a bit faster, expert at playing a low and deceptive game. A real highlight of the fleet visit, however, came when the boys were able to board the USS Waldron, lying at anchor in beautiful Salonica Bay.

### Twenty-Six Minute Film Being Completed

A shortened and edited version of the School's film *GREEK EARTH REBORN* is now available by reservation through the Office of the Trustees. Though this picture does not depict as much of Greece, or of the many special programs sponsored by the School as does the one-hour version, it does tell the story of the four-year course for village boys in a colorful manner.

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