

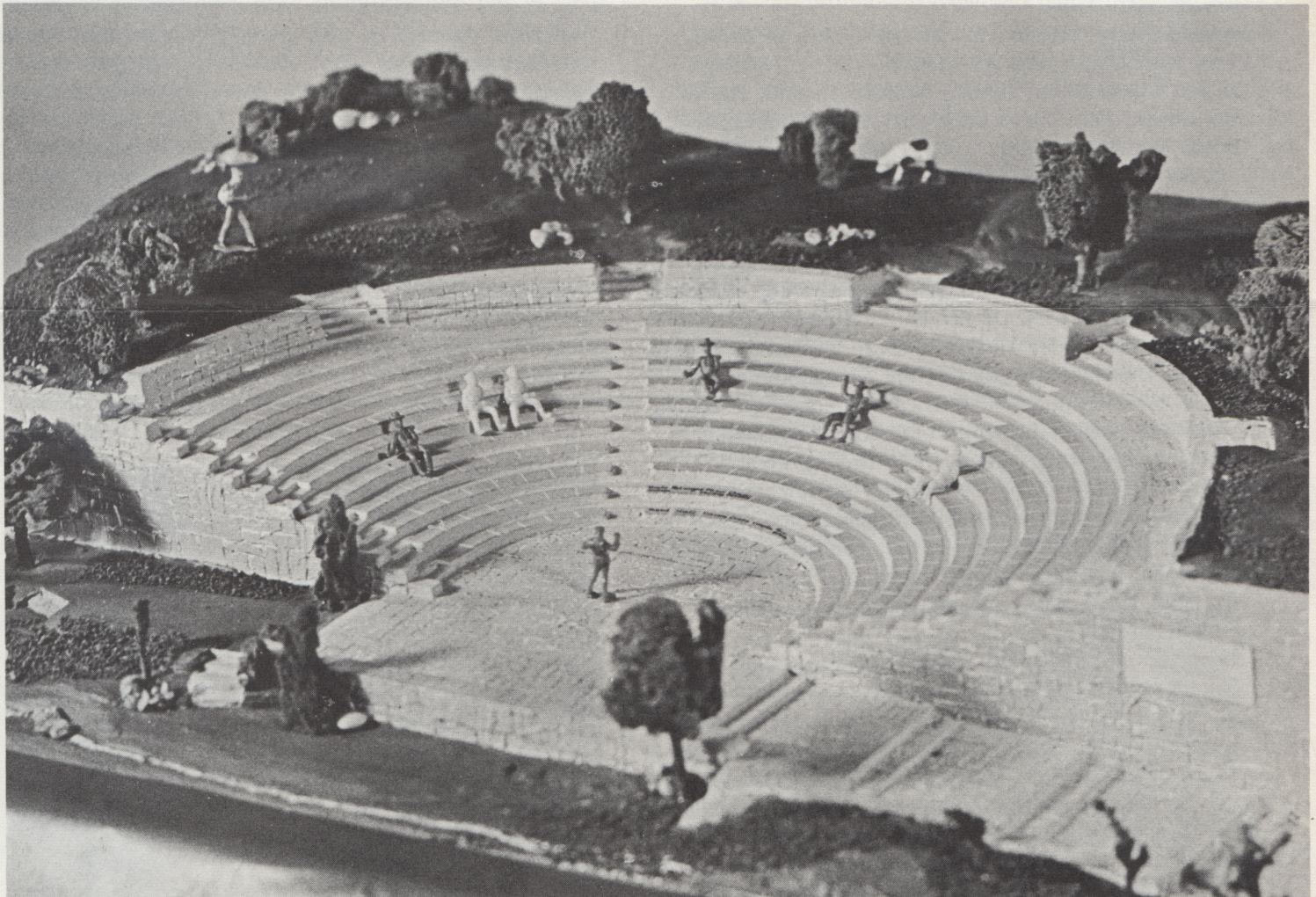


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THE AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL

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OLYMPIC MEMORIAL AMPHITHEATER PROPOSED FOR OUTDOOR CLASSES

With age comes history and with each passing year the American Farm School assumes more and more the character of the people who have impressed their character upon it. Some have touched it only lightly and yet left their mark. Others have given their lives to it and it reflects forever the dedication, the faith, the inspiration and the dreams of those Greeks and Americans who lived for the School and through it lived.

And so it is that the library ledger has grown in its list of memorial gifts, from the first one on record, a road-side well and fountain given by the Bible Lands Mission Aid Society in 1905, to one of the most recent, the T. J. Kalomeres Scholarship established in perpetuity to assist a youth from Morea, the southern part of Greece. The fountain is still in use. Standing in the north-west corner of the School property, it is a frequent stopping place for travellers on the road between Thessaloniki and the village of Sedes. And

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AN APOLOGY FOR POSTAL DELAYS

In recent months postal service between the United States and Greece has been severely hampered by a series of post office employee strikes. As a result mail has accumulated in various postal depots and to our knowledge a number of communications have been undelivered. If you have written to Greece and received no reply, we suggest you consider your letter lost and write again. If you have sent contributions to Greece in the form of checks, and these have not cleared your bank, may we suggest you stop payment and send a second check at your convenience. We apologize for this inconvenience and hope that the problems leading to these delays will soon be resolved.



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Ioannis Golemis, whose home is in the Peloponnesus, will owe the training he is receiving to one who migrated from Sparta many years ago, yet still remembers the struggles of his childhood.

Reverend Essery, Mrs. W. Willis James, Ellen M. Stone, Albert A. Boyden, Irving W. Metcalf, Carrie Hastings, Bayard and Cleveland E. Dodge, Howard Sherrill, Helen Mosely, Edward Farnham, Ziba Norris, John Finley, Sidney Loch, Walter Packard, Theo Litsas, Lewis Riess, Nellie Dodd Speers, Ralph Thomas, Philip Morgan, Henry Hope Reed, Ritchie and Craig Smith, John Henry and Charles L. House, John Parker Compton, Mary P. Gill, Leander T. Chamberlain, Ruth M. Havens, Charles M. Hall, Margaret Garrison Phoutrides, Harper Sibley, John F. Kennedy, John and Helen Petrogan, J. Ackerman Coles, Marjorie Lansdale, Helen Hutson Weber . . . and the list could go on. These are but some of the outstanding memorial gifts received by the School to commemorate the life of someone interested in the people of Greece. They include buildings and wells, rose gardens and drinking fountains, shade trees and fruit orchards, training equipment and conference chairs, but all have one thing in common—each is a living tribute, a tree growing in the open or providing fruit and shade, a cottage being lived in by Farm School students, staff or visitors, an implement kept sharp, a chair seldom empty.

In the memorial grove, and in smaller groves around the Farm School property, stand many trees planted in memory of those who have taken an interest in youth, in Greece and in a better world. In their contact with each of these memorials, whether it be a cottage or a scholarship, a tree or a tool, the students develop a sense of the history which has made their education possible, and come to know what true dedication to service really means.

Now a new memorial center has been proposed, a small Greek amphitheater able to accommodate about 250 persons for outdoor classes, recreation programs and student theatricals. Planned to be constructed on the high ground behind the School, it will afford an uninterrupted view of the Bay of Salonica and the mountains in the distance.

The School has long felt the need for such an open-air center, particularly as the number of adult classes—short courses for farmers, orientation programs for foreign visitors—has been increasing steadily.

A special feature of this center will be its dedication to those who have established, through bequests or current gifts, Endowed Scholarships at the School. Such gifts provide for part or all of the training of a Greek youth and are administered distinctly within the endowment fund of the School. Fourteen such Endowed Scholarships now exist, in whole or in part, and more are needed. It is planned to inscribe each donor's name in an appropriate place within the theater. Thus those who are to follow may learn and be inspired by those who came before.

DIRECTOR RECEIVES AWARD

At a recent ceremony a plaque was presented to Bruce Lansdale by the directors of the Anglo-American-Hellenic Bureau of Education "for his manifold services to the Bureau and in recognition of his moral and material support of the Bureau's effort to provide educational aid to students from Greece." Mr. Lansdale, who grew up in Greece, was cited for "his dynamic leadership of the American Farm School, which has been an inspiration to many, and his fondness for the people of Greece, which is fully reciprocated and almost unique in binational relations."

Dr. Lawrence H. Chamberlain, chairman of the Anglo-American-Hellenic Bureau of Education and vice president of Columbia University, presented the citation, which noted Mr. Lansdale's "sympathetic understanding and deep-rooted love for the Greek people."

"We recognize your service to the youth of rural Hellas who, through your guidance, become enlightened agriculturalists, thus not only benefiting their life and localities but also lifting the over-all production of Greece," he said.



Director Lansdale accepts citation from Columbia University Vice President Lawrence Chamberlain as Harvey K. Breckenridge (left) looks on.

"The American Farm School, under your wise leadership, not only has contributed greatly to the improvement of farming methods but has expanded to include homemaking and Greek crafts for the young women of Greece.

"Our Bureau, in its efforts to provide educational opportunities so that the youth of Greece, especially from the rural areas, can equip themselves to play a significant role in the industrial and scientific development of their country, relies heavily on your studied interviews with these young men and women who wish to come to this country for study and return to Greece for their careers.

"Our country and Greece are richer because of your enlightened approach to Christian service and mutual understanding."



DIRECTOR LANSDALE AND WIFE RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER 52-DAY VISIT TO THE U. S.

In separate planes Mr. and Mrs. Lansdale returned to their home in Greece after almost eight weeks in America. According to the Farm School Director's notes they visited 27 cities, slept in 25 different beds, attended 84 meetings, gave 54 lectures, including 28 using a new slide presentation featuring the problem of food, population and the accomplishments of Greece. "Everywhere I went," Bruce reported to the Trustees, "I found a tremendous interest in what we were doing and an eagerness to be involved in the larger community of the American Farm School." To this Tad Lansdale added that she was especially gratified by the enthusiasm expressed for the Girls School, the most recent expansion of the Farm School's program.

Highlights of the trip were many, and it becomes almost impossible to choose between them. In one eastern city four grade-school youngsters, hearing the Farm School story, contributed two quarters, a dime and a nickel toward a Community Scholarship. In another community an evening of Greek entertainment helped raise a full scholarship. Hedgehopping from ranch to ranch in a private plane in California completed a capsule survey of livestock feeding practices in the United States, essential knowledge that is being applied in Greece. Warm welcomes everywhere, from coast to coast, hold the promise of new friends for the School and growing interest in its efforts to help the people of Greece to help themselves.

Just prior to boarding his 707 Jet for Greece early Easter Sunday, Mr. Lansdale voiced one regret. "The problem is," he said, "that for every person you do see and talk to, there is usually someone you have not been able to meet. As I look back on some of the cities we've been to, I know there were friends of the School I should have phoned, or called on, but on a trip like this there just wasn't time. Maybe through *The Sower* we can say how sorry I am."

In case you are wondering about the separate planes, there was a special reason. Mrs. Lansdale returned by regular carrier, leaving her husband as the only passenger on an air-freighter shipment of 362 calves being sent to the Farm School as part of a Greek government-sponsored experiment in beef production.

CRAIG R. SMITH, FARM SCHOOL CHAIRMAN, MOURNED BY THOSE HE SERVED MANY YEARS

It is with profound sorrow and regret that the Board of Trustees of the American Farm School notes the death of Craig Ritchie Smith who died after a brief illness on January 28, 1967. Mr. Smith served the American Farm School over a period of almost thirty years, twenty-two of these as President of the Board of Trustees. Under his leadership during the years of World War II, the communist rebellion in Greece and the period of postwar reconstruction, the School adjusted to the difficult circumstances and then expanded to a place of far greater importance in the life of Greece and, indeed, of the world. When he retired as President in October, 1965, to become Chairman of the Board, the student body had grown to two hundred full-time students and over fifteen hundred in the part-time courses; the faculty had grown to 35 in number; the properties of the School including four hundred acres of land and fifty modern buildings were valued at more than one million dollars; the endowment had reached a market value of \$500,000. These developments were the result of the broad, forward-looking policies instituted under Mr. Smith's leadership.

On this occasion the Board of Trustees expresses its thanks to Almighty God for the life of this man and what he has meant to this School. His dedication, courage and strong Christian faith not only carried the School during many difficult years, but guided it in the years of its flowering. He could always be relied upon for his tireless support and selfless giving of time and energy and his devotion was unmatched during the years of his Presidency. His leadership and counsel will be sorely missed but his faith and his ideals will always be an inspiration and help to those who carry on after him.

Resolution unanimously adopted by the American Farm School, Board of Trustees, New York City, Feb. 4, 1967.

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FARM SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

More Calves Fly To Farm School

A second experimental shipment of baby calves flew to Greece on Easter Sunday, part of the Greek government's experiment in domestic beef production. In addition to the regular load of 359 three-to-five-week-old animals were three Charolais—a bull and two heifers—the gift of Farm School friends in Florida, and, riding high in the cockpit behind the pilot, the plane's only human passenger, Farm School Director Bruce M. Lansdale.

Children Born To Staff Families Here And Abroad

We are pleased to note additions to several Farm School families. Mr. & Mrs. Allen Croone announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, Kirsten Ellen Croone. Mr. Croone is Assistant Director. Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Foote are now proud parents of a son, David. Mr. & Mrs. Tony Trimis, currently studying in the United States, also wrote of their first-born, a daughter Antigone. And the Koulaouzides family, about to return to Greece after a period of study in California, now count two children with the birth of a son, to be named George.

It seems the Greeks are bearing their youngsters in the United States and the Americans on the staff producing young Greeks.

Tuxedo Cottage Dedicated

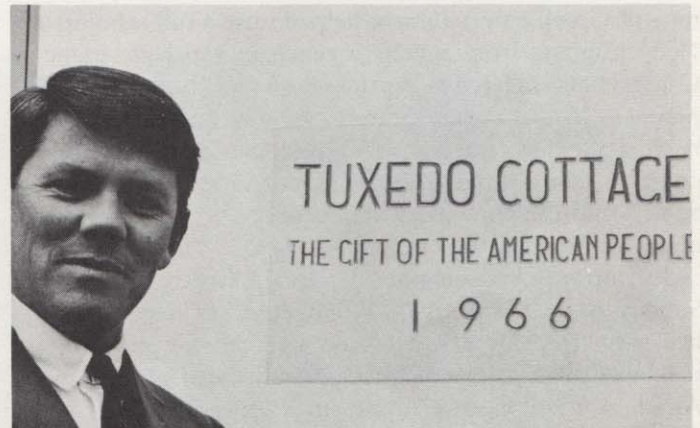
Along with their first child, Phil Foote, Director of the School's English Department, and his wife, Mary, moved into their first house, Tuxedo Cottage, located between Cincinnati Hall and the Craig-Ritchie Smith Cottage, home of Mr. & Mrs. Theocharides. While far from Texas, Tuxedo Cottage does boast a beautiful view of the Bay of Salonica and Mount Olympus beyond. It is also an expression of appreciation to the School's friends in Tuxedo Park, New York, who have taken such an interest in the School.

Trading Stamps Provide Needed Items

Trading Stamps, whether Blue, Green, Gold, Plaid, offer an especially interesting way of making a unique contribution to the American Farm School. With gifts of unwanted stamps the School can secure sheets, blankets, towels, tools, seeds and sports equipment which would otherwise be too expensive to buy. Various items are needed for both the boys and the girls. If you have stamps to spare, the Office of the Trustees will be happy to have them and turn them in for valuable gifts to the School.

Wind Damage Destroys Plastic Greenhouse

A tragic wind brought a temporary stop to an important experiment in the use of plastic greenhouses for the production of early vegetables. At the School several were built to show students and graduates how they could make more productive use of their land and increase their farm earnings. Then came the big blow, the largest of the greenhouses sailed from its moorings, damaging the structure and worse, ruining the small plants it was designed to protect. Such are the Macedonian winds.



Teacher Phillip Foote admires cornerstone of new Farm School home.

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Dear Friends:

GRADUATION DATE, JUNE 11

With so many people travelling, friends of the School may wish to plan a visit to Greece in time for the Farm School graduation. This always colorful pageant is scheduled for the evening, Sunday, June 11. Your attendance would be welcome.

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