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YOUNG WORK-CAMPERS BUILD A ROAD OF CONCRETE AND A BRIDGE OF LOVE

For six weeks last summer, a group of very special young people learned that miracles can happen when mind, heart and muscle are put to the task of helping others.

Greek Summer 1970, the first program of its kind, was a work-camp for high school students who wanted to make the summer relevant. The group included 32 American boys and girls from nine states, one gallant Frenchman, and seven 1970 Farm School graduates. The new program was inspired by the experiences and accomplishments of past visiting Americans: young people from the Mt. Hermon School in Massachusetts and from church groups in Rochester, N. Y., and Cincinnati, Ohio.

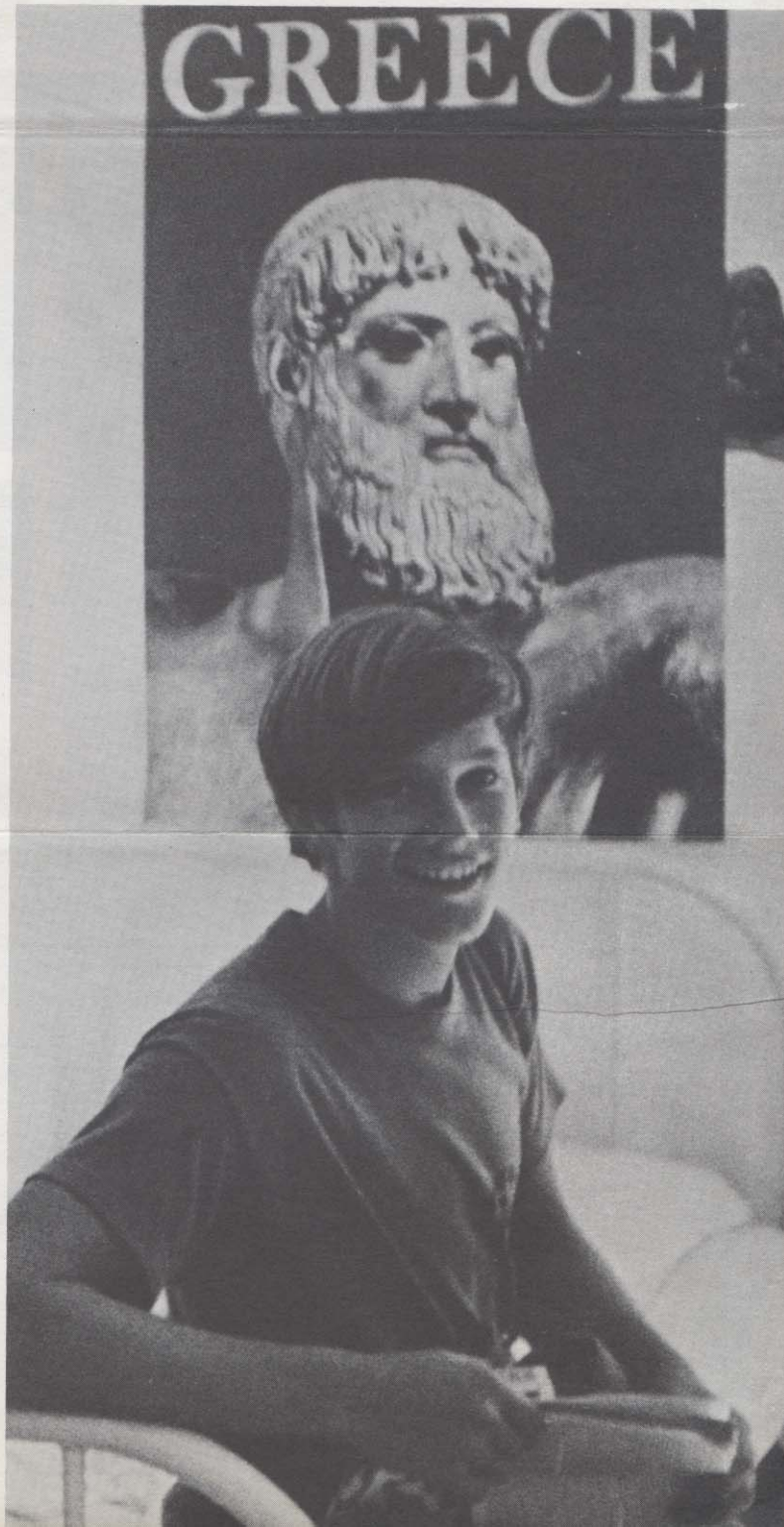
Making their home at the Farm School, the work-campers commuted 15 kilometers each day to the village of Kardia. There, working under a bright sun and the curious eyes of the Kardians, they paved an area around the village square and built a section of road down to the little schoolhouse.

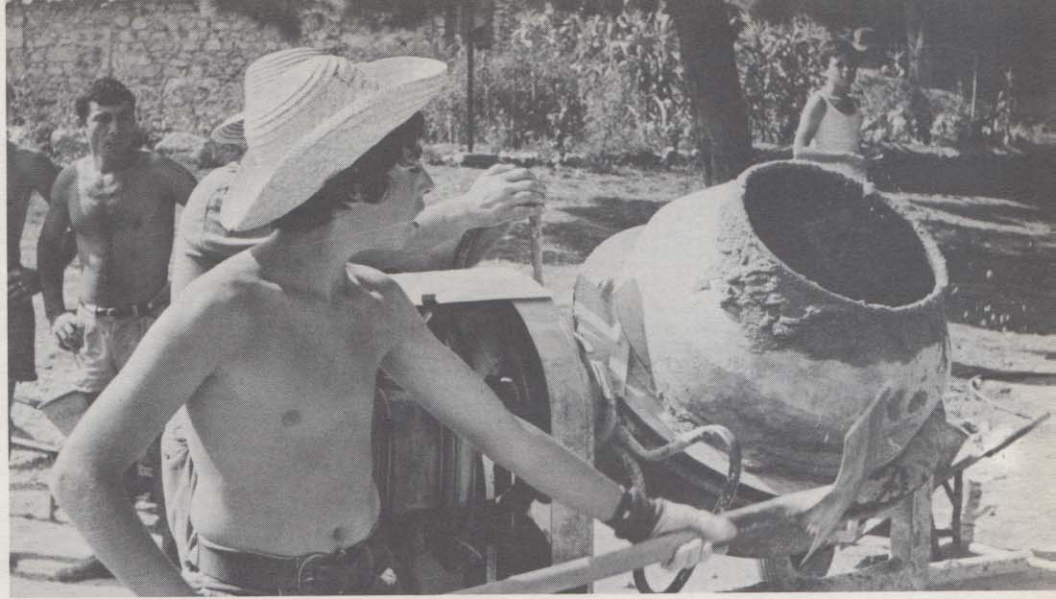
During their four weeks on the job, they learned a great deal about Greece, about the village, and about themselves. And when the job was done and it was time for the official dedication of the Greek Summer road, they discovered that more building had been going on than either work-campers or villagers realized.

They had built a road — no doubt about that — with smiles and shovels and beautiful grey cement. But during the summer, understanding and trust and love had mixed with the cement. The new road had become a bridge to the hearts of the people of Kardia.

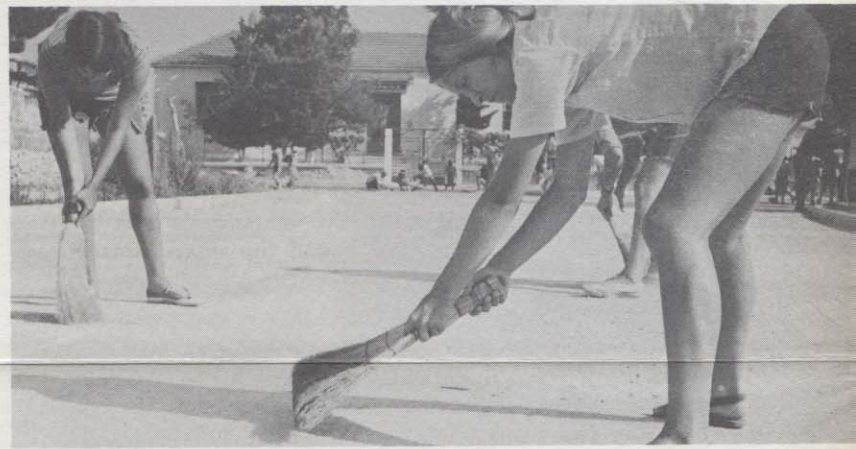
In Greek, Kardia means heart — and that is what Greek Summer 1970 was all about.

UNDER FATHERLY EYE of Greek god, camper relaxes at the Farm School after hard day's work. During the summer, an exhilarating weekend excursion was a climb to top of Mount Olympus, home of the gods.





GREEK SUMMER 1970
in the village of Kardia
 meant mixing cement, pouring
 concrete, leveling and brushing
 the new road - and finding
 wonderful new friends.



Lansdales Return After Sabbatical Year

The Lansdale family returned to Thessaloniki just in time for the graduation exercises in June. Their sabbatical was an active year — being suburbanites in Tuxedo Park, New York; seeing the problems of rural India through the eyes of a village leader; looking at life in Ethiopian villages; the stimulus of an advanced management program at Emory University. All were great experiences, but none equalled the joyous reunion with the students and staff at the Farm School.

National Committee Loses Two Great Friends

Dr. Harold B. Allen, 79, rural development expert, author and long-time executive of the Near East Foundation, died July 9, two months after the death of his wife. Co-worker with Charles House, former director of the Farm School, engaged in rural development programs in Macedonia, "Doc" Allen had long been a valuable consultant, loyal friend and National Committee member.

Career Ambassador George V. Allen, 66, suffered a fatal heart

attack July 12. While ambassador to Greece, he became deeply interested in the Farm School. In 1960, he retired after 30 years in the Foreign Service. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Farm School from 1961 to 1967, when he was elected to the National Committee. Ambassador Allen was especially close to our President, Bruce Lansdale, who, in his letter of condolence to Mrs. Allen, wrote, "we of the American Farm School share in your loss as do many thousands around the world."

Two New Trustees

Read, Crawford Welcomed At School's Annual Meeting

Two new trustees were welcomed at the annual meeting in May — Charles A. Read and the Reverend James W. Crawford.

Mr. Read is a partner of the law firm, Reid and Priest. He came to know the American Farm School in Greece during 1950-52, when he was general counsel of the Public Power Corporation. Mr. Read is a director of various corporations, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Perkiomen School and President of the University of Virginia Alumni School Association. Mr. Read did both his undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Virginia. He is a vestryman of St. James Church, Montclair, New Jersey.

Reverend Crawford, Associate Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, was a fellow member of a church in Rochester,

New York, with the Lansdales. He first visited the American Farm School during his honeymoon in Greece. The Crawfords have four young children.

Reverend Crawford's special interests are Christian education, counselling, youth work, teaching and writing. He is a member of the General Council Commission of the Presbyterian Church on Relations and Race, executive member of the Alumni Council of Union Theological Seminary, and an active public speaker and seminar leader.

In welcoming the two new members, the Board also expressed its appreciation for the faithful services of retiring trustees Silas B. Sinton of Shandon, California, and Arthur L. Lanckton of Rowayton, Connecticut. Mr. Lanckton is now Executive Vice President in charge of the New York Office of the Trustees.

EDWARD A. HOWELL VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS

New Vice President for Community Relations is Edward A. Howell. He and his wife, Wanda, will live at the Farm School and will spend part of each year in the United States. Their mission is to help broaden the understanding and support of the School on both sides of the Atlantic and to assist the Lansdales in receiving visitors to the School.

Edward Howell's connection with the School goes back to 1941, when he met Charles and Ann House in the German prison camp in Thessaloniki. Commander of a famous Royal Air Force Fighter Squadron in the Battle of Crete, he had been seriously wounded and taken prisoner. He escaped from Thessaloniki into the mountains of the Chalkidhiki, where Farm School graduates helped him.

Later, he reached Turkey from Mount Athos — and so back home to his native Scotland. His dramatic story is told in his book, "Escape to Live."

After the war, he and his wife worked for many years with the international program of Moral Rearmament. He has revisited the Farm School and many of his old friends in the villages on several occasions.

For the past seven years, Mr. Howell has been Director of Development at the Merrill-Palmer Institute of Human Development and Family Life in Detroit.

Trustees Active in School Affairs

No sooner had Board Chairman Harvey Breckenridge and his wife, Peg, left the School in April after six months in residence, than Charles and Kitty Page followed in their footsteps. During their three months in Greece, they, too, were very helpful to Tony Trimis in policy matters. Tony served throughout the school year as acting director during the sabbatical leave of Bruce Lansdale.

Five other trustees made shorter visits, each with some special help to offer. Dr. Irwin Sanders renewed his interest in Greek village development. Art and Catherine Lanckton came in April to attend budget meetings. Mrs. Ruth Wells flew in with the calf shipment in May and stayed for a useful inspection of dairy activities. Sperry Lea and his son saw at first hand the dynamic summer program for American teen-agers. Sperry also contributed valuable advice on developments in Washington that pertain to interests of the School. Henry R. Labouisse spent three days in Macedonia visiting the School and touring Chalkidiki with fellow trustee Dimitri Zannas.

Miss Kiki Levathes, daughter of trustee Peter Levathes, volunteered her services this past summer as administrative assistant to the President.

Mrs. Clarence W. Bartow is spending part of October at the School planning the further development of the Girls School. Miss Sarah Holland, Special Programs Assistant on the New York office staff, will be working there with her.



EDWARD AND WANDA HOWELL are greeted with enthusiasm by staff, faculty and students.

GIRLS JOIN THE FARM SCHOOL FAMILY

The Girls School, taken over from the British Friends four years ago on a trial basis, will become a permanent part of the American Farm School.

This was the essence of a policy decision taken by the trustees at their annual meeting in May. Thus, the trustees have assumed financial responsibility for the continuation and development of the Girls School.

SORORITY SUPPORT

Mrs. Bartow, the new head of the trustee committee on the Girls School, presented an exhibit of student handcraft — notably the beautiful Loch rugs — at the annual convention of the Sigma Kappa sorority in Sarasota, Florida, in June. The delegates have pledged to continue their support of the Girls School. Mrs. E. D. Taggart, National Secretary-Treasurer, visited the Farm School in August.

A benefit piano recital at Lincoln Center in New York City raised \$12,000 for the Girls School. A generous contribution of \$3,000 came from TWA, the airline that has flown four shipments of young calves to the Farm School. An active committee of trustees and their wives, under the guidance of Mrs. Bartow, was responsible for this successful event.

The Chairman of the Board expresses his deep appreciation to all who contributed on this special occasion.

A pledge of \$20,000 a year for the next three years has been received from an interested foundation, subject to equal amounts being raised by the trustees.

Mrs. Bartow and her committee are organizing a nationwide drive for scholarship funds. They will provide speakers, the Farm School film, or slide lectures to any local groups that are interested.

Please write to Mrs. Clarence W. Bartow, American Farm School, 305 East 45th Street, New York, N. Y. 10017, for further information about how you can help develop the Girls School.

HELEN McCUNE RETIRES, ELIZABETH WOODLOCK NAMED HEADMISTRESS

Helen McCune, who first set foot in a Greek village more than 20 years ago, has retired from her position as headmistress of the Girls School. The staff, students and trustees bade her farewell with a real sense of loss.

"Your service to us," wrote a recent graduate, "has been a lighthouse whose shining light we shall try to follow back

in our villages."

Mrs. Elizabeth Woodlock of Tarrytown, N. Y., has been appointed headmistress to replace Miss McCune. Mrs. Woodlock's background includes teaching English in high schools in Wisconsin and Ohio. Mrs. Woodlock has had extensive administrative experience in both business and government service, and is a leader in community affairs in Tarrytown.

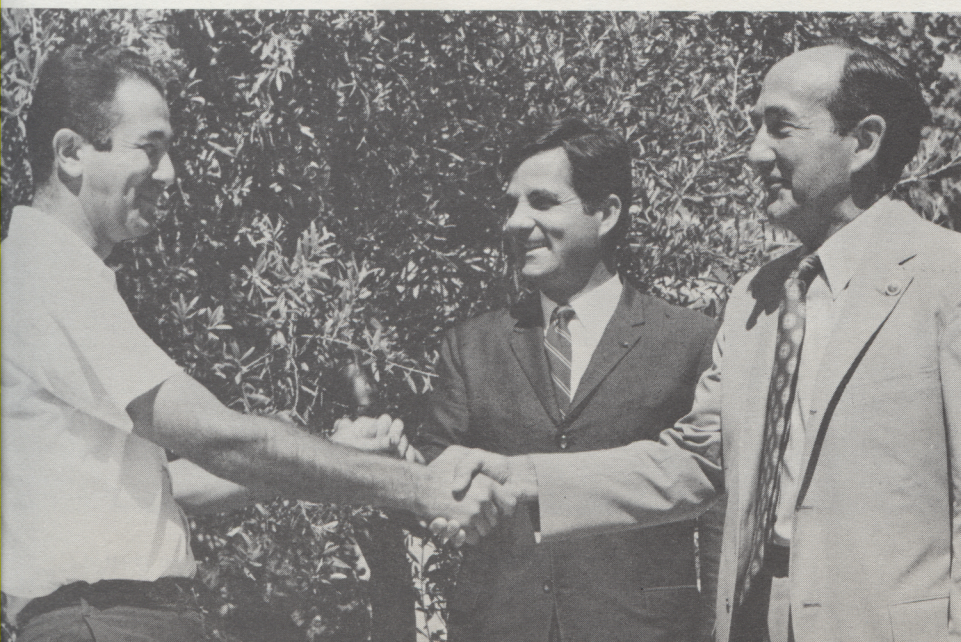
CRAFTS EMPHASIZED

Of particular importance to Mrs. Woodlock is the development of the rural craft training program and the creation of new designs for weaving. The new designs incorporate Macedonian themes, which appeal to the western eye.

Miss Paula Xantopoulos, Administrative Assistant to the President, will move to the Girls School to take charge of the village relations and graduate follow-up programs. Paula is already well known and loved among the village families of Girls School students.

Miss Kathy Hershey, one of the counsellors at Greek Summer 1970 will succeed Paula as Administrative Assistant to the President. Kathy is interrupting her graduate work in English at the University of North Carolina to undertake this two-year assignment.

1959's Top Graduate Returns as a Teacher



Nicos Papaconstantinou (left) is greeted as he returned in July to the Farm School to become instructor of mathematics. A warm welcome is being extended to him by Dr. A. E. Trimis (center), Associate Director, and Arthur Lanckton (right), former Trustee and, since June, Executive Vice President in charge of the New York Office of the Trustees. Mr. Papaconstantinou was graduated from the American Farm School in 1959 at the top of his class. In June 1970, he was awarded his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mathematics at Chapman College, Orange, Calif. President Lansdale, recalling that many people had helped Nicos during his younger years, said: "The hard work and academic success of Nicos Papaconstantinou is in the highest tradition of the Farm School."



TRAVEL A LA CART —
Stavros Androulidakis, new head of the Academic Division, points out the sights as the 1970 spring group flight travellers tour the American Farm School during the two-day visit to Thessaloniki. Joe Brinkley, former Vice President of the School who arranged the round-trip of Greece, waves from the rear of the cartful of interested travellers.

1971 TOURS TO FEATURE SMALL GROUPS

The New York office of the American Farm School will arrange a series of special group flights for parties of 15 to 25 friends who wish to tour Northern Greece together in the spring or fall of 1971. The tour would, of course, include a warm welcome at the Farm School with the chance to see the students in action.

Other attractions could include an escorted trip through Thessaloniki to Pella or fabled Mount Athos, or visits to Philippi, Kavalla and the lovely island of Thassos, or tours to Volos and the Islands of the Sporades, or to Kastoria and the mountains of Epirus. Or we can arrange for you to climb Mount Olympus with a guide!

Special programs in Greek villages will be arranged for those who want to get to know the people or see development programs at work.

Parties who wish to make this a part of a wider tour can also include Athens and the classical sites — Delphi, Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Corinth, etc. — or can visit Crete or Mykonos or Rhodes. We can arrange for groups to charter a yacht, or sail in a cruise boat through the Islands.

The tours can also be extended to include Istanbul and other parts of Turkey, or the Dalmatian Coast and Yugoslavia, or any other schedule the group may wish to follow.

The large charter flights, formerly arranged annually in the spring, will be suspended in 1971 in favor of the new, smaller group flights — which can be arranged in April, May and June, or in September and October. A brochure giving details on pre-arranged itineraries for those who prefer programmed tours will be mailed in early November.

For further information on either pre-programmed or specially arranged tours, please check your preferences below.

Tear along dotted line and mail to
The American Farm School - GROUP FLIGHTS
305 East 45th Street - New York, N. Y. 10017

Please send me further information about the Farm School's new GROUP FLIGHTS!

I am particularly interested in

- ☐ Something NEW: discovering the wonders of Northern Greece
- ☐ Something OLD: visiting the antiquities of classical Greece
- ☐ A pre-programmed tour including both the above
- ☐ A specially arranged tour including _____
(fill in preference)

SPECIAL: Do you already know Greece really well? Why not earn your passage by lining up and leading a group of 15 - 25 friends? Please write us if you are interested.

Dedication – Then and Now – Brings Home the Cows



AIRBORNE CALVES ARRIVE — Trustee Ruth Wells (right) with one of 300 calves she chaperoned on flight from Boston. Above, Demeter Hadjis and student make sure newly arrived calf is content at Farm School.

In 1937 Demeter Hadjis, then head of the Agricultural Department, scoured Yugoslavia in search of cows to improve the Farm School herd. He marched the cows 30 miles to the railroad station and travelled with them all the way to Thessaloniki — 48 hours in a crowded boxcar.

In 1970 Mrs. Ruth Wells, dairy farmer and Farm School trustee, travelled from Boston to Thessaloniki in a cargo plane — taking personal care of some 300 young calves en route to the Farm School.

Thus is the tradition of dedication to the highest standards of agriculture — established so many years ago by people like Demeter Hadjis — carried forward today.

Charles Page, Vice Chairman of the Board, who served at the Farm School late this spring as Trustee in Residence, was on hand at the Thessaloniki airport to greet Mrs. Wells and “her girls” when they arrived.



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NEW YORK OFFICE MOVES

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