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Girls Welcome Janey Storer Hamilton as New Director

"Old Boys" Among New Students at School

WHEN SCHOOL OPENED in September, a number of new boys were old boys, too.

The "old-new boys" are former graduates who came back to enroll in the Farm School's higher-level program. They can now work toward their Foreman's Certificate, which is roughly the equivalent of a U.S. technical high school diploma.

Boys now enter after nine years of public school, and will graduate after three years.

Girls continue to enroll after completing elementary school, and their academic subjects are at the junior-high level.

All students take Greek, English, math, history, geography, and religion. The girls also learn home-

making skills and practical crafts, including knitting, rug-making, sewing, weaving, and gardening.

The boys also study general agriculture and animal sciences during their first year. They then select one of four areas of specialization:

- Farm machinery
- Gardening and floriculture
- Minor livestock
- Dairying and calf feeding

For his final two years, each boy concentrates on one of these special areas while continuing with his academic subjects. During all three years, he also works in the fields.

Graduates can go on to college or return to their villages to apply their new skills — and teach others.

CLARION LIES due north of Des Moines, in the midst of the fertile farmland of Iowa — a smallish state which has at least a fourth of all the best farmland in the United States.

Most of the graduates of Clarion High School return to the land. Janey Storer Hamilton was one of these. But for Janey the journey has taken some travelling and some years, and the land to which she has returned is 400 productive acres in northern Greece.

Janey — more formally referred to as Mrs. William Hamilton — has just become Director of the Girls School of the American Farm School.

She didn't come to Greece from Iowa as the crow flies. First it was college in nearby Fort Dodge. Then it was marriage to William L. Hamilton, Jr., a newspaper reporter on the *Fort Dodge Messenger*. Next came three children. And in 1945 came the first of several long-distance moves. She went to South Africa with her husband, who was beginning a 25-year career with the State Department.

Johannesburg was followed by London, Washington, Tel Aviv, Washington again, Jerusalem, and finally Thessaloniki, where for six years Mr. Hamilton was Consul General.

For many years Mrs. Hamilton has accumulated experience in social service — from working in the

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FARM SCHOOL GIRLS greet Janey Storer Hamilton, who lived in Greece 6 years before becoming director of the Girls School.

A Greek Summer Student Writes:

"We Built a Village Square in a Place I Will Not Forget"

By Douglas C. Case

LISTEN. I HAVE A STORY for you, about last summer in Greece.

I went with 49 other American boys and girls. We came from the North, East and West, and we even had one great guy from the glorious South. We were all part of the American Farm School's GREEK SUMMER 1972, a 6-week work-travel project in Greece.

First, about the travel. We climbed Mt. Olympus and visited with the ancient Greek gods. We spent a night with the monks in a monastery on holy Mt. Athos. In Athens and Delphi we learned about the history and the ways of the Greek people. And the summer was capped by a cruise of the famous Greek Islands.

The heart of our GREEK SUMMER, however, was the work project. We built a village square in a place I will not forget: Monopigado.

Monopigado is a small village an hour's bus ride from the Farm School. More important, though, Monopigado is a simple place — the home of people who are very real.

The square that we built with the villagers was paved with cement which we had mixed and laid out. As in past GREEK SUMMER years in other villages, and as in the years to come, the square was filled with love and sweat from our hard work. Just how long the square will remain in Monopigado I cannot say. I do know that the love we put into the job will endure forever.

The day the project was completed, we were given the rare privilege of staying overnight in Greek homes. No, we couldn't speak the language very well. But we learned that the spoken word is minor compared to the love and friendship that can be radiated.

The next day, the villagers of Monopigado put it all together when they held a celebration for us. This was our last visit with the friends with whom we had become so close. They gave us food and drink, while everyone supplied entertainment with singing and dancing.

All too soon the merrymaking ended. It was time for us to say goodbye. The tears started falling as

Greeks and Americans embraced each other one last time. When the bus pulled out of Monopigado the villagers were running alongside trying to say goodbye once more.

The experience improved me as a person. I made many friends among my fellow workers. I learned some things, and cleared up some things I was confused about. My mind is clearer. I have made a great deal of progress. I have become a much happier person.

We have seen Greece as no tourist possibly could. We saw the heart of the country in the warm and hospitable villagers of Monopigado.

Yes, Mr. Lansdale, when we flew away from our summer home, we did weep. We all realized that *metamorphosis* is what GREEK SUMMER is really all about.

Mrs. Lanckton Is Honored By Sigma Kappa

WHEN SIGMA KAPPA convened its national convention in Kansas City this year, eight women were initiated into the sorority. Most of the girls were undergraduates, but one was a youthful grandmother named Catherine Lanckton.

Dressed in the traditional Sigma Kappa white and clutching an orchid, Catherine became an Honor Initiate into a sorority that has become a welcome friend of the American Farm School.

At the convention were, in fact, many Sigma Kappas whom Catherine had met while giving slide shows about the Farm School to chapters in Michigan, Illinois, Connecticut and New Jersey. And the next night at dinner, Mrs. Lanckton made a short but warmly received acceptance speech when the Farm School was awarded a \$500 gift from the national Sigma Kappa.

Mrs. Lanckton is the wife of Arthur L. Lanckton, now a Farm School Trustee and a former vice president in charge of the New York Office of the Trustees.

Money Matters: Budget's a Bit Out of Balance

FISCAL YEAR 1971-72 was almost a success for the American Farm School — a successful year being one in which income equals outgo. Last year, contributions were down and costs were up. Result: a \$7,000 deficit.

The budget for the 1972-73 fiscal year is \$826,000. Just about 50% will be raised from efforts in Greece. Well over half of this 50% will be earned by the school and its students, mostly from the sale of farm products and handicrafts.

Friends of the school in Greece have been contributing an ever-growing share. The Greek government will add \$8,000 to bring the total up to \$413,000.

In the United States, we can expect about \$213,000 from government grants, foundation support, and income from the school's modest endowment fund. The other \$200,000 must come from friends of the school.

For more than 70 years the friends of the American Farm School have given generously. This year, the school again looks to its friends.

MRS. HAMILTON (From page 1)

County Relief Office back in Clarion to managing relief projects in Jerusalem. During the years in Thessaloniki she learned the language and the customs of the people of Northern Greece. She visited the villages, came to know the people, and found herself involved with the Farm School. Last year, after the death of her husband, President Bruce Lansdale asked her to become Director of the Girls School on the retirement of Mrs. Elizabeth Woodlock.

Janey Hamilton said: "But I don't know nearly enough about being an educator, or about weaving and the other crafts."

Bruce replied: "But you already know the girls, and you know and love the people, and that's far more important."

2 GREAT TOURS OF GREECE SET FOR SPRING 1973

TWO SPECIAL SPRINGTIME TOURS are now being formed for friends of the American Farm School. Both start with a wonderful welcome to Greece at the Farm School; both offer a fully planned tour of Greece, including the Aegean Islands — or you can strike out on your own after visiting the school.

Both tours have been designed by Mrs. Sheila McKechnie of the Clara Laughlin Travel Service. The groups will fly on TWA and Olympic Airways *regularly scheduled flights*, and all land arrangements in Greece will be first class.

GREEK SPRING SOJOURN is a 3-week tour sparked by the demand generated by last spring's charter flight. We leave New York Wednesday evening, May 23, aboard TWA for the overnight flight to Athens and Thessaloniki. On Thursday and Friday, the welcome mat will be out at the Farm School to set the tone for our springtime sojourn. After the visit at the school, participants may head off on their own, or continue on the fully planned tour with an experienced group leader.

On our first week end we will tour the beautiful Chalkidiki peninsula. From there we move on to Kalambaka to marvel at the unusual monasteries. After overnight stops in Delphi, Olympia and Nauplia, the group flies to the Ionian island of Corfu. Next: Three days in Athens.

From Athens we set sail on a 7-day cruise of the famous Greek

Islands of the Aegean, including a stop in Turkey. The return flight to New York is set for Friday, June 15, 1973.

THE GREEK EASTER PARENTS Tour is inspired by a generous and friendly invitation by the people of the village of Monopigado. They have invited the parents of all former Greek Summer students to spend Greek Easter with them on Sunday, April 29 — a week later than Easter in the United States. (See Greek Summer story on page 2.)

In response to this unique invitation, the Farm School has planned a special 2-week Greek Easter Parents Tour. It's offered primarily to the parents and friends of all past Greek Summer students. But a waiting list will be set up; if any vacancies are open on Feb. 1, 1973, applications by other friends of the school will be accepted.

FALL FESTIVAL TOUR

We also are in the preliminary planning stages of a group tour to experience Greece in the fall. We plan to be in Greece in October. Any suggestions you may have to help with our planning of this Fall Festival Tour would be most appreciated.

The Greek Easter Parents Tour leaves New York Wednesday, April 25. The group will spend the first week end at the Farm School and in Monopigado enjoying the Easter festivities. On Monday we depart for Kalambaka, Delphi, and Athens.

On Sunday, May 6, we take a

side trip to Nauplia before setting sail on a 4-day Aegean cruise with stops at Patmos, Santorini, Crete, Rhodes, Ephessos, and Mykonos. On Friday, May 11, we return to Athens for the flight home.

HOW MUCH WILL THEY COST? The approximate cost of Greek Spring Sojourn (May 23-June 15) will be \$1400. The approximate cost of the Greek Easter Parents Tour (April 25-May 11) will be \$1130.

These costs both include a \$100 tax-deductible contribution to the school. They are based on a minimum group of 20 participants. They include:

- Round-trip jet fare from New York
- All hotel accommodations
- Meals (except breakfast only in Athens and Thessaloniki)
- Tipping (except on the cruise), and
- Baggage handling, taxes and transfers.

These are approximate costs, subject to revision and final hotel confirmation.

The form below will bring full information, including brochures and a detailed itinerary.

On the back of the form is your current mailing address for *The Sower*. Please be sure to check it for accuracy, and note any changes so we can send your travel information directly to you.

If you have travel-minded friends who would like to be on our travel-information list, please list their names, addresses and zip codes on a separate sheet of paper.

TO: The American Farm School, 305 East 45th Street, New York, N. Y. 10017

☐ Sign me up now for the 3-week Greek Spring Sojourn. There will be _____ members in my party.

☐ Sign me up now for the 2-week Greek Easter Parents Tour. There will be _____ members in my party.

☐ I'm not a parent of a Greek Summer student, but please put me on the waiting list for the Greek Easter Parents Tour. There would be _____ people in my party.

I'd like more information about the:

☐ 3-week Greek Spring Sojourn

☐ 2-week Greek Easter Parents Tour

☐ Fall Festival Tour

3 Young American Teachers Join English Department

THIS YEAR the English department has been strengthened by the arrival of three young but experienced American teachers. Heading up the department is David Rutledge, who is already an old friend. He put in a year at the Farm School as a volunteer teacher as part of his education at the Duke University Divinity School.

David and his wife Dorothy are both from Newport News, Va., and both are graduates of the College of William and Mary.

Nor does Dorothy come as a stranger to the school; she was a visitor the past two summers. With four years of teaching experience — two in the U.S. and two in Ethiopia with the Peace Corps —

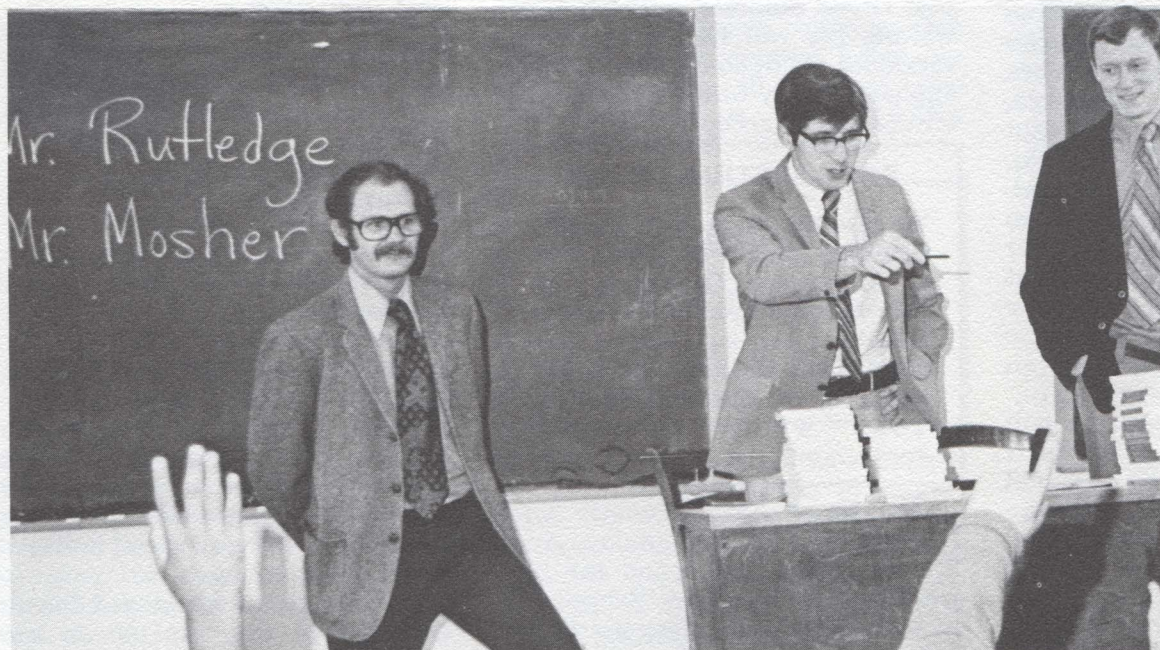
she's not about to be idle at the school. She is working as coordinator of the visitors' program, and has just been named director of public relations and overseas editor of *The Sower*.

Stephen H. Smith is the new Fulbright English instructor. He's Brooklyn-born, a graduate of the University of Hartford, and has had five years of experience teaching literature and the humanities in Connecticut.

With Stephen are his wife Susan plus their two children — Erin, 7, and Christopher, 6. Susan has studied, taught, and performed modern dance for the last five years and has been featured in a number of television productions.

Chip Mosher is the third welcome addition to the English Department. Chip has spent most of his first 25 years east of the Mississippi, in the Pittsburgh area and in Ohio and North Carolina. After two and a half years at the Duke University Divinity School, he decided it was time to seek an understanding of himself and his heritage.

So today Chip Mosher is teaching young people in a very old country where another teacher, long ago, sought the same understanding. When Socrates was asked for the key to all knowledge by one of his young students, he answered simply: *Know thyself*.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Stephen Smith (left), David Rutledge and Chip Mosher get acquainted with students at the American Farm School. Dorothy Rutledge (below) is new overseas editor of *The Sower*.



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GREEK VILLAGE SPRINGTIME

The poster in the center of this issue, describing a new independent-study program for high-school seniors, has been posted on bulletin boards around the country. Any senior who has approval of school and parents is invited to apply.