

Here's the Latest News From Around The Farm School World

- DIRECTOR TONY TRIMIS will be in the United States from mid-November to mid-December to help in our continuing effort to relate the Farm School to Greek-American and American-Greek communities throughout the USA.
- A NEW SCHOOL MOVIE was shot in June. A team from Ithaca College John Keshishoglou, Skip Landen and Berry Landen -- did the filming with a cast of hundreds of eager young volunteers.

Esso-Pappas Refining Co. is sponsor of the new film, which will initially be in Greek. It will be shown all over Greece to tell villagers about the school and recruit new students.

- GOVERNOR MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS and his wife Katharine visited the Farm School campus in September. Arriving the Governor of Massachusetts, he left an honorary Farm School graduate. One of the highlights of the Governor's visit was a tractor tour of the School passing Massachusetts Hall, the main classroom building.
- MONEY MATTERS: We are happy to report that we exceeded our fund raising goals in both the USA and Greece for the 1975-76 fiscal year with \$300,681 raised in America and \$136,407 in Greece. This year our sights and budget are set on a combined fund-raising goal of \$470,000.
- THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES honored staff member Hercules Iassonides at June's graduation for his 50 years as a member of the Farm School Family. Now the School's buyer and mailman, Hercules entered the Farm School in 1926 soon after his family came from Asia Minor during the exchange of populations between Greece and Turkey. He graduated 4 years later and has been with us ever since.
- SEVENTHOUSAND one-day-old turkeys arrived at the American Farm School in August. The chicks -- a heavy-breasted hybrid greatly in demand in Greece -- came from England on a private charter flight. They'll be ready for market by Christmas.
- campaign kickoff on October 18th. Harry Fowler is flying in fresh from a trip to the School for the event. Meanwhile, compliments of the Indianapolis Committee, we are participating in the International Bicentennial Festival there on Oct. 7th.
- THE BASKET OF EGGS on the cover came from an old-fashioned hen house on the campus. Michele Bergonzoni, a 12-year-old visitor who went egg gathering there, reported:

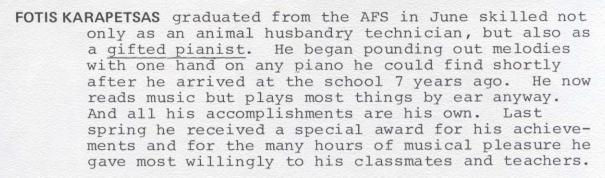
"It took me a while to get the hang of lifting up the chickens, especially when they tried to bite me. I found 4 chickens in one nest. It seemed very crowded. I had to take all the chickens out to get the eggs."

In the school's new eggery 11,000 eggs a day are collected, cleaned, sorted and boxed with automated equipment. And hardly anybody gets pecked.









MILK PRODUCTION by the School's herd of 90 cows is now about 1,600 liters a day. (A liter is a fat quart.) What isn't bottled is made into ice cream, butter and cheese. Yum.

70 TONS OF VEGETABLES and fruits -28 types - are now expected to be harvested during the 1976-77 season. All from 6 acres of land, including 3/5 acre under plastic.

60 HANDSOME ANIMALS (milk cows, calves, pigs) were sold to Greek farmers last year for herd improvement. Also sold: 26,500 lbs. of beef and veal, 22,000 lbs. of pork, 100,000 broilers, and 4,600 l0-lb. turkeys.

RING OUT THREE CHEERS for two successful 1973 graduates.

Litsa Thinori (right in photo) runs a thriving retail yarn and cosmetic business in her home village. She claims she wants to get married but wouldn't let that interfere with business. "If he lives in another village, I'll take the store with me," says Litsa.

Fellow classmate Fotini Theligianidou (at left) became interested in machine knitting at the school and now has a designer knitting business in Thessaloniki. Although one girl lives in the city and the other in her village, both girls are happy and claim that without their 2 year experience at the Girls School they never would have dreamed of undertaking such ventures.

A NEW STAFF COTTAGE has been privately given by a good friend. Construction should begin before spring. Harry Fowler, Chairman of the Development Committee, points out that two more staff cottages are badly needed.

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"THE LESS THEY HAVE, THE MORE THEY SEEM TO GIVE" is how one GREEK SUMMER '76 camper described the people of Vertiskos, the old, picturesque and primitive village outside Thessaloniki where 41 American high school kids centered their energies on building a cement road last summer.

The secretary of the village put it another way when he said: "Ah, but don't you see? Just by coming in to build us a road and to live with us has given Vertiskos new life which we hope to take advantage of and use for the rejuvenation of our village. For this we are grateful."

Again, the work/camp GREEK SUMMER program was a success for both sides.

THE MAJOR INNOVATION in the Girls School last year was the addition of a two week intensive short course in an area of specialization chosen by each of the graduating girls at the end of the year. This year's experiment proved very successful and gave the girls a feeling of competence in the area of their selection, be it dressmaking, machine knitting, or weaving. In the photo below, Roxani Theodorou teaches the girls the art of pattern making.





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