

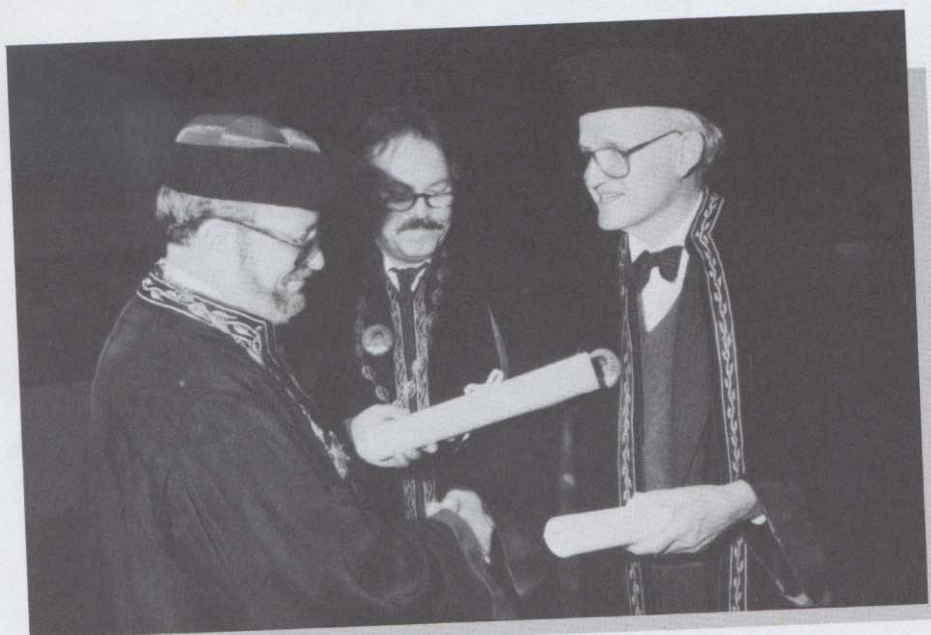
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Bruce M. Lansdale, Director of the American Farm School, receives honorary degree from the University of Thessaloniki



▲ After 35 years as Director, Bruce Lansdale received an Honorary Doctor of Agriculture Degree, joining his late father, Herbert P. Lansdale, Jr., and his brother Parker Lansdale in being accorded a Ph.D. Two sons, David at Stanford and Jeff at Cornell, are currently enrolled in Ph.D. programs. Almost 800 guests from the School and Thessaloniki joined in the occasion to say farewell and well done to the Lansdales, Bruce and Tad. Professor Andonis Traketellis (left), Rector of the Aristotelian University, presented Dr. Lansdale with the parchment while Professor Thomas A. Alifakiotis (center), President of the Department of Agriculture, looked on approvingly.

◀ Among those who extended their congratulations to Bruce on his award was Ambassador Michael Sotirhos (right). Earlier in the year, on one of his first official visits as the new ambassador, Mr. Sotirhos addressed—in flawless Greek—the AFS students at early morning chapel, a first for a US envoy.

Series of festive events celebrate the Farm School's 85th Anniversary and honor Director Lansdale and his wife, Tad

In Greece, and across the United States, the Farm School is celebrating the 85th Anniversary of its organization in 1904. At the same time it is giving thanks to Bruce and Tad Lansdale for their four decades of service to the institution. In Washington, San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Rochester and elsewhere, friends and supporters of the School have gathered to hear once more the inspiring story of the early years of Dr. John Henry House and Charles House, and to marvel at the progress the School and Greece have made since emerging from the occupation of World War II and the bitter civil strife that followed. Only the third Director in the long history of the School, Bruce is well-known for his dedication to the education of young men and women, for his love of Greece and its people, and for his inexhaustible reservoir of Hodja stories: droll tales of the turbaned Turkish wise man who is revered by Greeks for his ability to find acceptable solutions to the most intractable problems.

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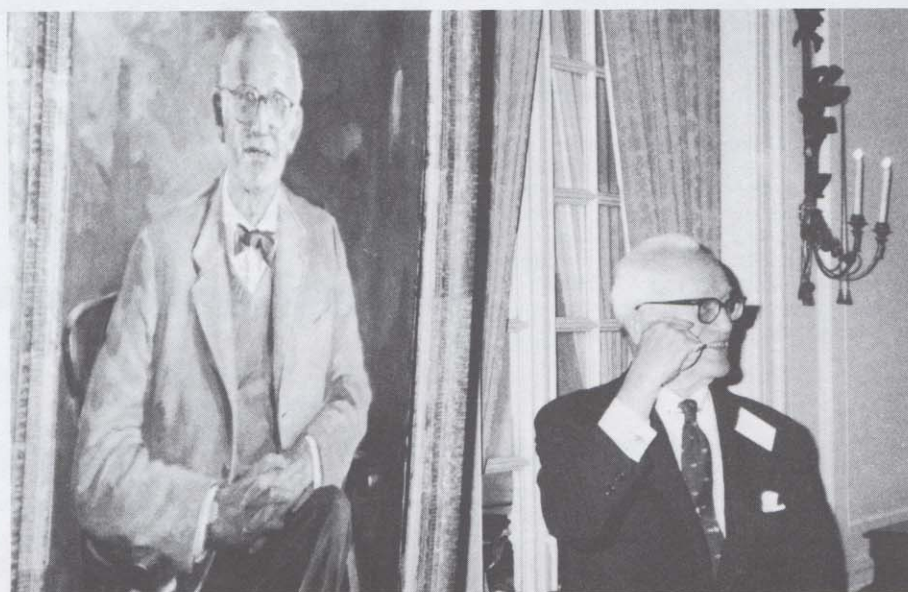
Editor's note: Throughout this issue, excerpts have been made from "The Power of Myth in Rural Development," a speech by Bruce M. Lansdale, presented on the occasion of his being awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Agriculture by the Faculty of Agriculture of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki, Greece, February 1, 1990.



▲ **New York, NY:** "Who's Who?" was the question even the doorman in artist Draper's Manhattan apartment found difficult to answer as Director Lansdale (left) arrived regularly to sit for his portrait. The almost-look-alikes became fast friends during the daily sessions and only the bow-tie provides a sure answer to who is who. On his last day, Mr. Lansdale was greeted with a cheery "Good Morning, Mr. Draper," by a member of the building staff.

"We must worship at the altars of our ancestors, but it is the flames and not the ashes we must remember."

New York, NY: Mrs. John C. Pappas from Canton, Massachusetts, shares a word with Director Lansdale in their preferred language, Greek. Boston, George and Charlotte Draper's home town, is one of many cities where friends of the Farm School have organized a Community Committee to provide support for the School and generate student interest in Greek Summer.



New York, NY: A "surprise" highlight of the 85th Anniversary dinner for Bruce and Tad Lansdale at the Colony Club in New York was the unveiling of a portrait of Dr. Lansdale contributed by the celebrated artist of the influential and well-known, William Draper, uncle of George Draper. Here "Uncle Bill" is seen acknowledging the guests' enthusiastically warm response to his work. The portrait will hang in Princeton Hall along with those of John Henry House and Charles Lucius House, Bruce Lansdale's only predecessors as Director. A special thanks is due William Draper for his VERY special contribution to the history of the Farm School.



▲ **New York, NY:** Trustee Philip Foote, a one-time Fulbright teacher of English at the Farm School and now the Headmaster of the Greenhill School in Dallas, enjoyed the evening with his wife, Mary, just then out of camera range, and former Greek Summer coordinator and US office staff member Sarah Holland. Trustees of the School come from all around the US and Greece to attend three meetings a year of the Board of Trustees. All have first-hand knowledge of the School's affairs and are active in helping the Director and staff to formulate progressive policies for the well-being of the institution.

"The things which we are to do when we have learned them, we learn by doing them."
Aristotle



New York, NY: Tad Lansdale gets a new look at her husband through the eyes of artist William Draper. When seeking a successor to Director Lansdale, the Search Committee was acutely aware that managing the Farm School required a dedicated team, a husband and wife who could devote themselves to the students, the teachers and staff, the visitors and Trustees, almost all at once and all almost all the time. Like Susan Adeline Beers, better known as "Mother House," and Ann House before her, Tad Lansdale devoted her life and dedicated her family to the School, always ready to give of herself and seeming to enjoy it all the time. ▼



◀ **New York, NY:** His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, head of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America, was one of numerous dignitaries at the New York dinner, and spent much of the evening in conversation with Chairman of the AFS Board, Mary R. Lowrey, who helped to organize the dinner. She was flanked by former Ambassador to Greece, Robert Keeley, a life-long friend of the Lansdales, who introduced the Director with fond and amusing memories of their shared childhoods in Greece.

▶ **New York, NY:** Trustee Eve Labouisse, whose husband, the late Henry R. Labouisse, served as AFS Chairman for many years, enjoys a private word with Andonis Stambolidis, Associate Director for Education, at the end of the New York dinner. Table flowers were "won" as door prizes and Mrs. Labouisse came up a winner. The Labouisse Center in Greece now serves as the major recreation site for students and staff at the School as well as for an increasing number of friendly neighbors who enjoy its facilities during off-hours.





▲ **Worcester, MA:** Speaking at a "Tasting of the Fine Wines of Greece" organized by third-generation Trustee Paul Morgan in Worcester, MA, Director Designate George Draper addressed members of the local committee. Its contribution, some years ago, of a shining new yellow school bus, dubbed "The Worcester Bus," will long be remembered by students and staff and Greek Summer. It transported them daily from town to farm and during the summer to the remote mountain villages of northern Greece.

Rochester, NY: Farewell, yes, but also welcome to George and Charlotte Draper, on their first visit to Rochester. Joined by the Lansdales, the Drapers (left) began the lengthy process of meeting the hundreds of friends and supporters of the School in cities from Boston to San Francisco, from Chicago to Miami.



"A human who works close to the land with his hands, his head, his heart and his soul has discovered true prosperity."

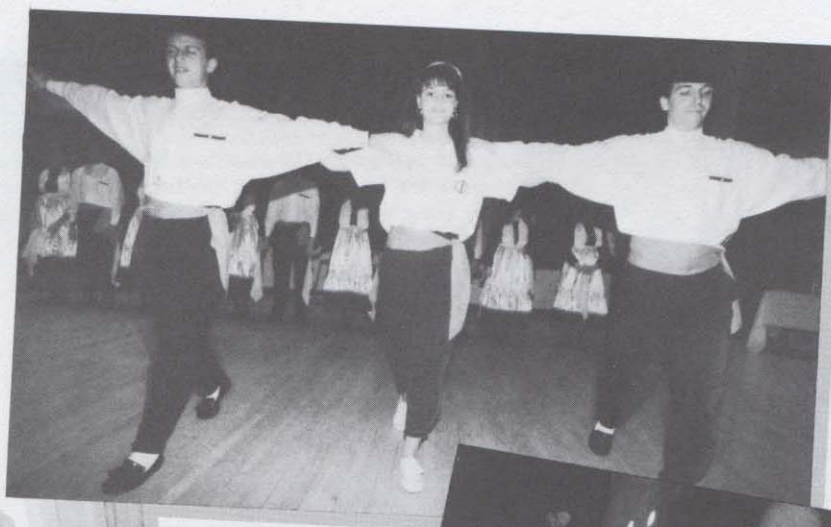


Rochester, NY: Joan and Jim Atwater flank Rev. Stephen Upson (center), a contributor since 1967. The Atwaters have had two children on Greek Summer, James in '76 and Connie in '78. Mr. Atwater once served as Chairman of the Rochester Committee, probably the most active in the US, with more than 200 members who regularly raise more than \$25,000 annually for the School.



Rochester, NY: Trustee Tom Hargrave (center), a long-time friend of the School, presented the Lansdales with something to write home about—or at least with—a state-of-the art small, Kodak printer to travel with the new "note-book" computer Bruce and Tad plan to take with them on their travels to Asia, Africa, California and the world.

Rochester, NY: *Bouzouki* music, Greek folk dancing, lots of *meze* and plenty of *Kefi* were features of the Rochester Committee's farewell to its adopted native son and daughter, Bruce and Tad Lansdale. Both graduates of the University of Rochester, and long identified with the city through Herbert P. Lansdale, Jr., Bruce's father, Rochester has always had a special place in its heart for the American Farm School. It went all out to say farewell.



Rochester, NY: One especially happy group consisted of (clockwise from left) Catherine Sfikas, Eitsa Petsos, Dr. James Brandetsas, Mary Brandetsas and Nicholas Sfikas. All are involved with the Farm School Committee in Rochester.



Rochester, NY: Dr. Paul Miller (left), former President of the Rochester Institute of Technology and now an AFS Trustee, engages Dr. John Romano, former Chief of Psychiatry at Strong Memorial Hospital in a moment of serious conversation during Rochester's farewell. Dr. Miller and his wife, Francena, were both evaluators following the first TITP international program and urged that the Farm School continue to play an active, if modest role in Third World agricultural development.

"That reminds me of my friend Hodja..."

No speech by Director Lansdale is complete without a sprinkling of Hodja stories. Hence, ceramic tiles depicting the turban-headed sage were distributed at the New York dinner. The cover of the Arabic version (left) of Master Farmer depicts him similarly. One story provides a good example of the Hodja's wisdom.

Going in search of additional knowledge, Hodja was asked whom he would look for to provide such knowledge, and he answered:

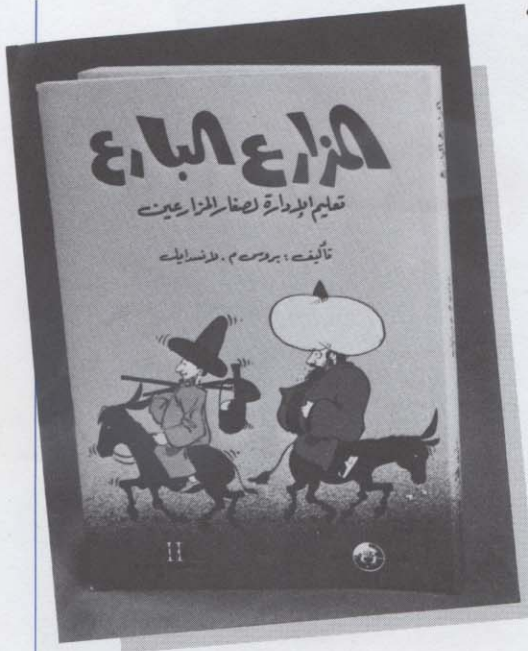
"He who knows not and knows not that he knows not is a fool. We shall shun him.

"He who knows not and knows that he knows not is a child. We shall teach him.

"He who knows and knows not that he knows is asleep. We shall waken him.

"He who knows and knows that he knows is wise. We shall follow him."

But then Hodja paused for a moment and continued, "But you know how difficult it is to be sure that the one who knows and knows that he knows really knows?"



Celebrations bid fond farewell to Director & Mrs. Lansdale and provide opportunity to meet incoming Director & Mrs. Draper

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Most of the numerous community events in America also provided an occasion to introduce the School's many friends to George and Charlotte Draper, Director Designate and his wife, who assume full responsibility for managing the institution on July 1st.

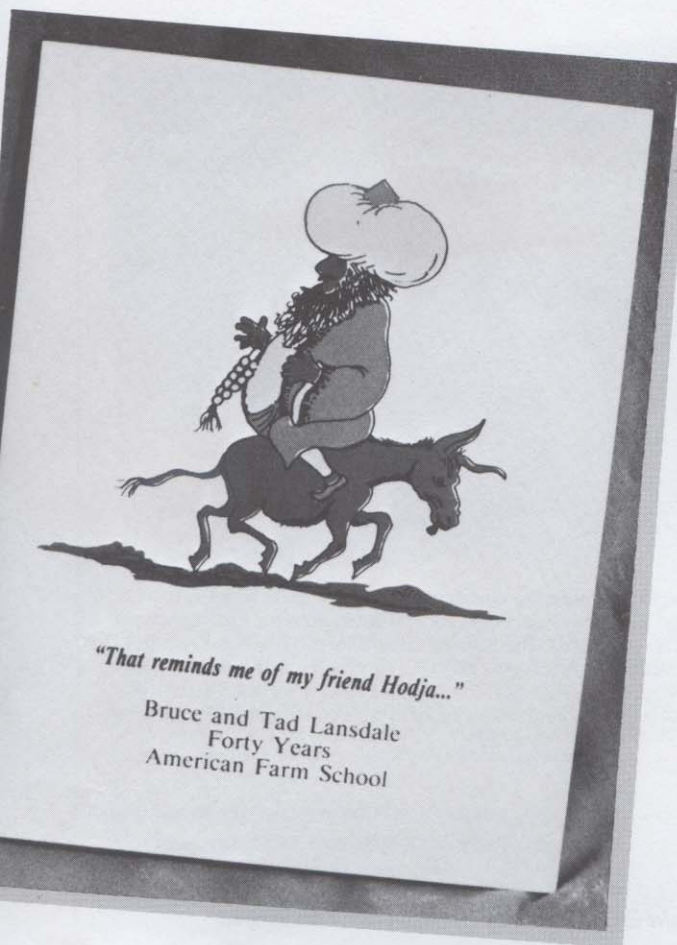
Speaking at the New York Farewell Anniversary dinner on February 20th, attended by 160 happy guests, Mr. Draper said he could not promise to match Director Lansdale's Hodja stories. Instead, he suggested, he was gathering a collection of Lansdale stories which might serve Charlotte and him as guideposts as they searched their way through the managerial labyrinth of running a bi-national agri-



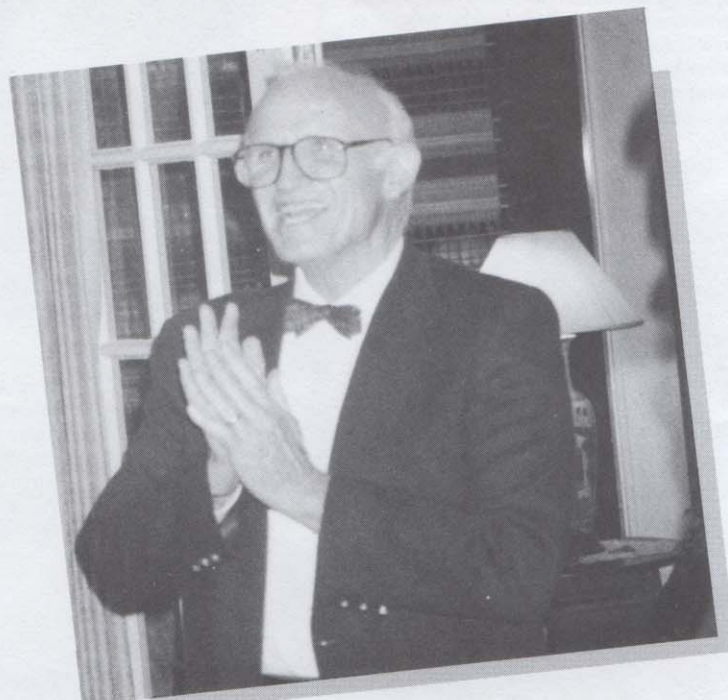
cultural and vocational secondary school in Greece. Few could guide him better.

Both the series of festive farewells and the many glowing tributes to Bruce and Tad spoke of more than mere personal appreciation for their years of dedicated service, their warm hospitality and

George and Charlotte Draper enjoy a moment together while meeting scores of new Farm School friends. Charlotte, a professional Librarian as well as writer, is taking a special interest in the School archives, promising to make sure they are properly sorted, identified and safely stored before too long: certainly before the 100th Anniversary rolls around early in the next century.



No smile equals the smile of an oncoming Hodja story when told by Bruce Lansdale, especially to a familiar gathering of friends. Master Farmer, Lansdale's latest book, is profusely illustrated with Hodja drawings contributed by William Papas. The book has recently been translated into Arabic (facing page) where the Hodja is also well known as "Goha" and assumes an Egyptian nationality. Why is he riding backward on the donkey? That is the point of the tale.



their openness to life. The gatherings spoke to the underlying purpose of the Farm School, the vision of John Henry House, and the applicability of his methods and goals to the world of 1990; the world of 2000 and beyond. For his dreams are and will remain the mission of the American Farm School. They are, and always must be, the justification for its continued existence. This is why it is supported by succeeding governments in Greece and the United States and why thousands of individuals in both countries contribute with such generosity to it year in and year out.

Wherever there is human hunger, the Farm School points a way to self-sufficiency. Whenever our modern youth despair, the Farm School education of the whole person offers optimism and vision. To whoever says "it can't be done," the Farm School's history proves it can.

These gatherings were all organized by loving and dedicated volunteers to focus attention on the School and on Bruce and Tad, who have contributed so immeasurably and permanently to its past, its present and its future. To all those who worked so long and so hard to make the 85th Anniversary of the American Farm School a truly significant milestone, the Trustees of the School, as well as the students, teachers, administrators and staff extend, their heartfelt thanks. ■



***We came to teach,
but we have ended up learning.***

***We came to change,
but we have ended up being
changed.***

***We came to inspire,
but others have inspired us
instead.***

***We came to bring a new life to the
people of rural Greece,***

***but it is they who have brought a
new life to us.***

Bruce & Tad Lansdale, 1990

Washington, DC: In the nation's capital Bruce met many an "Old Greek Hand," Americans who had served their country well in Greece, at a reception hosted by Trustee Sperry Lea and his wife Anna, together with Robert and Louise Keeley, and Alan and Nina Hall. Among the guests were retired FSO (Foreign Service Officer) Daniel Brewster (*left*), and his wife, Susan Holleran, who enjoyed telling stories about the good old days in Thessaloniki. Mr. Brewster served as Political Counselor at the US Embassy in Athens from 1961-1965.



▲ **Washington, DC:** Among the guests were former Trustee Timothy B. Atkeson (*right*), now an official in the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, and his wife Paula. The Atkesons hold a record to which few other parents can aspire. Of their eight children, seven have participated in Greek Summer as they came of age and the 8th has a reservation for 1991. Washington, DC, was the last farewell anniversary function in the US for Director Lansdale.



*"Fun is a vital element of prosperity
and should be cultivated in every way possible."*

Washington, DC: Father George Gallos (*center*) and his musicologist wife, Anna, were among the guests at the Washington reception. The Gallos' lived at the School for three years (See *The Sower* Number 122, Spring-Summer, 1987 issue) where he served as Priest-in-Residence, providing a spiritual base in Greek Orthodoxy in a country where it is the official religion. Anna was equally active organizing a School Choir and encouraging the boys and girls to appreciate fine music.





▲ **Cincinnati, OH:** Greek Summer alumnus Emerson Knowles, '71 (left), joins Bruce Lansdale and George Draper during a light moment in Cincinnati. After hearing from both the Director and Director Designate, the fifty guests migrated to the home of "Tommy" and Joan Thomas for a buffet dinner and more discussion of Cincinnati's important role in providing support for the Farm School and especially in sponsoring high school students on Greek Summer.

*"You were coming into the dream
As I was coming out of the dream
And so our lives became one
And it will be difficult for them to separate again."
Seferis*



Blacksburg, VA: John and Sherry Crunkilton, from Virginia Tech, join Bruce Lansdale after a campus reception to honor Bruce's retirement and generate interest in TITP, the Thessaloniki International Training Program for third-world agriculturists. Dr. Crunkilton (right) and his associate James Crouse have led TITP each of the past three years. Much of what the Farm School accomplishes can only be done with the help of outside specialists, who provide the training of the School's Greek Staff along with their other responsibilities.

San Francisco, CA: AFS Board Chairman Mrs. Charles F. Lowrey greets long-time Trustee Charles Page at the University Club 85th Anniversary reception. The Club provides a lovely view of San Francisco, then recovering from its severe earthquake. Greece, too, is quake-prone and residents have learned long ago to build well and be prepared. San Francisco maintains an active Sister City relationship with Thessaloniki, insuring its very special interest in the Farm School and a steady stream of visitors from the city on San Francisco Bay to the city on Salonica Bay.



Cincinnati, OH: Five Greek Summer alumni (clockwise from left), Bill Strubbe '70, Emerson Knowles '71, Marcy Wydman '74, R. Braxton Smith '76 and Lisa Vadis Turner '78, gather with Bruce during Cincinnati's farewell reception at the home of Trustee Elizabeth Stone. Starting in the early 1970's, Cincinnati has sent numerous students on Greek Summer and this year Heather Zaring and Sarah Harrison are going on the program.

Chicago, IL: Alexander Allport (left), Associate Director in New York, carries the thanks of all the School to Hiram and Anne Sibley, active members of the Chicago dinner committee, and among the first to sport the new Farm School caps. Mr. Sibley's parents, Harper and Georgia Sibley, visited the Farm School in 1927, after which Mr. Sibley became a Trustee. Four Sibley grandchildren, Christopher and Rachel Mayer in '82 and '86 and Erin and Thomas Sibley in '87 and '89 participated in Greek Summer.



*I hear, I forget
I see, I remember
I do, I understand.
Confucius*



Atlanta, GA: The Atlanta Committee is just starting to become seriously interested in and active on behalf of the American Farm School. Maria Sharp (center) joined two of her friends to organize another Greek feast, with birthday cake and lots of Greek specialties to honor the 85th Anniversary of the School at the Hellenic Center. Funds raised in Atlanta provide one scholarship for a student at the American Farm School, about \$3,500 a year.



Chicago, IL: The organizing energy for the Chicago dinner came from Maria (right) and Paul Gebhard (far left), shown here with Bruce and Tad Lansdale. The Gebhards worked for almost a year to interest and involve both the Greek and American communities in greater Chicago and produced an event unique in the Farm School's history. Two of Mr. Gebhard's children, Paul, Jr., and Sophia, participated in Greek summer in '76 and '82 respectively. The new, blue Farm School caps were in vogue in Chicago for the first time.

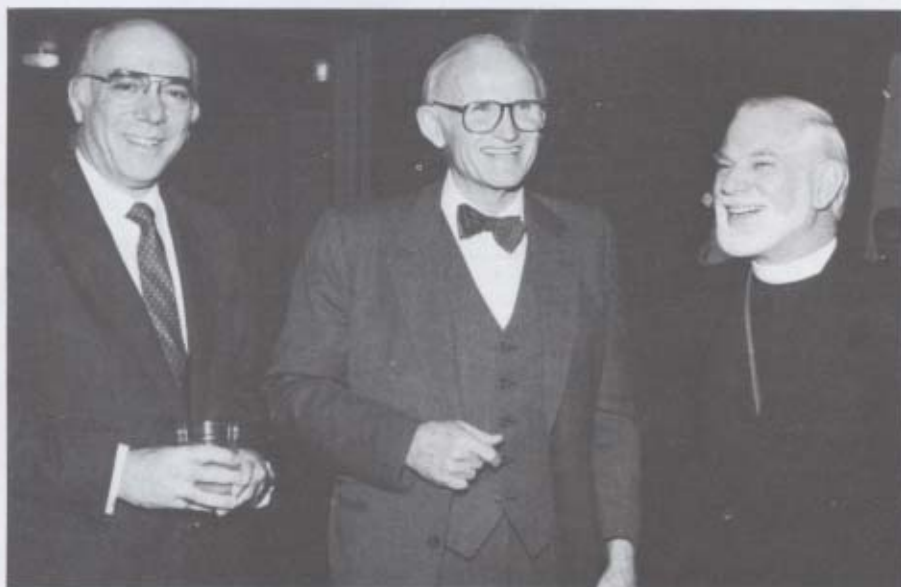


Chicago, IL: The gala 85th Anniversary Dinner in Chicago was held in the Museum of Science and Industry where an agricultural setting of early and modern farm practices provided a perfect rural environment for the event. Mannequins mounted on modern tractors even added to the number of guests.



▲ **Chicago, IL:** For many years members of the national Sigma Kappa Sorority have taken a special interest in the American Farm School and contributed money, books, clothing and other items to it. They strongly supported the incorporation of the Quaker Girls' School into AFS. In recent years they have helped develop the School's library. Six representatives attended the dinner in Chicago (left to right): Cheryl R. Simpson, Kris Crampton, Liz Schweikert, Karen Boughan, Karen Sachs and Janet Klebek. Our thanks to one and all.

Chicago, IL: Dr. John N. Nicholson (left), for whom the Library at the Farm School is named, was one of the honored guests at the dinner. Now almost 90, Dr. Nicholson is the acknowledged benefactor of many local and international causes. He retains a lively interest in the affairs of the Farm School.



Chicago, IL: Spyros Aliagas (left), the Greek Consul General in Chicago, joined the local committee to help organize this 85th Anniversary dinner. Here he joins Bruce Lansdale and His Grace Bishop Iakovos, Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, in a light moment before dinner when, as the Archbishop did in New York, Bishop Iakovos provided a moving invocation to the occasion.

"Community Development isn't the other person, it is I, it is you, and the person sitting next to you".

Farm Youth Creed

I believe in the beautiful outdoors and in the life of the village dweller, in his dreams, his ambitions and his faith, his ability and determination to improve his life and to seek happiness for those whom he loves.

I believe in the farmer who is the sound defense of his country, the source of her prosperity, the harbor of her security from both internal and external danger.

I believe in the sacredness of the rural home, the holiness of the love of the housewife and the fact that the rural home develops the solid foundation for the creation of a cultured, happy and healthy life.

I believe in the farm boy and girl, in their powerful determination to use every opportunity to cultivate their spirit, to develop strong bodies, to create pure spirits and dedicate their services whenever their country calls.

I believe in the goals and ambitions of the Rural Youth Clubs, the agricultural schools and the experimental institutions which prepare the young people for a better rural life.

I believe in my country, undying Greece, and I am proud to be a farm youth.



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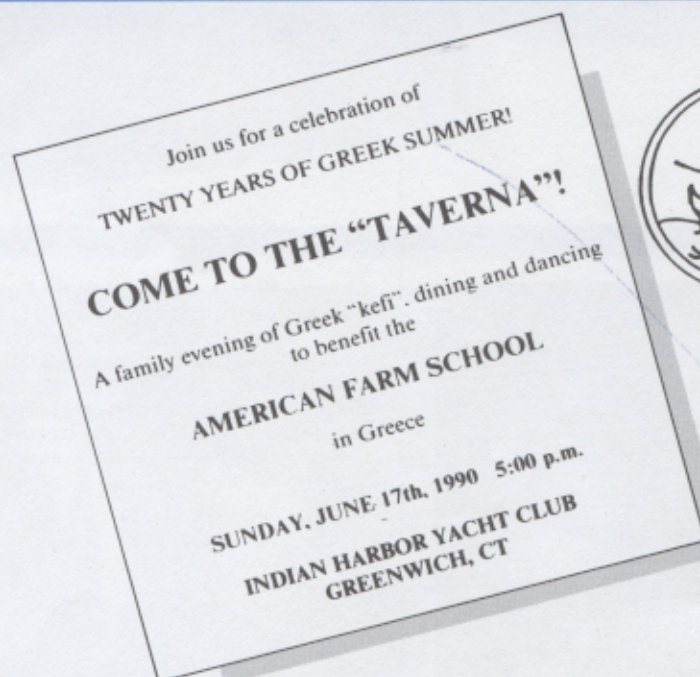
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