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News-Letter

NEVER A DULL MOMENT is the consensus of opinion of those at the school. Bruce Lansdale summed it up as of November 1:

"Things are really zooming here. At the same time Theo Litsas left for America our chief accountant went to Athens to have his eye operated on. We have a new bookkeeper, but it has taken a good deal of time helping him out. Thus with Theo's work, the people doing a moving picture for the State Department making shots and the first full-fledged T.C.A. course coming up next week, we've been a bit busy. To complicate matters, one of the movie people got burned when a blow torch blew up in his face (no permanent scars, we think), Ambassador Peurifoy and his family are coming for the weekend, one of the Point 4 administrators is here today, the Fulbright representative from Athens is here to talk to the scholarship boys, we are hurrying to finish the remodeled Infirmary so the Freys can move out of the wing of our place, and are under pressure to get an extensive report in to the Ministry of Agriculture for a survey they are doing on the effectiveness of agricultural schools in Greece. And if life gets dull, there are the boys to worry about!"

ANOTHER GROUP OF GRADUATES returned for a ten-day "refresher course" in January.

Mrs. House wrote: "It's good to see old grads wandering about the campus they knew as boys. The courses begin tomorrow. Charlie will have charge of morning prayers and give a talk, followed by Russell Gist (Extension Specialist in the Food and Agriculture Div. of E.C.A.), who will outline the objectives of the course - 'to give further training in new developments in agriculture, and to enlist graduates who could carry out demonstration projects in agricultural fields, characteristic to their localities, in conjunction with Government Extension Service Agents in their districts.'"

After the course she wrote: "This has been a full week, with many visitors taking part in the discussions and lectures. Yesterday the alumni, students, and staff all walked down to the Cemetery to lay a wreath on Father House's grave. One man, who graduated twenty years ago, spoke a few words as he placed the wreath:

"Father House, we have come back to school, to re-live our experience of the past, and rekindle our inspiration to help our fellow villagers in Greece to improve their work, their lives, and their faith in God. This is the aim and the goal which you, Father House, set out to realize many years ago, and through your faith and vision, and continued hard work, set before us, that we too might follow in your steps. We take this opportunity to lay this wreath as a token of our gratitude and as a communion of spirits that we, your boys, may come closer to you."

SIX OTHER SHORT COURSES have been given this winter. Four groups of young women learned how to make use of all of the various parts of a big pig butchered at the school. They canned, salted, smoked the meat, made sausage, head cheese, etc. - and got recipes from the school cook, who fed them with their own products!

Two courses in the driving and repair of jeeps were held for young men working in the Government Extension Service which is quite new in Greece. The courses also included lectures on:

Extension aims of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Mutual Security Organization

Visual aids: Photography, moving pictures, slides and projectors, printed materials

Home Economics in the Extension program
Public and social relations

Youth work in the Extension program

SMALL INCIDENTS MAKE UP SCHOOL LIFE

Nov. 22 - "Thanksgiving Day was happy as usual. The boys decorated the Assembly Hall and dining room, Mr. Holt (American Consul) read the President's Proclamation and said a few words; his two boys sang a quartette with two of our boys; all the farm children sang a sweet little song of Thanksgiving; and Roger Frey put on an old-fashioned square dance with half the boys dressed as girls."

Nov. 24 - "The Anatolia Athletic Association had invited our football team to play them at the college, but as their field was too muddy, they came over here and were beaten by our boys, 3-2."

Nov. 26 - "The girls in the short course were all at the service last evening, and with the Girls' School made the group of girls seem almost as large as the boys. We had to sing unaccompanied, for the strings of the piano have rusted out with the years and hard use and the baby organ sent out by the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society over 25 years ago has also gone to pieces. It's hard to teach new hymns without an instrument, but the old ones they sing with tremendous gusto."

Dec. 3 - "The grippe has hit the School hard; the Infirmary's full and we're putting beds in the Assembly Hall for the overflow. We have 56 boys in bed."

Feb. 2 - "We've converted a room into an 'overall factory.' We had some of the boys in for fittings of the various sizes and they were as pleased as young girls with their first party dresses."

Feb. 11 - "Saturday evening when the boys have recreation, each class put on a skit. The first class got the prize. They performed an operation behind a sheet with a strong light back of them. It was most realistic, with the patient groaning as the doctor pulled out his heart (looking quite like a valentine) and I don't know what other organs - a volley ball net among them, which they had a hard time to stuff back inside the boy before closing him up with hammer, chisel, and needle a foot long."

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Mar. 12 - "We are selling about 7000 eggs a month for hatching purposes. Our reputation this year for hatching eggs has gone very high and now we have a long waiting list for them."

Mar. 16 - "Our agriculturists - Hadjis, Andreau and Scapariotes - are writing radio programs. We listened to two, one on the local Greek station farmers' hour and the other a broadcast especially to the army on practical things of interest to farmers. One program was a conversation between two farmers: one had just had a pig farrow, with only 2 piglets out of a litter of 8 born alive, and the other explained what he had learned about the right way to feed and care for a sow."

Mar. 20 - "The boys are repairing and painting old barrels to be placed in the picnic groves, for crowds from the city are beginning to arrive on bright days."

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

From a graduate of the School in '31:
"In many cases of my life, the guide of my acts and decisions is your example."

From the Director General of the Food and Agri. Org. of the U.N.: "I cannot tell you how glad I am that I had an opportunity to see at first-hand the great job that you people are doing. I do not know when I have been so impressed as I was on this visit."

From the Exec. Dir. of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference and Official Observer for the Holy See on Food and Agri. Activities: "A Catholic priest is now daily singing your praises. It was delightfully inspiring to visit your home and school so as to get at least a glimpse of what can be done."

From the Dean of the College of Agri. of the Univ. of Arizona: "During my two and a half years with the Marshall Plan I traveled widely on five continents and I have yet to see a better example of American good works abroad than I saw at your institution."