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HER MAJESTY FULFILLS A PROMISE

The ceremony depicted above, which took place in the Palace in Athens late last year, was the culmination of an inspiration of Her Majesty upon the occasion of her visit, with King Paul and their son, to the School in connection with the 50th Birthday celebration, the retirement of Dr. Charles L. House after 26 years as Director, and the installation of his successor, Bruce M. Lansdale, in 1955.

"You must take this to America to show the people there how great your school has become," the Queen is quoted as saying as she viewed a large scale model made as one of the many exhibits at the festivities.

"But, Your Majesty," Lansdale pointed out, "this is much too large, too clumsy for transport. And besides, the cost would be prohibitive; we could never afford it."

"Very well, then. A smaller one must be made. It is important to show the American people," the Queen replied.

And so it came to pass more than a year later. And the model, thanks to Her Majesty's thoughtfulness and gracious action, accompanied Director Lansdale on his voyage to these shores in January. Some idea of how many Americans viewed this 21" x 38" model

Queen Frederika of Greece, second from l., presents a model depicting 50 years growth of the School. This gift symbolizes her country's gratitude for U.S. farm "know-how." L. to r. Mrs. "Tad" Lansdale, wife of the director; Her Majesty; Trustee Herbert P. Lansdale, Jr., General Secretary, National Council of the Y.M.C.A.; his son, Bruce M. Lansdale, Director, who brought the model to the United States to interpret the School more graphically to Americans.

can be obtained from the summary of his criss-cross of our eastern states on p. 3.

PRAISE FROM CAESAR

Charles Lucius House, Honorary President of the School, Commander of the Order of George I of Greece, accompanied by his wife Ann, returned to the School which he had served for 38 years on May 22, to receive a welcome from the faculty, students, staff -- the entire countryside, of all ages -- closely akin to the greeting accorded by loyal subjects to popular royalty returning from a visit of state.

Met at the Yugoslav-Greek border -- they had driven from Geneva in a Volkswagen destined eventually to become School property-- by Associate Director Litsas and a delegation of faculty and alumni, who drove the 50 miles with them to the School. Here they were transferred to a tractor-drawn trailer, and here the triumphal procession to their old residence on the campus -- vacated with characteristic delicacy by the present tenants for the duration of their visit -- began.

They saw the many physical improvements which have been completed since their departure in 1955, after Dr. House's retire-

ment as Director; but most significant of all, as Dr. House wrote to President Craig R. Smith after several days of visiting with all ranks and observations, were the unmistakable evidences of the impact of his successor, Bruce Lansdale and his wife Elizabeth, on the faculty, staff and student body.

To quote Dr. House, "Most significant to me is the evidence on every side of increased initiative on the part of teachers and supervisors in their several fields of activity, and their dedication to the purpose of the school of giving the students the best possible training and inspiration for a life of productivity and service to their communities. No less significant, perhaps, in terms of the future, is the degree to which Bruce and Tad have not only taken over the responsibilities of the school, but so large a part of the personal relationships in the school and out of the school, that accumulated over the years of Ann's and my life here. The team at the school are on the job. I think they are playing better ball than when I was coach, and I believe they have broadened the channels in their individual lives to the source of all power."

These words from a man known and respected far beyond the boundaries of Greece for his guidance of the School through periods of both prosperity and adversity, are further proof, if indeed any is needed, of the character of his successor. Further expansion of the School's usefulness to the people of Greece, it would seem, is definitely assured.

EXPERT OPINION

Former Ambassador Norman Armour surveyed Greece, Turkey and Iran at the request of the Special Committee to Study the Foreign Aid Program of the U.S. Senate, Senator Theodore Francis Green, Chairman, late in 1956.

His report, submitted in February of this year, has this to say of The American Farm School.

"The American Farm School, also privately supported by Americans, teaches 180 Greek boys from all over Greece and Cyprus better farming methods. The school has been so successful that the Greek Government plans to build similar schools in other parts of Greece. The influence that boys graduating from this American-directed school have when they return to their villages is far-reaching.

"It would be indeed difficult to exaggerate the importance to Greece's future and to American-Greek relations in general of the work being accomplished at the American Farm School"

SHARP CONTRAST

Prof. Howard S. Tyler of the N.Y. State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, is quoted in a U.P. dispatch to the N.Y. Times of June 8 as stating that only 25 of the college's 268 graduates planned to farm after leaving school.

"Only those graduates with sufficient capital or a home farm to go back to find it possible to start as farmers," he said.

A survey commissioned by the trustees and conducted in 1955 by three experienced scientists, Dr. Irwin T. Sanders, University of Kentucky; Dr. Raymond W. Miller, lecturer at Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, and Mr. Robert W. Miller of Washington, has this to say of the post-graduate occupations of the Farm School alumni.

"On the basis of a 10% sample of all graduates since 1927, it appears that 41% of the graduates go into farming in Greece; another 28% have gone into various agricultural services. This makes a total of 69% in farming or related services."

This disparity is in large measure accounted for by the rigid requirements which candidates for admission to the School must meet, i.e. they must be sons (or grandsons) of land owners; they must, in their preparatory schools, have demonstrated a capacity for learning as well as an aptitude for agriculture.



TOUCH DOWN IN SALONICA

TOUCH DOWN, continued

Director Lansdale, Mrs. Lansdale and their children are welcomed home at the Salonica airport by Theo Litsas, Associate Director, on May 8th after an absence of more than three months. Shown in this picture are, l. to r. Mrs. Lansdale (laden with a floral greeting); Jeffrey, aged 4; David, aged 6; Christine, aged 2; Director Lansdale; Mr. Litsas and an official of the Greek Air Line. The Lansdales traveled from New York on the T.S.S. Olympia, flagship of the Greek Line, aboard which, in truly Grecian fashion, Bruce emceed the Masquerade Ball, fashionably attired -- as was Mrs. Lansdale -- as a penguin.

On the serious side, he traveled 11,140 miles in 11 states and the District of Columbia, in the interest of the School in his 108 day visit. He spoke at 66 meetings in 25 cities, addressing audiences approximating 9,485 persons. The unseen audience of the air heard him nine times, each interview on a different station in a different city. Obviously, Her Majesty cannot fail to be gratified to learn how vigorously the Director followed through on her suggestion.

THREE TRUSTEES JOIN BOARD

Craig R. Smith, President, announces the election, at a meeting of the board of trustees on April 17, of Mr. Nicholas C. Culolias, Mr. Robert B. Lea, and Mr. Joseph Reed as board members.

Nicholas C. Culolias, born in Arcadia, Greece, came to the United States at the age of twelve. He graduated, A.B., from Princeton University in 1915, and received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1918. Entering active law practice in Boston with the firm of the late Justice Brandeis, he served, as a partner or as a corporation executive, in Boston, New Jersey and New York until his retirement in 1955, at which time he was manager of Coca Cola Export Corporation's legal department.

He has been active in Greek-American legal and alumni affairs for many years, his services including two terms as president of the trustees of the Greek Cathedral Church in Boston; president of Helicon, Boston; as counsel to the Greek Counsel in Boston and as acting counsel.

A member of local and national legal associations, Mr. Culolias was chairman of

the subcommittee on Near East laws of the American Bar Association. He was recently elected a member of the Class Council of his class, 1915, of Princeton.

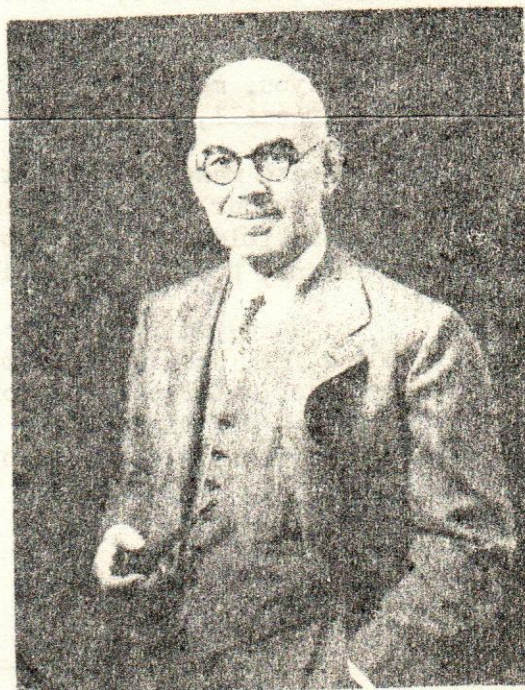
Married in 1922 to Demetra C. Douropoulos, they reside in Hartsdale, Westchester County, N.Y.

Robert B. Lea, a native of Massachusetts, is a Cornell graduate, M.S.; 1915. A member of the senior honorary society, he participated in many campus activities.

His entire business career was spent with the Sperry Gyroscope Co. and its successor corporations, Sperry Corporation and Sperry Rand Corporation, which he served as vice-president in charge of sales, a special assistant to the president and, at the time of his retirement in 1956, as coordinator of exports.

A long-time member of the A.S.M.E., he has served in many offices and on many committees of that organization.

Mr. Lea's civic interests include the Little Italy Neighborhood Settlement of Brooklyn, serving as president for five years; numerous Y.M.C.A. relationships, in Brooklyn, Nassau-Suffolk (L.I.), and



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the Armed Services Committee of the National Y.M.C.A.

Other activities include the American Friends Service Committee, and a keen and active interest in the employment problems of the physically handicapped.

A former commodore of the Bellport Bay Yacht Club, Mr. Lea lives with his wife, the former Helen Sperry, in New Hyde Park, Long Island.

Joseph Reed, a native New Yorker, prepared for Harvard at St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H.

After graduation from Harvard with the class of 1942, he followed in his father's footsteps and entered the insurance field, specializing in maritime underwriting.

Mr. Reed is the son of Henry Hope and Eleanor Beers Reed of Salonica, where they

took up their residence at the Farm School following Mr. Reed's retirement several years ago.

Mrs. Henry Reed is a former trustee, Mr. Henry Reed is currently serving on the board, so that a continuance of the family tradition of service to the Farm School is assured in Joseph's election.

Married to the former Joan Bartlett, the couple reside with their three children in New York City.

"Naturally, my fellow board members and I are most gratified with the addition to our number of men of such broad experience, vision and -- in Mr. Reed's case -- youthful vigor and enthusiasm," President Smith said.

"We, and the School, should profit greatly from their association with us."

A NOTE TO OUR NEW FRIENDS

Many of you will receive with this issue your first copy of the Newsletter.

And -- it is our sincere hope -- many of you will wish, after reading these pages, to become active supporters, as well as friends, of our School.

To you, may we say we shall be grateful for whatever amount, large or small, you may send us.

Please make your check payable to The American Farm School, and mail it to our United States office. Your contribution is, of course, tax deductible. Or, we should be happy to receive your pledge for any amount, payable at regular intervals, as you may elect.

As a suggestion, the cost of one year's tuition for one boy is \$300; a full scholarship (meals and room included), \$425. There are, of course, a large number of other needs, ranging from \$5.00 to \$50,000 -- and higher. We shall be happy to send you a schedule of suggestions, if you wish, or to consult with you personally.

Sincerely yours,

CRAIG R. SMITH
President