



# The Sower

THE AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL

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## HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A CALF FLY? 370 CALVES FLOWN TO FARM SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

"Calves arrived 5:35 a.m. Monday—one dead". After the receipt of this cable many of us who had been closely involved with the shipment could breathe a sigh of relief. For weeks, even months, Farm School Trustees and staff, and Heifer Project officials with the help of the Windy Ridge Farms staff had planned for, worried over, and labored on the project. Farm School Trustee Ruth Wells, Heifer Project's Bob Mayhew, and Windy Ridge manager Everett Esterbrook were really responsible for the job; it was they who had sought out the calves, accumulated them, crated them, and helped load them on the plane in Boston.

As the Boston newspapers said the day after the shipment left (Monday, September 15), it was "one of the largest air shipments of calves ever made from the Boston area." Bob Mayhew, New England Director of Heifer Project, had been approached last January by Farm School staff for information and suggestions on finding a source of calves, and he quickly suggested that we make it a New England project—he even volunteered to coordinate it. Everett Esterbrook was contracted to select, purchase and prepare the calves for shipment. We call him "cowboy" for he not only rounded up the calves but herded them "home" to Greece as an attendant on the plane.

Calves less than one month old are quite delicate. Sudden variations in temperature, changes in diet, or exposure to unusual elements of any sort can cause sickness and death. Consequently, great care was given to minimize the shock of the flight and change of environment; special temperature regulation and diet synchronization between Boston and Greece had to be set. Although one calf arrived in Greece dead and since arrival ten others have died,

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### YOU TOO CAN FLY TO FARM SCHOOL

There are still a few seats available on the Farm School charter flight to Greece this spring. Why not join 150 of your fellow friends of the Farm School for a delightful three-week experience in ancient and beautiful Greece?

Leave New York April 29—return from Athens or Paris May 22—visit Farm School, join special optional tours to Greek Islands, Istanbul, Israel, Italy or France.

Round trip flight cost on TWA 707 jet only \$295.00.



LAST FEEDING IN BOSTON



UNLOADING AT FARM SCHOOL



FIRST FEEDING IN NEW HOME



## CHAIRMAN NOW AT SCHOOL

Harvey K. Breckenridge, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Farm School, has taken up residence at the School until May of 1970. While the Lansdales are in the States, Mr. Breckenridge is serving as Trustee-in-Residence to keep the American presence alive at the School.

Mr. Breckenridge recently retired as an engineer and management consultant with Ebasco Services in New York. His interest in the School dates from 1954 when the Breckenridge family came to Greece when Ebasco had been retained to construct and organize the national power system. He served in Athens as general manager of the Public Power Corporation and worked there under a Greek Board of Directors building facilities and training nationals so that they could assume full responsibility.

The Chairman's principal objective this year will be the organization of a Greek "National Committee" (for supporters of the School) as a counterpart to the American "National Committee".

## CAN YOU HELP PIECE TOGETHER THE FARM SCHOOL STORY?

Any anecdotes, documents or other remembrances extremely and immediately welcomed towards the compilation of a definitive history of the School —

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— Thank you.

## HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A CALF FLY?

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Farm School staff consider this an unusually successful shipment. In some cases, others have experienced a loss of 10% to 15% of the shipment.

On hand to greet these "American emigres to Greece" was the U.S. Agricultural Attache, James Frink, who expressed quite succinctly the purpose of the project: "We hope that this shipment will be the beginning of a nucleus herd to supply the Greek dairymen with good animals."

The calves will be nourished at the Farm School. After three months they will be given over to the Greek Ministry of Agriculture which in turn will distribute them to Greek farmers—many of these farmers will be American Farm School graduates. The Farm School has made two other similar shipments in the last three years and has plans for another next spring. Greece should soon have a recognized dairy industry.

## HONORED FARM SCHOOL TRUSTEE DIES

Mr. Walter G. Hildebrant, an honorary Trustee of the American Farm School, died on Wednesday, August 20, at his summer residence in Lake Placid, New York. Mr. Hildebrant had been elected an honorary member of the Board a year ago last March following 28 years of service as a Trustee. He was a classmate of Charles House in the Princeton class of 1909, and had been interested in the Farm School ever since. Throughout his association with the School, Mr. Hildebrant gave most generously of his time and advice, particularly in the fields of fund raising and financial management. He served on both the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee. Before his retirement Mr. Hildebrant was President of the Gotham Advertising Company in New York City.

## LANSDALES

*Note:* Bruce and Tad Lansdale recently returned to New York from a tour of India most enthused about things they had seen, and more convinced than ever that the Farm School experience needs to be spread to many parts of the world. In late February they plan to visit areas of Africa on a similar travel/study tour.

Meanwhile, in January and February, Bruce will be attending a special management session given by Emory University at Sea Island, Georgia.

## GREEK 4-H'ers MEET AT FARM SCHOOL

4-H representatives from all over Greece held a five-day conference at the American Farm School in September. The group met under the guidance of the Greek Ministry of Agriculture to exchange ideas and compete against each other in various farm skills.

On the evening of their last day the Minister for Northern Greece was on hand to present awards to those whose performances were superior in the various contests and also to those members who had contributed most to the 4-H organization during the past year.

The youths competed in the areas of farm tractor driving, the care and milking of cows, and farm construction; both practical and theoretical knowledge were examined. The girls demonstrated sewing, cooking and general kitchen skills as well. The examining committee consisted largely of representatives of the Seventh Inspectorate of the Greek Ministry of Agriculture.

The 4-H clubs of Greece were first organized ten years ago in Thessaloniki through the efforts of the Ministry of Agriculture and held their first conference at the American Farm School. Pan-Hellenic representatives have met at the School every year since 1959.



## AMERICAN STUDENTS BUILD CEMENT ROAD AT FARM SCHOOL



**WILLING AND ABLE**

Today one is more apt to think of American students as pot smoking hippies out demonstrating against the "establishment" and accepted values of order. But this is really not true of the gross majority. One case in point: last summer, 20 American high school students from Cincinnati, Ohio, volunteered their labor for laying one hundred yards of cement road at the Farm School. They were teenage parishioners of Indian Hill Episcopalian-Presbyterian Church, 13 boys and seven girls, under the direction of the Reverend Paul Long, a long-time Farm School friend. And the feat took only 17 mornings to do.

In addition to working on the project and attending a host of lectures and group discussions at the School, the students travelled to various points of interest in Macedonia and spent one week-end in Portaria, a small village in Chalkidhiki on the north-east coast of Greece.

There were also visits to the beaches, Greek dances and games, and donkey rides to fill their time.

Cement for the road project was donated to the American Farm School by the Titan and Olympos-Heraclis companies of Greece to the tune of 500 bags each.

The amount of cement laid by the group represented about one-third of the new entrance road to the School. The project was later finished by a second work camp group from Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts and by Farm School first-year boys as shown below.

### GREEK SUMMER 1970

A new Peace Corps type program has been designed for American students (boys and girls) to work, play and study at the Farm School this summer. The School's experiences in the last two summers with visits of American high school groups like that from Cincinnati (described above) has been so rewarding, the Trustees have decided to establish a formal work/study camp program to benefit both the School and, hopefully, the participants.

The group will actually work on some needed project at the School: a road, an irrigation system, a new building. And there will be informal classes and discussion sessions

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**HARD AT WORK**



**AND AT PLAY**



## NOTES FROM GREECE

Mr. Bodosakis Athanasiades, a leading Greek industrialist, has given the Farm School eight full scholarships of \$1,000 each for first-year students for the year 1969-1970. Farm School Trustees were most pleased with this gift and its indication of the truly joint Greek-American nature of the School.

The students who have been selected to receive these scholarships come from seven different villages and from agricultural families; the boys have graduated from grade school with good scholastic performance and have successfully taken the gymnasium entrance examination.

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The Fulbright teacher invasion has now subsided, capped by a visitation from the local Director, Jim Warner (headquartered in Athens), and Dave Seaman, University Coordinator . . . it's Mr. Seaman's nephew, Clark Miller, who arrived about October 1 to become the School's seventh American volunteer for the year . . . Clark will join Ken Moore (from New College in Florida) as an English teacher and dorm monitor.

The Farm School's new Fulbrighter in English is George Mason, formerly of Fort Lee, New Jersey, with wife, Jeannie, and daughter, Betsy.

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At the Girls School . . . Miss Carolyn Thomas is yet another new volunteer and will be responsible for some English classes, physical education and extra-curricular activities.

The students and staff of the Farm School  
wish all of their many friends a  
HAPPY and most prosperous NEW YEAR.



### SEPTEMBER ENROLLMENT

September enrollment at the Farm School was one of the best on record, and the students were some of the ablest. Also handsome, as proven above.

### GREEK SUMMER 1970

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on Greek culture and mythology and problems of a developing nation. But play will not be overlooked nor will the chance to travel and see the beauty and glory of Greece.

Those students selected will leave New York on June 29 and return August 13. The first four to five weeks will be spent at the School and on side trips to local villages and up Mount Olympus. In the last two weeks private tours will be conducted to the Greek Islands and the major sites of ancient ruins.

Cost for the entire experience has been set at \$1,500.00—and a portion of this will be considered as a tax deductible contribution to the School.

*Happy New Year*

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## The American Farm School

Thessaloniki, Greece

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