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SARASOTA--The director of an unusual agricultural school, founded by Americans to assist young Greeks, will be at New College Thursday, March 7 to give an illustrated talk about the school.

The talk which will follow an informal luncheon, will tell the story of the unusual school founded in 1902 in Thessaloniki by an American missionary to teach young Greek boys farming skills and techniques.

Bruce Lansdale, the director of the school since 1955, is now touring the country, meeting with interested people and building support for the institution. At New College, he also will talk with students who hope to visit Greece.

American Farm School, which began with 12 boys and 50 acres of unproductive land, now has fifty buildings, 200 boys, thousands of adults participating in short courses, and 400 acres of highly productive land.

To the boys enrolled at the school, the faculty offers the curriculum of the equivalent of a junior high school and also such practical skills as carpentry, masonry, plumbing and wiring, plus courses in modern agricultural science.

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American Farm School is governed by an American Board of Trustees and while 43 per cent of its budget comes from the operation of the school, the balance is raised by private contributions.

Anyone interested may attend the luncheon by calling 355-7131, Ext. 347. Luncheon is cafeteria style and dutch treat. The program will start about 1 p.m. and anyone may attend that part without reservation to be held in the private dining room of Hamilton Center.