

AMERICAN SCHOOL FOR BOYS

TALAS-KAYSERİ

TURKEY

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TALAS AMERİKAN MEKTEBİ

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SCHOOL MOTTO: TO TRAIN HAND, HEAD, HEALTH, AND HEART



Turkish village boys make good in shop work.



Village boys of last class ready to meet life.



American children and Turkish boys find common fun in Sports.

TALAS, a suburb of Kayseri, is 4000 feet above sea level at the foot of Mt. Argeus. On the hill overlooking the town is the American High School.

Before the war it was a Normal School for boys and girls. During the war, when teachers and students were scattered, it was used as a Turkish Hospital. After the war, schools and orphanages re-opened for a short time, but once more the evacuation of Greeks and Armenians left the buildings empty.

In 1928 school re-opened as a VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL for boys. For 8 years it has continued with a Turkish American faculty and mostly Turkish students from the near-by villages.

The program is a four-year course of English and Turkish, Business and Trades aimed to prepare a boy to meet life directly on leaving school. Tuition is \$ 16 a year, boarders pay \$ 140 a year, village boys boarding themselves in the Hostel spend on the average \$ 60 a year for food.

Turkey has begun an industrial program. Tradesmen are needed in the Government factories. Talas boys learn mechanical drawing, shop mathematics and one trade (lathe, milling machine, foundry, welding, or carpentry) Most of the village boys being poor, must leave school before graduating and quickly find work in the new factories.

The school is supported by APPROPRIATIONS from the American Board, by RECEIPTS from the students and by GIFTS from friends. Gifts can be sent as follows:

Cash or checks to Harold Belcher, Treasurer,

American Board, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Heavy articles, (equipment, films, tool, etc.)

to Mr. Harvey Meeken, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.



Mt. Argeus, 13, 900 ft always challenges teachers and boys. "Climb me!"



Principal's House

School and Dormitory

Shop.

Some of our needs are :

Scholarships, \$ 16 pays a boy's tuition. \$ 80 pays board and tuition in the Hostel.

Book fund, new books for library, \$ 50, school books for poor boys, \$ 50.

Athletic fund, \$ 50 for footballs, volleyballs, etc.

Educational 16 mm. movie films.

Shop equipment and upkeep, \$ 200.

Paint and whitewash school rooms, \$ 75.

20 stone steps, \$ 40.

100 loads clay for shop roof, \$ 10.

Teachers's salary, \$ 800.



Republic of Turkey. Population 17,000,000.