



Greeks Welcome Grady—Henry F. Grady, U. S. ambassador to Greece, is carried shoulder-high by Greeks on his arrival at Salonika for a week-long lecture tour of their country.

**GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR IT**

**Fat Lady Who Got in Midget's Bathtub Should Look at Record**

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Washington, Dec. 7 (U.P.)—The fat lady who got herself stuck in a midget's bathtub in Council Bluffs, Ia., should have looked at the record.

This lady took over the house of a midget friend who was away. Come bath-time, she tried to shoe-horn herself into a tub only 36 inches long. She got in, according to her own testimony later, and then stuck there—for 60 hours, until the neighbors got worried and busted in the door.



All of this set me to looking into the record.

The Greeks, who seem to have had a word for everything, including "tub," were the first to use bathtubs. Only they weren't exactly bathtubs. More correctly, they were bowls, described in the language of the times as "overgrown punchbowls."

They were, it seems, fine bowls for filling with water for the bath. They rested on pedestals about three feet high. Only trouble was they were not big enough for the bather.

But the Greek of olden days, a resourceful man, solved that. He stood on a big slab of stone, dipped his hands inside the bowl and sloped water over himself, as in taking a sponge bath without a sponge.

The first bathtub ever installed in America was plenty big enough for several people. According to a book on file in the Library of Congress, this tub was installed by Adam Thompson, a wealthy cotton and grain dealer of Cincinnati.

The tub was encased in Nicaraguan mahogany, and was lined with sheet metal. It was 7 feet long and four feet wide. It weighed 1750 pounds. The water was pumped in.

One of the papers of the day reports that on Dec. 20, 1842, Thompson had an open house at his place to show off the "new invention." He invited several guests to try the thing on for size and several of them did.

The word spread around the country and created a furor. The news got as far as Virginia, where the legislators promptly put a \$30 tax on bathtubs "in case they ever come this way," plus an increase in the water tax for tubbers.

There has been a lot of controversy as to why the bathtubs of the olden days and many of the modern ones, slant in the back. Some plumbing people claim that the old-time kings and knights had their servants stand by to splash water over the old man's back. It sounds reasonable.

Other sources say that the tub leaned back for relaxation and maybe reading a good book.

Today we have square tubs, round tubs, some of them sunk a foot or so.

Seldom do you find any legs on tubs.

Most folks prefer a shower, anyhow.

And that probably goes for the lady from Council Bluffs.

**Presbyterians Offer Friendship Program**

Gervais—The monthly supper and fellowship night of the Presbyterian church will be held Wednesday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock at the church parlors. Following will be a sound picture, "Into the Good Ground," shown by Dr. G. Henry Green, Oregon field representative of the board of national missions and the board of Christian education of the Presbyterian church.

**Dinner Honors Eleven**

Falls City—A 7 o'clock turkey dinner was served honoring the football players in the high school dining room by the mer-

**Honor Roll at Sacred Heart**

Names of pupils who are listed on the honor rolls of Sacred Heart high school during the second six weeks period included:

Seniors: First honors—Donna Marie Berry, Audrey Pearson; second honors—Nancy Brown, Margaret Day, Gloria Keller, Alan Peasi, Marlene Raschko, Barbara VanCleave, Dwyn Anne Herberger; third honors—Marjorie Daves, Margaret Jankovik, Geraldine Kiser, Jere McCarthy, Doris Robbans, William Schwartz, Betty Stadler, Jo Ann Washburn.

Juniors: First honors—Robert Kavariki; second honors—Donna Betscher, Joanne Coleman, Grace Corey, Kenneth Krebs; third honors, Janice Jackson.

Sophomores: First honors—Joan Sawchuk, Maxine Renis, Betty Rose Seltzer; second honors—Mary Ann Fischer, Mildred Melhof, Vivienne Brown, Harold Koch, Frank Lebold, Jacobus Rom, Michael Raschko, Inez Zumstein; third honors—Sharon Rothenthal, Catherine McCormack, Muriel French, Larry Hamstret, Connie Renstra, Janette Hills, Shirley Koutser, Jack Kropp, Lillian Palmer.

Freshmen: First honors—Dionne Delaha, Joann Steiner, Robert Stevens, Dianey Dvorak, Jacqueline Larson, Shirley Hartz; second honors—Teresa Bello, Sandra Riven, Joann Brown, Vance Cooney, Donald Peasi, Barbara Snook, Robert Joseph, Carol Bentz, Charlene Fouat, Patricia Gillis, Meredith Hayes, Janet Connet, Delores Schmitt, Mary Angela Guine;

**Tonic Needed to Revitalize Sick Flax Industry in State**

Need of a tonic to revitalize a "sick" flax industry was expressed by Henry R. Crawford, chairman of the new state flax board, at a meeting of the group here Tuesday. "Definite grading and processing to make fiber uniform will be of great benefit to flax growers in reestablishing the industry," Crawford declared. He said that while some flax fiber has been very good and some very bad, but by mixing the two grades the over-all result was a poor quality.

Much of the condition now faced by growers is due to the poor growing weather the last two years which has resulted in around 300 tons of fiber that the growers now have on hand. Crawford feels that the first duty of the board to the growers is to help them get rid of this hold-over with every effort to be made to cooperate with the growers and stabilize the industry. Towards this end the board agreed upon a general policy embracing three definite moves.

First step toward rehabilitation in the industry is good seed, with the group discussing

possibility of the state making the purchase and selling it through cooperatives. Determination of the best type of soil and proper fertilization should be the second step and selection of the correct time to pull the flax the third step. A central selling agency was also discussed.

The market situation does not provide a problem to flax production for a good flax always finds a good market, Crawford said. The board was agreed that length should not be the principal factor in judging quality of flax.

The board also agreed upon the need of one or two competent field men to work with the cooperatives to help get the industry back on its feet.

Other board members were Raymond P. Smith, St. Paul; Dean William A. Schoenfeld, Corvallis; A. E. Krahmer, Hillsboro and Frank King, Portland; Harry Dorman, state budget di-

rector, was unable to meet with the group but has been working closely with the members.

**Gervais Is Pleased By Class Production**

Gervais — The junior class play, "Grand Steps Out," given at the Gervais Union high

school auditorium, was a great success. Members of the cast included Charles Fitzgerald, Lou Dobson, Roberta Jones, Stanley Dodd, Dorothy Jaenicke, Thelma Vandehey, Dorothy Zysset, Helen Scholz, Earl McCollum, Douglas Hall, Earl Belleque, Mary Lynn Peck, Paul Martin and

Vera Helmig. The play was directed by Miss Addy Lane, dramatic instructor.

Honor Court Slated Willamina — The local Boy Scout troop is planning a Court of Honor for December 15. During November ten new boys joined the Scout troop.

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