

Greek Student At Morgan Tells How Americans' Help Saved His Life Following Serious Injury In Accident

BALTIMORE, MD. — Are we winning any friends yet?

On this question, 22-year-old Gerassimos Sargoligos of Ephesus, Greece, now a student at Morgan State College, answers with an emphatic "Yes!"

Gerassimos owes his life to the American Mission in Greece and he'd like Americans here to know that overseas Americans do win friends.

"I think it will be good for the Americans to know that they help people," Gerassimos says.

Because he speaks very little English, Gerassimos—who has already been Americanized by college chums who've dubbed him plain "Pete"—tells his story in a scrapbook carefully detailed with pictures and his own comments.

It's the story of a rescue from tragedy that began on the morning of March 11, 1957.

Gerassimos was working on the roof of a plant, 27 feet high, in the little town of Preveza in Epirus, a Greek city bordering Italy. He stumbled and fell.

"The doctors told my relatives that I was suffering from a fracture of my spine and that there were but few hopes of my living since the means available at the Preveza hospital were inadequate for such an operation. I was doomed to die in a few days," Gerassimos has written.

"Luckily, however," he continues, "the American Mission was informed and Mr. Ned Mason (of the Mission) came to my rescue."

The personal plane of the Naval Attache of the American Embassy in Athens was sent to Gerassimos' rescue and flew him on the one hour and 15 minute flight over the 300 miles from Preveza to Athens.

Gerassimos' carefully compiled book reflects how impressed he and all the residents of Preveza were that a high American official interceded, as the book puts it—"to save the life of a poor laborer." Pictures show Preveza residents as they followed and intently watched the transport of their injured countryman on a stretcher to the plane.

At the Voula Hospital in Athens, Gerassimos was operated on successfully and after four months of hospitalization was released.

In the interim he made friends with the American Am-

bassador and through his help came to the United States to study.

Gerassimos arrived in New York in March, 1958, and came to Morgan in April. He's one of two students from Greece among the forty-one from fourteen foreign countries enrolled at the college as of June. The other Greek student is Basil Cateforis of Athens.



It's that time of year again when good cooks all over the country can expect to receive their rewards. Finalists in the 10th Grand National Pillsbury Bake-Off, to be held September 22, will soon be announced and 100 fortunate homemakers will prepare for an exciting trip to New York to compete for the Bake-Off's over \$100,000 in prizes.

Scene of the Bake-Off this year will be the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, miraculously converted for the day into the World's Largest Kitchen, by the General Electric Company, who provide the ranges and mixers used by all contestants.

Typical of the excitement and glamour afforded Bake-Off contestants is the experience of Mrs. Betty Stark, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a finalist in last year's contest. Mrs. Stark is a graduate of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, and holds a Master's Degree in music from Columbia University in New York. She makes beautiful music in the kitchen, too. For her winning "Oatmeal Chip Cookie" recipe, she was flown to last year's Bake-Off city, Hollywood, where she was entertained at the famous Beverly-Hilton Hotel, met movie star Ronald Reagan (pictured above), and toured nearby Disneyland.

While Mrs. Stark didn't win one of the large cash prizes, she received General Electric's "top of the line" Keyboard Range with large double ovens and a host of automatic cooking features guaranteed to keep a champion cook happy and make it easier for a beginner to become an expert.

Four Delta Sigma Theta Founders Expected At 25th National Confab

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Four of the 17 living founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are expected in the Nation's Capital for the sorority's 25th national convention to be held in the Stapler-Hilton Hotel August 17-23.

Due to attend the seven days of sessions consisting of public service workshops, panel discussions, tours, luncheons, concert recitals, banquets and balls are the following founders:

Mrs. Winona Cargile Alexander, a Jacksonville, Fla. school teacher; Mrs. Eliza P. Shippen, a retired college professor, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Florence L. Tombs, a retired District of Columbia school teacher and Mrs. Myra Davis Hemming, a San Antonio, Texas school teacher.

Founded in 1913 at Howard University, Washington, D. C., by 22 Negro women faced with what has been called "the double handicap of race and sex," Delta Sigma Theta now has 20,000 members in 247 chapters located in 48 states and Haiti.

The 13 founders not expected at the convention are Mrs. Oaceola McCarthy Adams, an actress and director, residing in New York City; Mrs. Ethel Cuff Black, of Jamaica, N. Y.; Mrs. Bertha Pitts Campbell, a retired school teacher of Seattle; Mrs. Zephyr Chism Carter, of Los Angeles; Mrs. Fredricka Chase Dadd, a Dallas school teacher; Mrs. Ethel Carr Watson, of Williamamatic, Conn.; Mrs. Jimmie Bugg Middleton, a retired Washington, D. C. school

Weaver, of Los Angeles; Mrs. Madru Penn White, former newspaper publisher, of Cleveland; Mrs. Wertie Blackwell Land; Mrs. Edith Mott Young, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Pauline Oberdorfer Minor, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Carl Murphy, of Baltimore, wife of the president of the Afro-American newspapers and Mrs. Naomi Sewell Richardson, of Washingtonville, N. Y.

The five deceased Delta founders are Mrs. Marguerite Young Alexander, Mrs. Jessie McGuire Dent, Mrs. Edna Brown Coleman, Mrs. Mamie R. Rose and Miss Olive Jones.

Expected at the convention also are three former national presidents—Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander, the much-honored Philadelphia attorney who was Delta's first national president, from 1919 to 1923, now honorary president and legal adviser of the sorority; Mrs. Gladys Byram Sheppard of Baltimore, who served from 1931 to 1933 and is compiling materials on the life of the late civil rights leader of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Mary Church Terrell and Miss Elsie Austin, Washington attorney and executive director of the National Council of Negro Women, who served from 1939 to 1944.

Current president of the public-service sorority is Mrs. Dorothy P. Harrison, whose husband, G. Lamar Harrison, is president of Langston University, of Langston, Oklahoma.

Faculty pre-planning for the fall semester at Florida A&M University begins, September 11.

West Durham News

Return To Philadelphia
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Clarke have returned to their home in Philadelphia after a most pleasant visit with Mrs. Clarke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Powe Street.

Flower Club Closes
The West Durham Blossom Garden Club closed for the summer recently with a wai-ner roast on her lawn at a wai-ner toast phens on Powe Street. Club members and their guests enjoyed the evening roasting wai-ners and hamburgers and playing games.

Return Home
Little Misses Patricia and Barbara Bowling have returned to their home on Gattis Street after a pleasant visit with friends in South Carolina.

Recuperating
James Rogers of Burlington, who has been confined to Veteran's Hospital is recuperating at the home of his sister, Mrs. Martha Rogers on Gattis St.

Vacationing
Rev. and Mrs. J. Z. Siler of Fifth Street are vacationing in Siler City and Fayetteville.

Returns To New York
Mrs. Carrye Long has returned to her home in Mount Vernon, N. Y., after spending the past few days visiting her sister, Miss Lillie Rogers and Mrs. Estie Walker on Fourth Street.

Entertains At Cook-Out
On Tuesday evening, Miss Margaret Stepiens entertained on her lawn at a wai-ner toast honoring Mrs. Mozella McLaughlin's house guests. Those enjoying Miss Stephens' hospitality were: Mrs. McLaughlin her sisters, Mrs. Leah Hawler and Miss Juanita Lambert of New York and her brother Ralph Lambert and Mrs. Lambert of New York.

Return Home
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt have returned to their home in Canton, Ohio, after a two weeks vacation with Mrs. Holt's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Sr., 1022 Ferrell Street.

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up National Negro Newspaper Publishers' big radio story. Let down, flexible, but not ruffled. Duke dropped his musical frame down at the piano and gave to CBS' audience a medley of Ellington originals which made his a big part of the sixty-minute international broadcast—Negro war correspondents from North Africa and London, skits, publishers' panel from F.D.R., etc.

Then there was December 26, 1947, we were promoting the centenary of the Republic of Liberia and Duke had been commissioned to compose the "Liberian Suite." And he had—a beautiful composite of an introduction, "I Like the Sunrise," and five dances, "representing the spirit motivating the foundation" of the West African Republic. December 26, 1947, saw 28 inches of snow in New York City—more snow than the Big City had seen for a while. Liberia's elder statesman, C.D.B. King, his country's top diplomatic representative to the U.S.A., was there, as was our Mary McLeod Bethune. Mr. King had never seen snow, nor we as much. But Duke's world premiere of the Liberian Suite went off as scheduled at Carnegie Hall.

Now I witness an Ellington recording session. Back of the glass, Irv Townsend is ready. The band is ready, and naturally, the Duke. I'm ready because I love Ellington's sounds—thanks to Al Shostman for my copy of the "Liberian Suite." Duke records—take one!

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reasonably afford to make his life better and living easier.

Electricity generated by investor-owned utilities, has always been sold at bargain rates. In an economy where prices have doubled, consumer electricity costs have held the line and in many cases decreased.

It is the plan and purpose of the electric industry in blue-printing the next 20 years to have these costs remain at a level where the American consumer will continue to think of the electricity that makes life happier for himself and his family as inexpensive and dependable.

Finally, it is inconsistent to suppose that the electric industry could radiate such confidence in its own growth without believing that the national economy will experience a corresponding period of prosperity.

In looking to 1975, we view the current situation as a breathing spell. In the past, readjustments such as this one have been followed by greater gains in the economy than before. The electric industry, with its experience in the past and its faith in the future, can have no other viewpoint.

NCC Receives Alumni Gift

William A. Marsh, president of the North Carolina College National Alumni Association, has announced the award of five tuition scholarships to NCC for the 1959-60 school year.

Marsh's announcement was contained in a letter to President Alfonso Elder.

The total cash value of the award is \$488.50.

Dormitories open for freshmen entering Florida A&M University for the 1959-60 school year at 9 o'clock, Saturday morning, September 12.

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