

## Meet The Winner

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# Grady Says He Was Confident From Start

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J. Harold Grady says he knew it all the time.

The State's attorney, who upset Mayor D'Alesandro by a stunning 33,000-vote margin in the Democratic mayoral primary Tuesday, said today that he "was confident that I was going to win from the day I filed."

This bold statement is an unusual one for Mr. Grady, a mild man with a soft grin who says of himself: "I don't have much color."

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He disclosed that he started thinking about running for mayor last summer, while still a candidate—albeit unopposed—for his first elective term as city prosecutor.

### Assumed Beall Defeat

At the time, he confessed, he "more or less assumed" that Mr. D'Alesandro would unseat Republican Senator Beall in November and go to Washington.

But he says he did not begin to "think seriously" about the mayoralty until after "the Mayor"—as he still refers to Mr. D'Alesandro—was defeated by Mr. Beall.

"I thought that his (Mr. D'Alesandro's) desire to run for another office indicated that he was dubious about his chances of reelection," Mr. Grady noted.

Encouraged by a group of friends and advisers, the State's attorney decided to seek the promotion before he even was sworn in to his four-year term at the Courthouse.

### Dinner In Little Italy

Ironically, "things really started germinating" at a dinner at a restaurant in the heart of Little Italy, less than a block from the red-brick home of the Mayor.

When Governor Tawes confounded the Grady camp by abandoning his reportedly pledged neutrality to indorse Mr. D'Alesandro, "it caused a reassessment of our position," Mr. Grady recalls.

But it was decided that the political groups which would be swayed by the Governor were "not of sufficient importance" to swing the election.

### Be Confident First

Mr. Grady, who says he "had never given any thought to the size of my majority," likened his analysis of his chances to the trial of a case in court.

"First you study and analyze the facts, and make sure you're confident that you're going to

win," he said. Then worries crop up along the way, casting doubts on this confidence. Then the jury goes out, deliberates a few hours "and returns the verdict you expected in the first place, and you say: 'I knew it all the time.'"

The man who "knew it all the time" was born 42 years ago in Williamsport, Pa., the son of a Pennsylvania Railroad employee whose job took the family from place to place in Pennsylvania before he came to Baltimore as Maryland passenger trainmaster in 1928.

Mr. Grady's comparative youth, his boyish smile and the extent of his victory in his first fight for election have combined to stamp him as the boy wonder of Maryland politics. As a settled family man with four children, he is understandably not too enamored of this description.

### Good At His Studies

When he could be called a boy with more chronological correctness, he was a wonder only in the classroom.

Ignoring campus politics and high school sports, he was quiet and studious during his years at parochial schools, City College and Forest Park High School, from which he was graduated in 1934.

He read voraciously—starting with the complete works of the Rover Boys and Tom Swift, and working up to today's best sellers. He still devours literature for entertainment. His specialty is historical novels; his enthusiasm for detective stories was curbed by his five years in the FBI.

### Honors At Loyola, U.M.

He entered the FBI in 1941, after graduating magna cum laude from Loyola College in 1938 and while earning top honors at the University of Maryland Law School.

After resigning from the FBI with a commendation from Director J. Edgar Hoover for his work as a special agent, Mr. Grady was appointed an assistant State's attorney in 1947 by the late J. Bernard Wells, in a "purely personal"

—that is, nonpolitical—appointment. Mr. Grady became deputy in 1955 and State's attorney in November, 1956, when Anselm Sodaro was promoted to the Supreme Bench.

When he decided to run for mayor, Mr. Grady recalls, his gracious wife, the former Patricia

Grogan, did not encourage or discourage him, but was "agreeable" if that's what he wanted. His four children thought it was a great idea.

The mayoral candidate, whose moderate courtroom manner is reflected in his campaigning (he rarely shouts, almost never loses his temper), says his "soft sell" technique is "not consciously a soft sell."

He's intense, he indicated, even if he's not yelling.

The husky, blue-eyed State's attorney plans to take a few days off next week, visiting a sister in Larchmont, N.Y., and then go to work on headquarters planning in preparation for the start of his general election campaign late this month.

He terms former Governor McKeldin "a very formidable opponent."

Incidentally, Mr. Grady thinks that Governor Tawes's controversial Green Bag and the subsequent commotion about it—a furor that many persons think led to the Grady triumph—was like the final stage of a satellite launching.

"The launching was a success," he avers, as that grin starts again, "even if the last stage had not occurred."



**THE GRADYS AT HOME**—J. Harold Grady, who won the Democratic mayoral primary Tuesday, sits with his family for a portrait at their home in the 1400 block Stonewood road. They

are (left to right) Maureen, 15; Kathleen, 5; Thomas, 3; Mrs. Grady, Mr. Grady, and Joseph H., Jr., 11. Mr. Grady unseated Mayor D'Alesandro after three straight four-year terms.