

Rockefeller Richest Man To Hold Public Office

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Nelson A. Rockefeller found out early in life he was going to have to make his own way.

He got a 25-cent weekly allowance as a boy, supplemented it by shining the family's shoes and kept books which were inspected closely by his father and grandfather, America's first billionaire.

Nelson is now governor-elect of New York at age 50. He scored a stunning victory over Averell W. Harriman despite warnings from friend that it was foolish to try.

"They told me a Rockefeller couldn't hope to be either nominated or elected," he says. "So I said to myself: 'Well, let's find out.' I believe the American people judge people by what they are, regardless of where they come from."

Rockefeller overcame the handicap of being a multi-millionaire in politics mainly by exposing

one of the warmest and most engaging personalities on the political scene.

None Were Spoiled

His family saw to it that Nelson and his four brothers and one sister didn't become spoiled.

"I was totally unconscious of being a rich boy," he says. "When we lived on the estate at Tarrytown, my brother Laurance and I had the shoe shine concession for the house. We got a nickel a shine."

"We also had gardens to take care of and we'd sell vegetables to the family. We also had some rabbits and we sold them to the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research."

Nelson's grandfather also paid him for catching flies — 10 cents per hundred.

He was closest to Laurance. They thought their names stuffy and called each other Dick and Bill. Laurance is still Bill to the family.

Nelson went to a "progressive" school in New York. When it came time for college, he chose Dartmouth as more democratic than other Ivy League schools favored by young men of his class.

Taught Sunday School

In college he favored sweat shirts and tennis shoes in attire. He ran out of money and recouped by working in the cafeteria. He taught Sunday School for little girls for four years. He ran for president of the junior class and was beaten by a dark horse.

A week after graduation, he married Mary Todhunter Clark of Philadelphia, a girl with whom he had sailed and swam at the summer resort of Bar Harbor, Me. His father's wedding gift was a honeymoon trip around the world.

But he came back to one of the toughest jobs imaginable. In mid-depression his father had stubbornly gone ahead with building the gigantic Rockefeller Center and the 23-year-old Nelson was given the task of getting tenants.

He plunged into it with typical energy, got himself involved in lawsuits when he bought up leases of companies in other buildings and persuaded them to move. He brought Rockefeller Center up from a loss of 4 million dollars a year to an annual profit of 20 million dollars.

Taught Self-Help

In 1935, as a director of Creole Petroleum Co., he went to South America on a trip that shaped the course of his life. Nelson is sympathetic with Latins and he was distressed by their terrible living conditions.

He took a course in Spanish at Berlitz and returned two years later with a program of development and self-help which now is

famous throughout the South American continent.

At outbreak of World War II, he was dismayed at the inroads Hitler was making there. He drew up a list of 1,800 Latin American firms trading with Germany. It came to the attention of Harry Hopkins and then of President Roosevelt who named Rockefeller to head a department to combat Nazi influence there.

Subsequently Nelson served under Presidents Truman and Eisenhower. He helped draft the Point Four program. Under Eisenhower he helped set up the new Health, Education and Welfare Department and later became an aide in the State Department, working among other things on Eisenhower's "open skies" inspection plan.

Father Of Five

Nelson and Mrs. Rockefeller have five children and four grandchildren. Their oldest son, Rodman, 26, and daughter, Ann, 24, have married and moved away. Steven, 22, enters the Army shortly. Only the twins, Mary and Michael, 20, are left at home.

Rockefeller does not smoke and drinks only wine.

He is about 5 feet, 10 inches, and getting chunky. To keep his waistline down he does setting up exercises every morning and walks the half-mile from the apartment to Rockefeller Center.

Right now he and his wife are basking in the sun on their Venezuelan farm, getting ready to tackle a job which some people think may lead Nelson Rockefeller to the White House.

(Tomorrow: The Rockefellers work as a team and here's the scoreboard).

Candidates Hosts For Party Tuesday

The unopposed Democratic candidates of Adams county will be hosts to members of the Democratic party at a carry-in supper at the Decatur American Legion home at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Dr. Harry H. Hebble, Democratic county chairman, announced today.

The candidates will furnish turkey and dressing, and each guest is asked to bring a special dish and table service. Coffee and arrangements will be made by the Democratic Women's club. Hosts for the evening will be Von A. Eichhorn, Severin Schuriger, Richard Lewton, and Merle Affolder.

Candidates To File Campaign Expenses

Candidates for public office are required to file with the clerk of the Adams circuit court a full and itemized statement in writing within 30 days after the election, according to the election laws of Indiana.

Up to the filing of the statement, the clerk will issue to the candidate a certificate showing the filing of the statement and the date of filing. Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this section, will be guilty of a misdemeanor. Ten days after the period fixed for the filing, the clerk will notify the prosecuting officer of any failure to file the statements required. Fifteen days following this, the prosecuting officer will proceed to prosecute for the offense.

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Youth Of West Berlin Break Up Red Rally

Angered At Threats Of Blockade, Turn Rally Into Fiasco

BERLIN (UPI) — Three thousand angry young West Berliners tried Thursday night to break up a Communist political rally in blockade-threatened West Berlin. Riot police kept them from mauling the Reds but the rally was turned into a fiasco.

The Communists, targets of a stone throwing barrage and taunts of "traitor" and "down with the Communists," returned to East Berlin later by devious ways to escape the wrath of the West Berlin youths. Some stragglers home in the early hours today.

Ironically the West Berlin police who prevented the West Berliners from mobbing the Communists learned their technique in training to halt Communist riots. There have been frequent clashes in recent years and the West Berlin police are masters of riot technique.

Election Coming Up

The Communists called the political rally in hopes of picking up votes for the Dec. 7 municipal elections in West Berlin. The Reds won 2.7 per cent of the votes in the last election and are not represented in the West Berlin government. Five per cent is necessary to win seats under the City's proportional representation system.

About 8,000 Communists attended the rally. Most of them were from East Berlin and betrayed their origin by automatically displaying their identity cards as they entered the building. The practice is not necessary in West Berlin.

Communist speakers echoed the Monday statement by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev that the Western Allies should give up their occupation rights in Berlin.

Fear Crippling Blockade

The anger displayed by the West Berliners reflected their fears the Soviets might permit the East German Communists to impose a crippling blockade on Berlin—one far worse than that of 1948-49 when Allied planes saved the city with a gigantic airlift.

This time the Westerners feared the Reds would close the air routes as well.

The city already was checking its food stocks in event of emergency. The city government announced it had six to nine month stocks of coal, gasoline, sugar, flour, cereals, meat, milk, fat, potatoes and other goods for 2,200,000 persons.

One big fear was that any blockade would ruin West Berlin's thriving economy. Food might be flown in but not supplies for industry.

Man Is Jailed For Public Intoxication

The city police department arrested a former Adams county resident Thursday afternoon for public intoxication and placed him in the Adams county jail to await trial today in mayor's court.

Roy McClure, 67, of Ossian, was arrested by the city police at the intersection of Fifth and Monroe streets Thursday for public intoxication. He was taken to the Adams county jail pending hearing today in mayor's court. McClure received a fine of \$15 this forenoon, but was again placed in the county jail when he was unable to pay his fine.

Driver Fined Here On Speeding Charge

A speeder appeared in justice of the peace court Thursday evening following his arrest by the Indiana State police on 13th street. Carl R. Siders, 37, Angola, was arrested for driving 41 miles per hour in a posted zone of 30 miles per hour on 13th street Thursday night. Siders received a fine of \$16.75 in court following his arrest after pleading guilty to the charge.

VFW Auxiliary Is Sponsoring Contest

High school students of the public, parochial or private schools of Adams county are reminded that they may enter the \$1,000 essay contest sponsored this year by the ladies auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign War throughout the country.

Persons desiring information on the essay contest, which includes a number of prizes under the \$1,000 first prize, may obtain it by writing to the V.F.W. auxiliary essay contests, national headquarters, 406 W. 34th street, Kansas City, Mo.

The title for the essay this year is "The Space-Age Challenge to America." The contest closes March 15, 1959.

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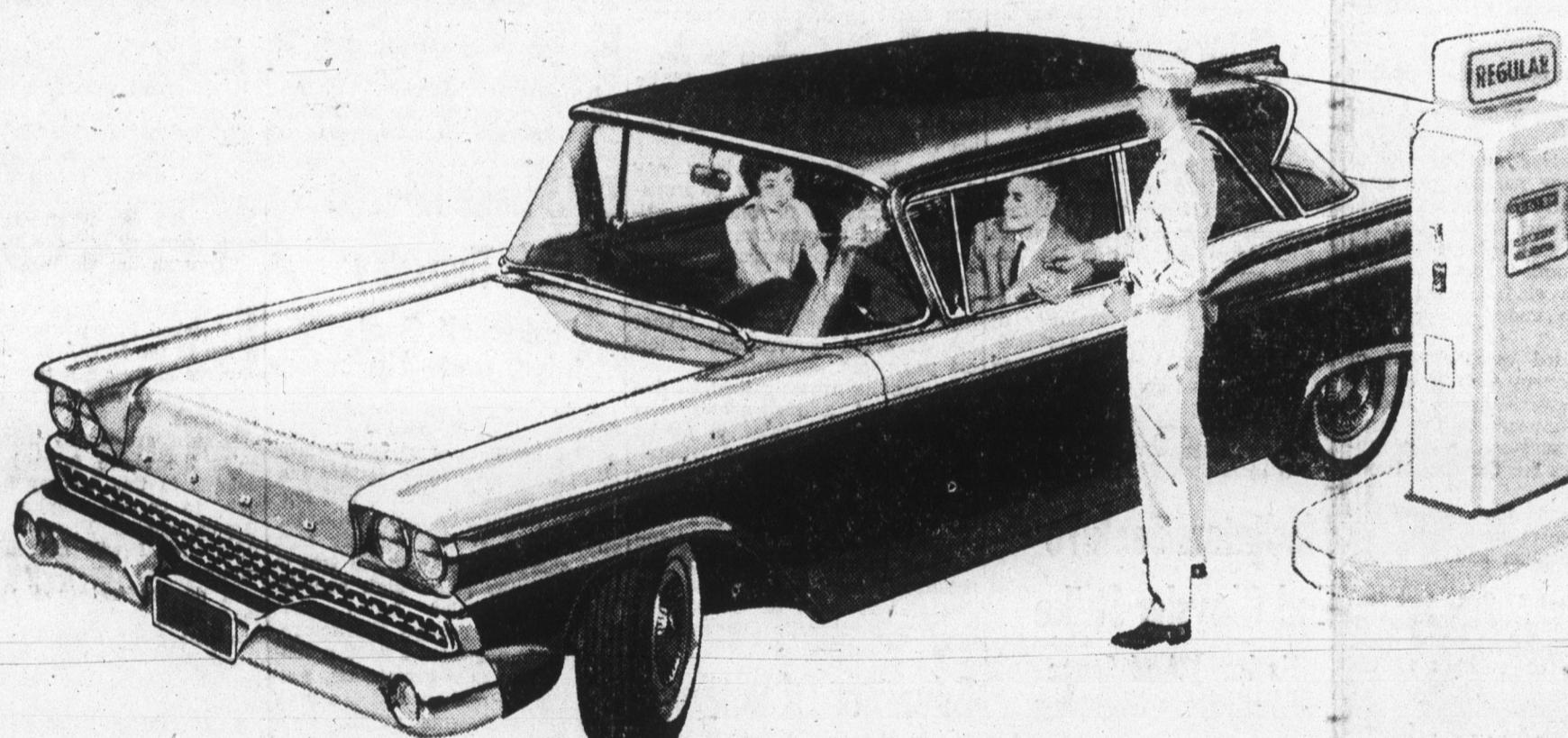
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