

Rockefeller Added To Weekly Allowance With Shoe Shine Job

(Editor's note: Following is the second of three articles on the life of Nelson Rockefeller, who recently was elected governor of New York.)

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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 friends 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 multimillionaire 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 nickle 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 the 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 hon-

eymoon 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



MEETING newsmen in Hollywood, Kathy Crosby, wife of Bing Crosby, tells of auto crash in which she suffered cut chin needing 15 stitches.

Talent Tournery Set By D. A. V.

Tickets for the eighth annual Talent Tournery sponsored by Jackson County chapter, Disabled American Veterans are now on sale at Gary's Cafe and Fountain, Sixth and Ivy sts., Veterans club, 42 North Frant st., and Dick and Dot's, North Bartlett st., according to Pat Graham, department commander.

The tournament this year is open to all amateur acts of young people under 18 years of age. For competing purposes the event will be divided into two categories, those who have won in previous years and those who are non-winners. Prizes will be awarded in each category in such type of talent act, such as vocal, instrumental, dancing, and best act under 10 years of age. The winners in each classification will compete for the grand prize.

Persons interested in entering the contest should contact Graham, 174 Jeannett street, SPring 2-4192.

Plead Guilty To Contributing Charge

Donald Martin Fiedler and Barbara Fiedler, both 35, of Grand hotel, Medford, pleaded guilty to charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor in circuit court Friday afternoon before Judge Edward C. Kelly.

They were ordered to the state hospital for 30 days prior to sentencing by the court. The couple were arrested by state and city police Nov. 12.

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 a year to an annual profit of \$20 million.

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 simpatico 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.

WANTED: LANGUAGES

Washington—(UPI)—Seventy-five per cent of American scientists know at least one foreign language, but only two per cent know any Russian, Chinese or Japanese, the National Science Foundation has reported.

SIGN TRADE PACT

Moscow—(UPI)—Russia and India have signed a second five-year trade agreement that will exchange Soviet machinery and metals for Indian agricultural products, the Soviet Tass news agency said today.

Johnson Speaks To United Nations

United Nations, N.Y.—(UPI)—Senate majority leader Lyndon B. Johnson told the United States has no differences "within our government, between our parties or among our people" on the goal of dedicating outer space to peaceful purposes.

The Texas Democrat was sent by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to demonstrate to the world that the United States stands completely behind the administration's

program to keep outer space for peace.

A vacuum chamber 70 feet long is said to be the first of its kind. In it altitudes up to 100,000 feet can be simulated and temperatures up to 830 degrees Fahrenheit produced. It will be used to test full-size models of aircraft.

Inflatable cushions are being used instead of the usual bracing to wedge freight tightly in box cars.

Achievement-Night Set for 4-H Clubs

Central Point and West Side General 4-H clubs will meet at 8 p.m., Tuesday evening in the Central Point Grange hall. This is the annual achievement night when awards will be presented, according to 4-H club spokesmen.

Election of officers will be held also. The Table Rock 4-H club members will receive their awards at this meeting. All parents and friends are invited.

The towers of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco are 746 feet high.

The number of farm workers in Britain has fallen from 662,000 to 568,000 since 1951.

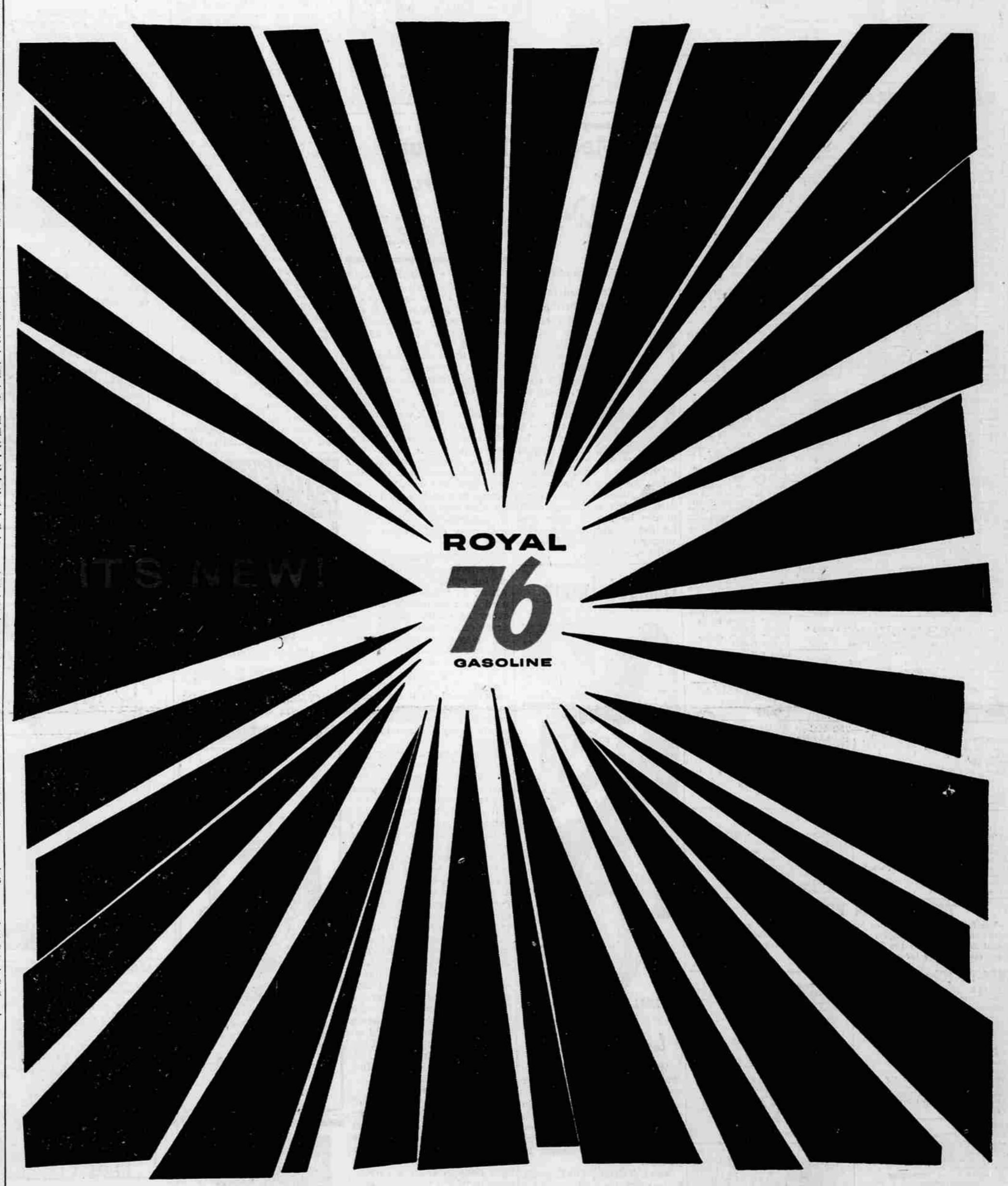
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