

Rockefellers Close-Knit Clan; Differences in Temperament

Editor's note: This is the last of three articles on Nelson Rockefeller, who recently defeated Averell Harriman for the governorship of New York.

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New York — On the 56th floor of the central skyscraper in the towers of Rockefeller Center is a door with the lettering: "Rockefeller, office of the messrs."

Behind that door are the offices of the world's wealthiest clan — John D. Jr., 84, and four of his five sons: John D. III, 52; Nelson, 50; Laurance, 48; and David, 43.

If necessary, space can be found for Winthrop, 46, and for the one sister, Mrs. Abbe Mauze, 54.

Nelson, governor-elect of New York and a 1960 Republican presidential possibility, is now by far the best known of the Rockefellers. But this is a close-knit family and seldom does one take a major step without consulting the others.

Nelson, for example, asked his father and brothers to meet with him in suite 5600 last winter before making the final decision to put a Rockefeller in the political arena.

Tremendous Fortune
Each of the grandchildren of the late John D. has a fortune of more than \$100 mil-

lion. The father's wealth is estimated at more than \$500 million. The family is estimated to have given away \$2 billion altogether ranging from the dimes John D. passed out to such vast projects as buying up a vast tract in the Grand Tetons and donating it as a national park.

The brothers are considerably different in temperament and ambition.

John D. III calls himself "the shy one." His main occupation is to administer the Rockefeller Foundation, the giant philanthropic trust which has given away more than \$565 million and still has nearly \$600 million left.

He is also interested in the arts and hopes to create in New York a Lincoln center for the performing arts, making it the focal point for the finest talent in music, dancing and drama.

Mrs. Mauze, wife of a banker, is the "silent partner" in the Rockefeller enterprises and also a reserved woman who had devoted her time to her family.

Laurance Invests in Gadgets
Nelson is the one with the greatest drive for public recognition. He is the only one of the brother not to see service in World War II but that was because he was ordered

by the White House to stay on in Washington as special assistant on Latin American affairs.

Laurance is looked upon as the most ambitious speculator. After donating half the Island of St. John in the Virgin Islands as a national park, he has built on remaining property a magnificent luxury housing colony.

He has a fancy for investing in gadgets, electronic devices and supersonic aircraft. One of his first and best investments was in Eastern Airlines.

Winthrop lives apart from the family. He settled \$6 million on Bobo Rockefeller in their divorce and then moved to Arkansas where he created a huge model farm. He is now married to the former Mrs. Jeanette Edris.

Winthrop is the only one of the boys to do hard work with his hands. A youth of six feet three and weighing 225 pounds, he dropped out of Yale and went to work as a hand in the Texas oil fields. He spent five years in the Army and was wounded off Okinawa.

David, the youngest brother, is "the serious one." He is vice chairman of the board of the Chase Manhattan bank. It is estimated that the family gives away \$7 million a year exclusive of the myriad grants made by the Rockefeller Foundation. They are active in about 200 philanthropic causes.

As a result, helicopters spray coffee trees in Brazil; low-cost houses are built in Baghdad; astronomers search the skies from Mt. Palomar; scientists stalk cancer; the gardens of Fontainebleau are improved and — even behind the bamboo curtain — the Peking Union Medical college operates in buildings put up years ago with Rockefeller money.

Lions Club Makes Smorgasbord Plans

Shady Cove—Final plans are being made this week by Shady Cove-Trail Lions club members for a smorgasbord which they will sponsor Saturday, Nov. 22, at Rogue River lodge, near Trail. Serving hours will be from 7 p.m. to midnight. The public is invited. Live music is planned for entertainment. Tickets will be available at the door.

Proceeds from the event will be used toward sight conservation work and eye glasses for needy persons, mainly school children in the area. Don Harmon, secretary-treasurer of the club, announced. Wendell Stalker, president, is in charge of all-over plans and Paul Bulkin heads the dinner committee.

Committee members now working on the plans include Ray Chubb, Paul Davis, William Ducker, Ather Dudley, Frank Fagalde, Everett Elrod, Delbert Spain, Don Harmon, Erwin Howe, Harry Goode, Ted Jantzer, Floyd Kelley, Earl Shephard, Jack Silvers, O. L. (Pop) Williams, John Ainsley, Gus Olson and Garry Sullivan.

Shady Cove-Trail Lions club also sponsor the street lighting in Shady Cove as well as participate in holiday projects and other benefits for their vicinity.

Maria Callas Sings At Detroit Temple

Detroit—UPI—Maria Callas, the fiery and often fired soprano, came to Detroit to sing and that's exactly what she did.

She avoided reporters upon her arrival Tuesday morning and spoke not a word after six arias at the Masonic Temple Auditorium Tuesday night.

Thus, the stormy diva still hasn't commented on her most recent run-in with an opera house. The famed La Scala Opera House in Milan, Italy, announced last week end that Maria's voice has been heard there for the last time.

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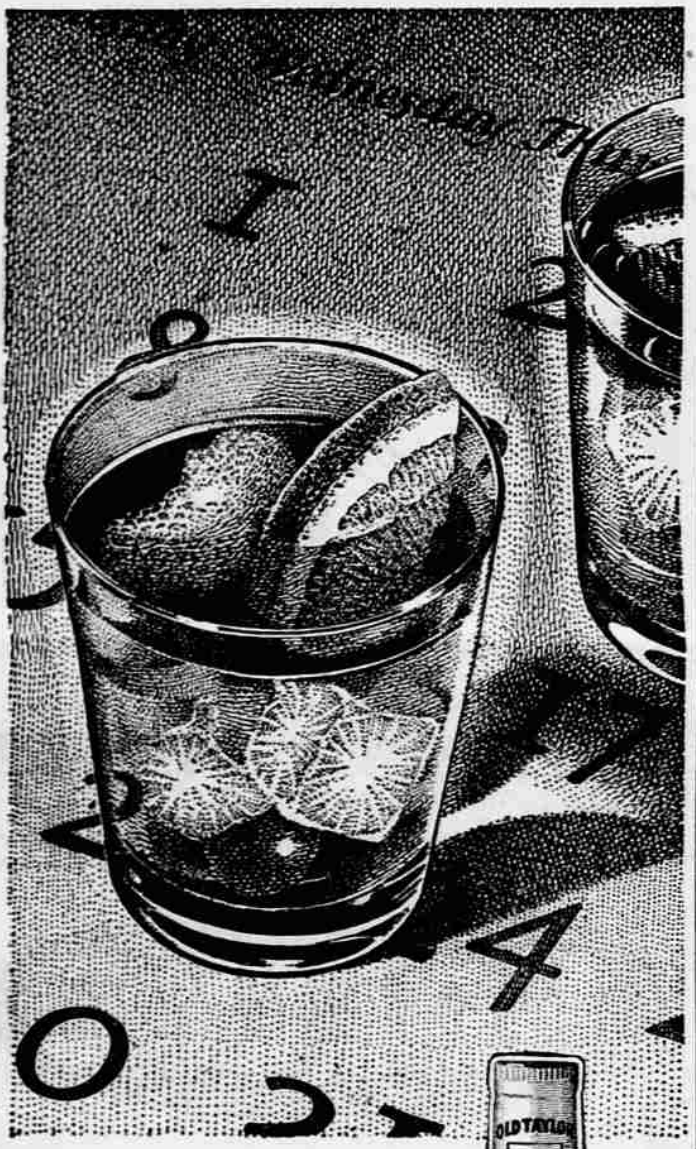
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