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THE HONORABLE JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, IV, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA visited Boys' State yesterday afternoon. After greeting Boys' State officials at Harrison Cottage, he proceeded to the reviewing stand for the formal review by the citizens of Mountaineer Boys' State. (See biographical attached)

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The evening assembly was presented by the Honorable Robert Earl Maxwell, Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia.

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Speaking at the moon meal was Colonel John W. O'Rourke, Superintendent, Department of Public Safety. Colonel O'Rourke spoke to the citizens about being good citizens and setting examples for others. He indicated that there were about as many people in the room as there were in the Department of Public Safety. Colonel O'Rourke visited with the Boys' Staters until 4:00 p.m.

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The Boys' Staters were treated to an unexpected visitor when Lonnie Warwick, Head Coach of the West Virginia Rockets Professional Football team visited Jackson's Mill. Coach Warwick was invited by Jim Riffle, Assistant Administrator, who works with Coach Warwick and the Rockets.

Coach Warwick related some experiences he had when he played with the Minnesota Vikings of the National Football League. The coach invited all those attending to come to Charleston and watch the Rockets play. His team is 3 and 0 and play at home this Saturday night.

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Mrs. Betty Jones, widow of the late Boys' State Administrator, is spending a few days with the Boys' State Staff and citizens. Mrs. Jones served on the Headquarters Staff for 23 years.

Also visitng Boys' State are Susan Gibson and Mary Crist of The American Legion State Headquarters in Charleston. They will be joining the Headquarters Staff for the remainder of the week.

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JOHN D. (JAY) ROCKEFELLER IV was elected twenty-minth Governor of West Virginia in 1976 by the largest margin of victory in the history of West Virginia.

The son of John D. Rockefeller III and Blanchette

Ecoker Rockefeller, the Governor was born June 18, 1937,.

into a family known internationally for its public service.

Governor John D. Rockefeller IV is the third in his family

to be a governor. Two of his uncles -- Nelson A. Rockefeller

of New York and Winthrop P. Rockefeller of Arkansas -- also

Served as governors of their respective states.

Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard University. From 1957 through 1960, he attended International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, where he taught English and developed fluency in the Japanese language. He returned to Harvard in 1961 and was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in Japanese and Far Eastern Affairs and Languages. He also studied the Chinese language at Yale University.

Also in 1961, the Governor was appointed by President John F. Kennedy to serve on the National Advisory Council of the Peace Corps. In 1962, he became special assistant to Peace Corps Director R. Sargent Shriver. Later, he served in the State Department in the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs as desk officer for Indonesian Affairs and as special assistant to the assistant to the Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

In July, 1964, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy chose Governor Rockefeller to work with the President's Commission on Javenile Delinquency and Youth Crime. That program, and his own interest in disadvantaged Appalachian youth, brought him to West Virginia in 1964, where he later worked directly with Action for Appalachian Youth, a West Virginia anti-poverty program.

While living in West Virginia and working in the small coal mining community of Emmons, the fourth-generation heir of the famous Rockefeller name made three decisions which would affect his future and the course of his private and public life. He broke with the public tradition of Depublicanism in his family and became a registered Democrat; he wet Sharen Lee Percy, then a government intern in Washington; and he decided to remain in West Virginia, and make the Mountain State his home.

As his interest in anti-poverty work grew, Governor Rockefeller experienced the frustrations of dealing with various government bureaucracies. He decided he could be most effective by entering elective politics himself.

In 1966, he led the ticket in being elected a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates from Kanawha County.

During his two-year term, he served on the committees on Finance, Education, and Agriculture and Natural Resources.

On April 1, 1967, Governor Rockefeller married Sharon
Percy, daughter of U. S. Senator Charles H. Percy of Illinois.
A public figure in her own right, West Virginia's new First
Lady graduated cum laude from Stanford University in 1966,

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and worked following graduation with Operation Crossroads
Africa, helping to build a youth center in the Central
African Republic. She has served as chairman of the board
of Mountain Artisans, a West Virginia-based self-help
quilting business. She also serves on the Board of Trustees
of Stanford University, and headed West Virginia's "51.3%"
program, an effort designed by President Jimmy Carter to
emphasize the need for women in key government positions.

In 1968, Governor Rockefeller won his first statewide office and was elected to a four-year term as Secretary of State, an office in which he spearheaded an aggressive election law reform program and succeeded in establishing an Elections Division in that office. During this period, he also became a spokesman on many environmental issues unique to West Virginia and began an active involvement in efforts to promote greater economic development in West Virginia. He served as a board member of the Committee of 100, a group organized to expand business and industry in the Kanawha Valley.

In 1969, Governor Rockefeller became the first West Virginian ever to be chosen by the United States Jaycees as one of the country's "Ten Outstanding Young Men in America."

In 1972, Jay Rockefeller received 73 percent of the Primary vote to win the Democratic Party's nomination for Governor, but lost in the general election in the year of a Republican landslide.

time since the early 1960s, turned his energy and attention to another area of great personal interest -- higher education. He was chosen by the Board of Trustees to be the twelfth president of West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon. At Wesleyan, a Methodist-related institution, he implemented a new recruiting program that saw enrollment increase from around 1,500 to 1,800 -- the highest in the history of the institution. He also established a Master of Arts in Teaching degree program, established an Appalachian Training program and introduced a new business management system into all fiscal and operational aspects of the college. A new physical education and sports center was named after Rockefeller shortly after he left Wesleyan.

In 1974, Governor Rockefeller was one of the twelve college and university presidents chosen to represent the United States in a month-long visit to the People's Republic of China.

In 1975, he was included in Time Magazine's list of "a new generation of leaders" for the country's Electronial era.

Covernor and Mrs. Rockefeller are the parents of three children -- Jamie, Valerie and Charles. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston.

Governor Rockefeller serves as a trustee of both the University of Notre Dama and the University of Chicago, and served as a bourd member of the Rockefeller Foundation until shortly after his election as Governor. He also is a member

Ed holds honorary degrees from the University of Cincinnati and the University of Alabama, Pavis and Elkins College, Salem College, West Virginia Institute of Technology and Dickinson College.

Governor Rockofeller resigned as president of West Virginia Wesleyan College to run for governor. His election followed a primary and general carpaign in which he articulated his party's and his own positions on tax reform, economic development, government management, education and road improvements.

Wis margin of victory in the Movember 2, 1971 general election was 238,195 votes -- the largest of any gubernatorial candidate in the 113-year history of West Virginia.



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV Governor of West Virginia

REVEILLE AND CLEAN QUARTERS 6:30 A.M.

FLAG RAISING 7:20 A.M.

7:25 A.M. BREAKFAST

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ALL CITY, COUNTY, OFFICERS, MINOR COURTS, PROSECUTORS, AND CITIZENS AT WORK IN RESPECTIVE JUFISDICTIONS, MINOR TRIALS, ORDINANCES, BUDGETS, JURY DUTY AND OTHER LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE 8:10-aa:50

UNITS AT WORK ON PROBLEMS AND BUSINESS.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IN CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNOR ON APPOINTMENTS.

ADJUSTMENTS IN THE BUDGET TO MEET NEW LEGISLATION, COUNDUCT OF DEPARTMENTS.

SENATE (SEWING CENTER) AND HOUSE OF DELEGATES (SEWING CENTER)

IN SESSION DAILY

STATE POLICE IN OPERATION AS A DEPARTMENT.

LES WITMER, INTERNAL REVENUE - ASSEMBLY HALL, (OVERHEAD PROJECTOR) 11:00

AFTERNOON

LUNCH - PROCEED TO DINING HALL ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCED SCHEDULE. 12:15

STATE POLICE ORGANIZED AND WORKING. 1:15 - 5:00 BAND AND MUSIC INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICE AT ASSEMBLY HALL

RECREATION SCHEDULE ARRANGED AND POSTED DAILY. WATCH FOR TIME OF

CONTEST FOR YOUR COUNTY.

RETREAT 5:15-5:25

DINNER - GUS DOUGLASS, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE 5:30

COTTAGE FENCE SIGNS DOWN

ASSEMBLY- HONORABLE MICHAEL WINK, SOUTHERN DISTRICT COURT 8:00-10:45

ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

TALENT SHOW AND PICNIC

SIGN IN ASSEMBLY HALL DOWN

ALL CITIZENS IN BED - LIGHTS OUT AT 11:30 P.M. 10:45 TAPS

BOYS NATION SELECTION - ADVISE BY 4:00 P.M. - ANNOUNCE FRIDAY BOYS STATE TROPHY COMMITTEE - ADVISE - ANNOUNCE SATURDAY