Mrs. Rockefeller Was Left Behind

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Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller couldn't attend her husband's nomination to be vice president because she did not have enough notice to get "properly presentable."

Rockefeller said that as late as 9 p.m. Monday no one had suggested he should bring his wife.

When he finally learned he was to be the vice presidential choice, Rockefeller said his wife was at the beach at Seal Harbor, Maine.

"When we finally got her off the beach," Rockefeller said, there was not enough time for her to get to the ceremony — and the prospects of her getting "properly presentable just seemed impossible."

The former Margarette Fitler Murphy married



MRS. ROCKEFELLER
Not enough time

Rockefeller in 1963 after she divorced her husband and Rockefeller divorced his wife of 32 years.

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