

THEODORE ROOSEVELT MCKELDIN

Governor of Maryland

Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin was born November 20, 1900, in Baltimore City, one of the eleven children of the late James A. and Dora (Greif) McKeldin. He is married to the former Honolulu Manzer. They have a son and a daughter, Theodore, Jr., and Clara.

Governor McKeldin was educated in the public schools of Baltimore, and after completing his elementary education, he took his high school courses at night in the Baltimore City College while working during the days. He also took his law course in night classes at the University of Maryland where he received an LL.B. degree in 1925. He took post-graduate work in economics at Johns Hopkins University.

The Governor has honorary degrees (Doctor of Laws) from Rider College, Trenton, N. J. (1949); Washington College, Chestertown, Md.; Morgan State College, the University of Maryland; Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa.; and Hanover College, Hanover, Ind. (all 1951).

While practicing law in Baltimore since 1926, the Governor also taught public speaking at the University of Baltimore, the Baltimore College of Commerce, the Bard-Avon School, the Baltimore Institute and in Forest Park High School. He is nationally known as a public speaker.

He was Mayor of Baltimore from 1943 to 1947, and was elected Governor of Maryland in 1950 by the largest majority ever given any candidate for that office.

A life-long Republican, his first public position was that of secretary to Mayor William F. Broening of Baltimore.

As Mayor of Baltimore, he was responsible for many governmental reforms and improvements, including the revision and modernization of the then antiquated City Charter, and the development of the city's first Fire Prevention Code.

Long interested in civic as well as political affairs, Governor McKeldin was one of the organizers and the second president of the Junior Association of Commerce of Baltimore City. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Social Agencies and the Board of Trustees of the South Baltimore General Hospital. He is chairman of the Board of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company. In 1948 and 1949 he was chairman of Brotherhood Week for the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The Governor is an Episcopalian. He has taught a Methodist Bible Class and has been superintendent of an Episcopal Sunday school. He has preached lay sermons in the churches of many denominations from New England to Texas.

Governor McKeldin's present address is Government House, Annapolis, Maryland.