

# McKeldin Wins Eve. Sun Medallion

Governor McKeldin has been awarded a gold Distinguished Service medallion by Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

In making the award, Donald J. Hardenbrook, president of the organization dedicated to the elimination of litter and the improvement of America's scenic beauty, told the Governor:

"It is given in recognition and deep appreciation of your distinguished service through the early developmental stages of this nation-wide educational program for the preservation and improvement of America's scenic beauty."

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First State Affiliated

The Governor's Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful was the first State organization formally affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, Inc., and the Free State has served as a pilot area for most of the national group's projects.

John E. Clark, of Bel Air, chairman of the Governor's committee, was awarded the Keep America Beautiful "volunteer service" medallion simultaneously with the presentation to Governor McKeldin.

Mr. Hardenbrook told Mr. Clark: "Your willingness to lend your enthusiasm and leadership in advancing the ideals and objectives of this co-ordinated movement to stimulate individual civic responsibility and pride in clean, safe and healthful surroundings has added greatly to the encouraging progress demonstrated to date."

The Keep America Beautiful program, now in its third year, is sponsored by over 100 of the nation's most prominent business firms, 40 civic, professional and educational organizations and a number of governmental agencies. Mr. Hardenbrook, vice president of Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation, was recently elected president of the national group.