

Mrs. McKeldin Signs Up For Active Role In Civil Defense

STATE'S FIRST LADY DECLARES PROGRAM NEEDS WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT OF EVERY CITIZEN

Maryland's First Lady, Mrs. Theodore R. McKeldin, has given the cue to fellow Annapolitans. She has just signed up for an active roll in the Civil Defense program now being launched.

Having signed up for volunteer work, Mrs. McKeldin indicates that she is now waiting to be assigned to her particular field which she feels may possibly be that of "mass feeding." Other sections of the CD work include emergency warden or volunteer police work.

Discusses War

In talking about civil defense measures, Mrs. McKeldin pointed out, "We're as much at war today as we've ever been, and if this should develop into an atomic war we'll know war like we've never known before."

Mrs. McKeldin believes that Civil Defense is a precautionary measure that should receive wholehearted support from everyone. "No matter what happens, I think it's always best to be prepared," she declared.

Last year, while in Baltimore, Mrs. McKeldin enrolled in a "refresher" First Aid course then being given under the auspices of the Red Cross chapter there. As a member of the board of the Women's Civic League, her group, consisting of about 15 members, was the first one to take such a course.

First Aid Important

Although she has not yet had a chance to use her First Aid training, Mrs. McKeldin indicated that she thinks it is important because accidents are always unexpected anyhow and one never can tell

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when such knowledge may literally "save the day."

During the war, Mrs. McKeldin was also active in community activities, this time as a Dietician's Aide. Following a three-month training course given by the Red Cross, she worked as a volunteer in University Hospital, in Baltimore, where she assisted the regular dieticians.

Dietetic Course

She pointed out that the course was designed to familiarize the aides with all phases of dietetics and that a volunteer did everything from preparing the food in the hospital kitchen to serving it to the patient. Mostly, however, her work involved the preparation in the diabetic section.

Mrs. McKeldin said that she feels people are genuinely aware of the vital need for being prepared and feels that once the CD program is under way anyone who hasn't volunteered his services will probably do so then. "Anything is a little slow getting started—you almost have to expect that," she declared.

Civil Defense in Anne Arundel county is under the direction of M. Edwin Hayes.