Welcome to the Governor's Mansion

—a message from
Mrs. John J. McKeithen
WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA
The Governor's Mansion, though of modern construction, recalls the great plantation homes of old Louisiana. This traditional architecture was chosen as a symbol of modern Louisiana's roots in our splendid historical past. It's a comfortable home as well as a lovely one. The governor of a great sovereign state such as Louisiana entertains extensively, and the mansion is designed to accommodate his many guests as well as be a home for him and his family.
**Entrance Hall**

The first impression in the interior is of the magnificent entrance hall with the Great Seal of Louisiana worked in imported Italian marble on the floor. At large entertainments, the Governor and I like to receive here so that our guests may move out into the various reception rooms.

**State Drawing Room**

This lovely and impressive room is furnished with exquisite copies of 18th century furniture in the Sheraton style. Of particular interest is the magnificent five-foot, 30-branch chandelier dating from 1830 but restrung with French handcut crystals of the 18th century.

**State Dining Room**

Here is where we hold formal dinners, teas and conferences. The 21-foot banquet table, whose top is an English antique, can seat from 24 to 48 guests. The official china had already been selected when we moved into the mansion, but we have increased the service to 48. We selected a plain old English pattern of silver and had the State Seal etched in each handle. It, too, is a service for 48. The informal family dining area is off the sitting room and next to the rear garden.

**First Floor Sitting Room**

The family living room, where we have small informal gatherings and where the children entertain their friends, is separated from the State rooms by a foyer. It, too, carries on the Louisiana traditions being paneled in famous tidewater cypress, one of our native fine woods. The mantle was inspired by an old one from an antebellum plantation home.
The garden is my special pride and joy. The grounds of the mansion have been magnificently landscaped, and are already looking beautiful although it will still take a few years before they are fully matured. It is a great pleasure to me to watch over their development ... and offer my own suggestions based on many happy years of amateur gardening in our own home.