

Kathy Leary's Column

The Judge is Wed

"Judge DuFour calling," the secretary announced over the telephone, before the former Kathryn Shook came on the line to confirm her marriage last Thursday to insurance tycoon Raymond A. DuFour.

The wedding day, May 13, was chosen because it was the date 16 years ago she chose to be sworn in to serve on the Montgomery County Circuit Court. Her father's birthday.

When her close friend, former County Councilwoman Kitt Diggs entertained in celebration of the Judge's 16th year on the bench the following day at Manor Country Club, Kathryn announced her marriage. A day later the couple was introduced as "Judge and Mr. Raymond DuFour" when J. Newton Brewer, chairman of the Maryland Racing Commission and past president of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners, and his wife, Mary Ellen, gave their traditional luncheon in the administrative quarters of Pimlico prior to the running of the Preakness.

The attractive judge who has already announced plans to retire when her term ends, is very much excited about the 226-acre farm where the newlyweds plan to live. Located on Edwards Ferry Rd. near Poolesville, the rambling farm house



will be converted into a French chateau and Kathryn has named it "Jolie de Vie" (Joy of Life). A nearby gazebo overlooks Sugarloaf Mountain in one direction and the Blue Ridge Mountains in another. There's a vegetable garden, and there'll be cattle raising too.

An outdoors lover, Kathryn shares her husband's interest in hunting and fishing, and is already enjoying riding about on the tractor mower.