



Gubernatorial wedding

Governor Mandel and his bride, the former Jeanne Blackistone Dorsey, kissed following a private ceremony at a Northwest Baltimore synagogue yesterday morning. The wedding took place just 30 minutes after the Governor's divorce from Barbara Mandel became final. (Details on Page C1)

Mandel wed 30 minutes after divorce

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Governor Mandel was married to Jeanne Blackstone Dorsey in a private, 15-minute ceremony at a Northwest Baltimore synagogue yesterday, about a half-hour after obtaining a final divorce from his former wife of 32 years, Barbara Oberfeld Mandel.

The wedding of the 54-year-old Governor and the 37-year-old divorcee took place at the Har Sinai Congregation on Park Heights avenue, about a block away from the apartment building where Barbara Mandel has lived since she moved out of the Governor's Mansion in December.

The 9.30 A.M. wedding was announced in Annapolis at noon by Frank A. DeFilippo, the Governor's press secretary.

Mandel and his wife then returned to Annapolis, where they held an afternoon reception for the State House staff at the Governor's Mansion.

Later, Mr. Mandel and his new wife stopped by the State House press room for an informal chat with reporters.

"I'm very happy, extremely happy," the Governor said.

Asked if he would have a honeymoon, Mr. Mandel replied, "Well, we'll be in Hagerstown tonight . . ." And his wife asked, "Who else gets to spend their honeymoon in Hagerstown?"

The First Lady said, however, that she would be campaigning with the Governor throughout the state this summer and fall. "What better way could we spend our honeymoon than with the people of Maryland," she added.

The ceremony, conducted by Rabbi Abraham Shusterman, was witnessed by the Governor's son, Gary, and his long-time friend from the Northwest Baltimore political wars, Irvin Kovens.

Also attending were three of the new First Lady's four children from her first marriage and a close friend of the new Mrs. Mandel from her Leonardtown (Md.) hometown, Brother Thomas Crane, C.F.X.

According to an 11-sentence press release issued after the wedding, Mrs. Mandel wore a long-sleeved shirtwaist dress of beige silk and matching beige shoes. The Governor wore a dark blue suit.

After the ceremony, the Governor attended the funeral in Baltimore of former Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin. Mr.

Mrs. Mandel said she and her children would be moving into the mansion immediately. "I think it is a beautiful home," she said.

The wedding date, which the Governor said yesterday had been decided upon finally about a week ago, was easily the closest kept secret in Annapolis.

Among those caught unaware by the announcement was Barbara Mandel, the Governor's former wife.

"I didn't know it was even taking place," she said. "I heard he was married before I even knew we were divorced. . . . It would certainly seem that after 32 years of marriage he would have let me know we were divorced."

Barbara Mandel, who is known as Bootsie, said, nev-

ertheless, that she was not
bitter. "It's quite all right with
me, the Governor is entitled to
his own life just like I am. I

hope that God gives him all
the happiness he deserves."

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Governor is remarried 30 minutes following divorce of his first wife

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days ago that Mr. Mandel announced in a brief statement that he was separated from his first wife and would seek a divorce.

"I am in love with another woman, Mrs. Jeanne Dorsey, and I intend to marry her," the Governor said.

The announcement took Barbara Mandel by surprise, however. "I am astonished, amazed and unbelieving," she said. "I will remain in the Governor's Mansion until he comes to his senses."

She also suggested that the Governor "see a psychiatrist . . . Somewhere along the line, something has gone wrong with him."

Instead, Mr. Mandel moved into the Annapolis Hilton, where he lived the rest of the summer, and then in Septem-

ber to a two-bedroom apartment.

In December, however, the terms of a divorce settlement apparently were reached and Barbara Mandel moved out of the Governor's Mansion and into a small flat in the Imperial Gardens apartments, off Park Heights avenue.

The terms of the divorce are not known; the papers on file in the city Courthouse have been ordered sealed by a judge.

Meantime, Mrs. Dorsey, a slim and attractive blonde who was married to Walter B. Dorsey, a former St. Marys county state senator who served in the Legislature with the Governor, began taking instructions in the Jewish religion and was converted from Catholicism by Rabbi Shusterman.

"My conversion to Judaism

will make our union a more perfect one," the new First Lady explained yesterday.

Gradually, her public appearances with the Governor became more frequent, such as at a tennis match in Salisbury or a stroll about Annapolis. Last Friday, Jeanne Dorsey campaigned with the Governor through her home county, St. Marys, and Monday night—the night before the wedding—the two lined up at an Annapolis movie theater to see the film "Born Losers."

Yesterday, Jeanne Mandel went to the first floor of the Courthouse in Baltimore to take out the marriage license, while on the sixth floor Judge J. Harold Grady signed the divorce decree.

Waived waiting period

Judge Grady also signed an order allowing the couple to

waive the normal 48-hour waiting period between the taking out of the license and the wedding.

Judge Grady said that such orders normally are signed for "good and sufficient cause." In this case, he said, the waiting period was waived because Rabbi Shusterman was leaving on a noontime flight for Florida.

Later, a friend of Rabbi Shusterman, who is rabbi emeritus at the Park Heights Avenue Reform Congregation, said the rabbi went to Miami where he himself is to be married.

Mr. Mandel gave his wife a wedding ring of carved rosebuds, with a diamond in the center of each rosebud. Mrs. Mandel gave the Governor a simple gold band.

The ceremony was held in the rabbi's study. Accompanying Mrs. Mandel were her daughter, Helen, 16, and two of her three sons, John Michael, 12, and Paul, 7. Philip Dorsey, 18, Mrs. Mandel's other son, was not present.

Likewise, Mr. Mandel's daughter, Ellen Kahn, did not attend the ceremony. She is to



Governor Mandel smiles at his new bride, Jeanne, after the wedding, then accepts congratulations from Mimi DiPietro at Theodore McKeldin's funeral an hour later.