



NEWLYWEDS—Marina Oswald, widow of President Kennedy's assassin, stands with Kenneth Jess Porter at Richardson, Tex., after their marriage Tuesday. (AP Wirephoto)

Widow of Oswald Wed to Electronics Worker

Justice of Peace Ceremony in Fate, Tex., Climaxes Elopement Through Two States

FATE, Tex. (AP)—Marina Oswald, pretty Russian-born widow of the man who assassinated President John F. Kennedy, was married to a divorced electronics worker Tuesday in this little north Texas farm town.

Mrs. Oswald and Kenneth Jess Porter, 27, were married by Justice of the Peace Carl Leonard Jr.

The marriage climaxed a day in which the couple eloped to Oklahoma for a blood test, then slipped back into Texas to get a marriage license at Sherman in order to elude newsmen.

They gave reporters the

slip shortly after leaving Sherman by darting off onto country roads in Porter's red 1965 Pontiac.

Go to Marina's Home

Two hours after the ceremony in Fate, the bridal couple drove up to Marina's home in Richardson, where they were met by a throng of newsmen and photographers.

The bride rushed to the door and refused to stop to talk. In answer to a question as to how she felt, she said:

"Wonderful. I just want to be alone with my husband."

The newlyweds said they would pose for pictures but declined to be interviewed.

Earlier Tuesday, the 23-year-old mother of two small girls had appeared relaxed and at ease when she and Porter took out the license in Sherman.

They had taken the blood test at Durant, Okla., 90

miles north of Dallas, to avoid the three-day waiting period required in Texas.

Justice of the Peace Leonard said that Sheriff W. J. Price of Rockwall County brought the couple and three witnesses to his office here about 6:45 p.m.

Fate is a farming community of about 191 population, 30 miles northeast of Dallas.

Judge Leonard said: "It

was just another ceremony —but with an important figure involved.

"The truth is, I could hardly understand what she was saying because of her Russian accent, but she did a good job of repeating after me."

Leonard said Sheriff Price's daughter, Judy, about 20, accompanied the wedding party, which included a best man and woman attendant. Leonard remembered that the best man's last name was Woodriddle but he couldn't remember the woman's name.

Mrs. Mary Chumbley, the deputy county clerk at Sherman who issued the mar-

riage license, described the bride as "a lovely person in appearance, with real deep blue eyes and long lashes." She described Porter as a handsome six-footer.

They seemed anxious to get away, Mrs. Chumbley said, "to avoid the publicity."

A friend of the bride said no honeymoon was planned because Porter would not

have sufficient time off from his job in the chemical materials department of Texas Instruments, Inc., in Richardson.

The young widow has become financially well-to-do since the assassination. Testimony at legal hearings in Dallas last summer disclosed

that she was worth approximately \$60,000, most of which came from donations from sympathetic Americans. She also has received fees for magazine articles and book rights to her story.

She was married to Lee Harvey Oswald in Minsk, Russia, on April 30, 1961.

She has been living in

Richardson, a suburb of Dallas, since the time her husband shot the President in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Less than two months ago she sold the small brick ranch house she bought in Richardson after the assassination, and purchased a three-bedroom, white brick home in the same suburb. Porter lived two doors away, and the romance apparently bloomed from neighborhood contacts.

His former wife, Wanda Avora Porter, sobbed uncontrollably Tuesday at her Richardson home when a newsman attempted to talk to her about her ex-husband's impending marriage.

Mrs. Porter said she obtained a divorce from Porter in January, 1964, on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. She has two children, a daughter, Wanda, 7, and a son, Connie, 4. **END**