

Tippit Wealth More Than \$650,000

DALLAS, Sept. 28 (UPI) The widow of the other man Lee Oswald killed is a rich woman now, but what Mrs. J. D. Tippit really wants is a vacancy.

Marie Tippit, 35, and her three children now have a fortune of more than \$650,000—the world's way of expressing sorrow for the family of the policeman Oswald killed after he shot President Kennedy.

Simple interest on the fund would give J. D. Tippit's family at least three times the \$5880 a year he was earning when he died Nov. 22.

For the 10 months of her widowhood, Mrs. Tippit has worked to keep her family's life the way it was before. She shuns reporters, has no listed telephone and did not comment yesterday on the findings of the Warren Commission.

Most of her time is devoted to her children, Allen 14, Brenda Kay, 11, and Curtis Ray, 5.

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Report Proves No Surprise to Tippit's Widow

DALLAS (AP)—The widow of slain Police Officer J. D. Tippit said Sunday she wasn't surprised by the Warren Commission statement that her husband knew neither Lee Harvey Oswald nor Jack Ruby.

"We knew that all along," she said with a smile.

Then she grew wistful.

"I don't know how those rumors got started. . . . J. D. was just an honest, hard-working policeman who stayed at home most of his free time."

The commission report said that Tippit apparently recognized Oswald as the person fitting the description of the man wanted for the assassination of President Kennedy here

Nov. 22. Tippit was shot to death when he attempted to question Oswald.

More than \$600,000 in donations for the Tippit family poured in from all over the nation after the officer's death but his widow said that the family is living on \$225 a month.

She explained that lawyers are completing details on forming trust funds but that in the meantime, she and her three children have been living on Tippit's police benefit payments.

She says her life probably will change little, even after she starts receiving the contributions. She wants her children brought up in the manner Tippit had planned. She foresees no moves from their Oak Cliff neighborhood, about 12 miles from downtown Dallas.

"It's hard to go on when the one you loved and lived for is gone; there's often no point to anything. But I have three of his children whom I love very much, and that's a big responsibility."