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Marina Oswald, Russian-born widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, poses with her husband, Kenneth

Jess Porter, at her home in Richardson, a suburb of Dallas, Tex. They were married in Fate, Tex.

BRIDEGROOM IS NEIGHBOR

Oswald's Widow Married After Whirlwind Day

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

Mrs. Oswald, 23, and Kenneth Jess Porter, 27, her neighbor, were married by Justice of the Peace Carl Leonard Jr.

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

SEEMS RELAXED

They gave pursuing reporters the slip soon after leaving Sherman by darting off onto country roads in Porter's car.

Wearing a white dress with pink polka dots, Mrs. Oswald,

the mother of two small girls, had appeared relaxed and at ease when she and Porter took out the license in Sherman.

A few hours earlier they had taken a blood test in Durant, Okla., 90 miles north of Dallas, to avoid the three-day waiting period required in Texas.

TEXAS DELAY

The justice of the peace here said Sheriff W. J. Fry of Rockwall County brought the couple and three witnesses to his office about 6:45 p.m. He did not identify the witnesses.

Fate is a community of 191 persons 30 miles northeast of Dallas.

Leonard said, "It was just another ceremony — but with an important figure involved. I just read the regular double ring civil ceremony.

"Afterward, the bride said she knew they'd be very hap-

py. She looked like a very happy bride.

"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."

The ceremony was performed in Leonard's office.

Leonard said Judy Price, about 20, accompanied the wedding party, which included a best man and woman attendant. Leonard remembered that the best man's last name was Wooldridge but he could not remember the woman's name.

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."

Mrs. Oswald has been living in Richardson, a suburb of Dallas, since her husband shot the president in downtown 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, Mrs. Wanda Avora Porter, sobbed uncontrollably yesterday at her Richardson home when a newsman tried 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.