

Widow of Oswald To Wed a Neighbor

By The Associated Press

DALLAS, June 1 — Mrs. Marina Oswald, the 23-year-old widow of the man who assassinated President Kennedy, left town today with a recently divorced electronics worker to be married.

After taking a blood test at the the Haynie Clinic in Durant, Okla., 90 miles north of Dallas, the couple eluded newsmen and sped to Sherman, Tex., where they obtained a marriage license.

"They can be married anywhere in Texas," said the deputy county clerk at Sherman who issued the license. "An Oklahoma blood test is perfectly acceptable."

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"Her English was very good," the clerk said. "They seemed very anxious to get away, to escape the publicity."

A large crowd had gathered at the Drant courthouse hoping for a glimpse of the widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, and her ne husband, Kenneth Porter, a 27-year-old technician who works for Texas Instruments, Inc., in Richardson, Tex.

Mrs. Oswald has been living in Richardson, a suburb of Dallas, since the time her husband shot the President in downtown Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. Once a withdrawn silent, woman, she became active socially after the assassination. She became a coed at the University of Michigan for eight weeks studying English, and then spent some time in Arizona working on her life story for book publication.

Married in Russia

Mrs. Oswald, a native of the Soviet Union, married Oswald while he was living in Russia.

She has been dating for several months and periodically has been seen at certain Dallas nightclubs.

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. Mr. Porter lived two doors away, and the romance ap-



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parently bloomed from neighborhood contacts.

A Navy veteran described by co-workers at Texas Instruments as a "hard-working, quiet, reserved type," Mr. Porter courted Mrs. Oswald by taking her fishing and boating, neighbors said.

Besides being an avid fisherman, Mr. Porter is an expert drag racer, and has a roomful of racing trophies won in competition.

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

"I was dumbfounded and surprised," she said. "I had no idea he was even dating her."

Mrs. Porter said she obtained a divorce from Mr. Porter in January, 1964, on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. A data analyst for the Collins Radio Company, she has two children; a daughter, Wanda, 7, and a son, Connie, 4.

In Fort Worth, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the slain assassin, said of her daughter-in-law's new marriage:

"I don't care what Marina does with her life. I do want my grandchildren to have a decent father. Except for the children, I'm not interested in her affairs."

She said she had not seen her daughter-in-law or her grandchildren since shortly after Oswald was killed by Jack L. Ruby.

A caller at Marina Oswald's home today found the two children were being cared for by Priscilla Johnson, a writer who is preparing the young Mrs. Oswald's biography.