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Ex-envoy's widow dies in Mexico

Mrs. Marion Lee Mustard Messersmith, widow of George S. Messersmith, former ambassador and assistant secretary of state, died Wednesday in Mexico City. Her age was not disclosed.

Formerly of Lewes, Mrs. Messersmith and her husband went to Mexico City when he retired from the diplomatic service about 1947 and, except for three years when she returned to Delaware to live, she lived there.

She and her late husband were married in 1914. He, a native Pennsylvanian, had come to Delaware as a teacher and served as principal of schools in Woodside, Felton, Newark and Lewes and was vice president of the Delaware State Board of Education from 1912 to 1914. He died at the age of 76 in Houston, Tex., in 1960 and was interred in Lewes Presbyterian Church Cememtery.

The couple had served in several Latin American countries during his diplomatic career which covered 30 years. He had also represented the United States in Canada, Belgium, Berlin and Austria. His Latin American posts included assignments in Argentina and Cuba, as well as inspections of embassies throughout South America.

Mrs. Messersmith has no immediate survivors. Funeral services will be private.