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SAM ADDS SUSAN DETAILS, ADMITS MARILYN UNHAPPY

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard's claim of a "happy married life" with his murdered wife, Marilyn, crumbled under cross-examination today.

And then he was forced to repeat, detail by detail, his version of the events of early July . . .

Dr. Sam pleaded lack of memory about many details of the murder eve and his struggles with a "bushy-haired burglar."

He didn't remember whether he wore a brown corduroy jacket when he dozed off on a downstairs couch—before being awakened hours later by his wife's call for help, and being twice knocked unconscious in battles with "the real killer."

Alternately flushing and turning pale, Dr. Sam reluctantly admitted at his wife murder trial that:

THE HUSBAND OF A FORMER PATIENT who engaged in a Metropolitan Park kissing party with him slapped her face after she took a walk with him on a trip to Put-in-Bay.

MARILYN AND HIS FATHER OBJECTED to his

attentions to a Los Angeles woman friend.

HIS MURDERED WIFE WAS AFRAID of a second pregnancy and was "fearful that she was losing my attention."

HE WAS INTIMATE WITH SUSAN HAYES at her parents' home in Rocky River, as well as in his auto and in the apartment above the Sheppard clinic in Fairview Park.

MISS HAYES HAD SUGGESTED that he divorce Marilyn—but he told her he loved his wife and son.

The admissions were dragged from the slow-answering osteopath by the rapid-fire cross-examination of Assistant Prosecutor John J. Mahon.

Chief Defense Counsel William J. Corrigan and his associate, Fred W. Garmon, objected repeatedly, shouting that questions about Dr. Sam's romantic life were immaterial, and that intimate details about his wife's physical condition should be barred from trial mention by the "patient-doctor" confidential relationship.

But Judge Edward Blythin struck down the objections and ordered Dr. Sam to answer.

Obviously flustered and embarrassed, Dr. Sam looked away from the jury as he admitted discussing possible divorce with Miss Hayes.

Q.: During the latter part of 1953, did you speak to Sue Hayes about a divorce?

A.: No, sir. I believe she spoke to me about a divorce. . . .

Q.: What was said about that?

A.: I said I loved my wife very much, and I loved my little boy. . . .

Q.: Did she say something about some men get divorces, why can't you?

A.: That would be about right.

Earlier, Dr. Sam backed down from his previous claim that he and Marilyn had a completely harmonious married life.

Mahon was quizzing Dr. Sam about the statement of his brother, Dr. Stephen Sheppard, that Marilyn had

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once discussed possible divorce with him (Steve), and he had "mentioned" it to Sam two weeks later.

Q.: Doctor, was there talk about a divorce?

A.: No serious talk.

Q.: Doctor, was there any talk at all?

A.: Not between myself and Steve.

Dr. Sam went on to explain that Marilyn had consulted Steve about "physical difficulties" in their marriage, and her "psychological reaction" to the birth of their only child, Sam (Chip) Jr.

Corrigan shouted that inquiries about Dr. Sam's infidelities were "prejudicial and immaterial."

"His relations with other women are competent in this case," Mahon boomed back. "This man is charged with killing his wife, and those relations are competent."

Dr. Sam admitted that he had parked in the Rocky River Reservation of the Metropolitan Park with Mrs. Julee Lossman of 19718 Westover Rd., Rocky River, and engaged in a kissing party with her.

Mrs. Lossman credited him with saving her life after she was injured in an auto accident.

Dr. Sam said he and Marilyn had gone on a boat trip to Detroit in the 27-foot cabin

cruiser of Robert Lossman, sports car dealer and husband of Julee, as well as on a Put-in-Bay excursion with them.

Woman's Face Slapped

It was during the Put-in-Bay trip, he recalled, that Lossman slapped his wife's face.

Sam said he later argued with Lossman over the latter's demand that Mrs. Lossman "should not display" her warm

feelings for the osteopath.

Marilyn, he related, "felt that Mrs. Lossman was too attentive toward me . . . and she felt that I hadn't pushed her away, or rather was too receptive."

Asked if he had kissed Mrs. Lossman, Dr. Sam replied:

"I didn't push her away."

Dr. Sam testified that he telephoned Miss Hayes in Los Angeles last March immediately after Marilyn, who had driven West with him, left to spend a week with friends on a ranch at Monterey.

Spent Week With Susan

He admitted spending a week as man and wife with Miss Hayes at the home of Dr. Arthur Miller—and four days with Marilyn later at the ranch of Dr. Randall Chapman.

He said he told Marilyn about his gift of a new wrist watch to Miss Hayes to replace one she lost in his company.

"Marilyn was a working girl one time herself," he said, "and she understood what it was to lose a watch."

After his return from California, Dr. Sam said, he cautioned his secretary against opening his personal mail—including correspondence from Miss Hayes.

Dr. Sam admitted that his murdered wife, Marilyn, and his father had become upset when he took Miss Margaret Kauzor on a date in Los Angeles, and had suspected a friend of "trying to lead me astray."

Says Hoversten Lied

He sometimes went swimming with Miss Kauzor and visited her home while Marilyn was away from Los Angeles, Dr. Sam said.

Dr. Sam insisted he had "filled in" on his first date with Miss Kauzor as a substitute for his onetime "best

friend," Dr. Lester H. Hoversten.

He accused Dr. Hoversten of lying when he testified under oath that Sam had discussed the possibility of divorcing Marilyn with him.

Dr. Sam insisted that Hoversten himself had suggested that he "give some consideration to getting a divorce. . . . He said we could get an apartment and live together."

Mahon dramatically produced a letter written by Dr. Hoversten to Dr. Sam in which Hoversten said he "received a letter from Margaret Kauzor last week"—and asked if Sam was ready to go to South America or South Africa.

Miss Kauzor, identified as the woman Sam had dated in Los Angeles in 1953 while Marilyn was visiting in Cleveland, was quoted in the letter as "asking about" Sam.

Dr. Sam admitted that he had gone swimming with Miss Kauzor "once or twice," had met members of her family, and seen her several times in Los Angeles while his wife was away.

He denied that a difference in their religions had caused him to abandon any marital plans with Miss Kauzor.

(Miss Kauzor, a 24-year-old legal secretary, said in a statement to Los Angeles police that she met Dr. Sam at a church dance in 1951, considered him a "well-mannered gentleman," and saw him about five times in a six week period. She said she broke off seeing him when she learned he was married.)

Admits Some Sins

The accused osteopath completed his direct defense testimony this morning by admitting that he had committed some "sins" in his life.

"Doctor," asked Chief Defense Counsel William J. Corrigan, "in your lifetime, have you committed any sins?"

A.: I've succumbed to human frailty, yes, sir.

Mahon tore into the witness from the moment he began his cross-examination.

"I don't care to look," Dr. Sam pleaded when Mahon thrust photographs of his murdered wife at him.

Mahon forced the witness to admit that she was killed by a rain of savage blows—despite Corrigan's claim that the cause of death was something else.

Dr. Hoversten had testified that Sam showed him a letter to Marilyn in 1953 in which he suggested a divorce, and he (Hoversten) advised him not to send it.

Not Real Reason

That wasn't so, Dr. Sam declared. Hoversten advised him not to mail the letter, he said, but for a different reason.

Marilyn, he said, had left their Los Angeles home in 1950 for a Cleveland vacation, and Hoversten, then a fellow interne at the Los Angeles County Hospital, "had made a date with a young lady he had

previously introduced me to. After he made the date, he found that he would be unable to keep it because he had to work that night."

Sam said he offered to take Hoversten's work, but his friend "thought it would be all right, and I did take the young lady to the dance."

Says He Wrote Wife

"I met her family, her brothers and sisters," he continued.

"Shortly afterwards, I wrote a letter to my wife telling her what had occurred. . . . Dr. Hoversten said that I shouldn't write that . . . that she would get the wrong idea . . . but I didn't want her to hear it from someone else."

Later, Dr. Sam said, his father, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, telephoned him from Bay Village "to tell me that he didn't agree with my plans to bring Hoversten back to Cleveland with me." Hoversten had testified that the head of the Sheppard clan talked Sam out of his divorce plans.

Dr. Hoversten, now at his home in Glendale, Calif., testified as a prosecution witness after Dr. Stephen Sheppard, Sam's brother, insisted that police investigate him as a murder suspect. Hoversten was a house guest at the murder home for three days prior to July 4.

Sam said that he had discussed divorce with Hoversten—but that it was Hoversten's own divorce.

Hits Blood Trail

Before his cross-examination began, Dr. Sam slashed at numerous state claims in a half hour of direct testimony:

HE CHALLENGED THE "TRAIL OF BLOOD" through his murder home as having no significance.

BLOOD SOAKS INTO LEATHER and is hard to remove—and there were no blood specks found on his belt.

A soiled T-shirt found on the Karl Schuele pier, adjoining the Sheppard beach, "could be" the missing undergarment he was wearing on the murder eve, Dr. Sam testified. The "find" had been discarded by

the authorities as not being "pertinent evidence."

Dr. Sam supported his claim that his home was burglarized with two statements:

BETWEEN \$30 AND \$50 was missing from his wallet.

THE BAND OF HIS WRIST-WATCH — the watch was found in a green bag thrown in the bushes — had been broken between the time he dozed off July 3 and its discovery.