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Dr. Sam's 65-Day Trial Sets Mark

The trial of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, longest on record here, ended yesterday after 65 days, including five days of jury deliberation.

These were the major events and witnesses, in the trial which drew national and international attention.

OCT. 18—Trial begins. Defense demands postponement and trial in another county. First motion overruled, second taken under advisement. Jury impaneling starts.

OCT. 28—Twelve jurors sworn. Change of venue motion of Oct. 18 overruled. Selection of jury alternates starts. Original panel of 75 prospective jurors is exhausted; court summons 25 additional veniremen.

NOV. 1—Two alternates sworn. State asks that juror No. 6 be disqualified, with the court holding this matter in abeyance. It had been discovered the juror in question had a police record.

Replaces Juror

NOV. 2—Election Day. No proceedings.

NOV. 3—Juror No. 6 asks on his motion to be excused. Court grants his request, over defense objections. He is replaced by an alternate. Jury visits murder scene.

NOV. 4—Opening statements by Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon and Defense Counsel Fred W. Garmone. Deputy Coroner Lester Adelson begins testifying as the state's first witness. He tells of autopsy.

NOV. 9—Bay Village Mayor J. Spencer Houk takes the stand.

NOV. 16—Testimony of Coroner Samuel R. Gerber begins.

NOV. 19—Cleveland Homicide Detective Robert F. Schottke on stand.

NOV. 22—Dr. Lester T. Hoverson testifies briefly.

NOV. 23—Detective Michael S. Grabowski, first of a team of "scientific witnesses," is sworn.

DEC. 1—Miss Susan L. Hayes is the 30th and last state's witness (a 31st is called later for minor rebuttal testimony). The prosecution rests. Defense demands that the defendant be freed, on the ground the state has been unable to make a case. Prosecution fights the motion.

Dr. Steve Testifies

DEC. 2—Court overrules the motion. Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, the defendant's brother, is the first defense witness.

DEC. 7—Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, another brother, testifies.

DEC. 9—Dr. Sam is his own witness.

DEC. 14—Dr. Charles W. Elkins, neurologist, takes the stand.

DEC. 15—Defense rests after testimony of its 39th witness, Mrs. Mary Brown, murder victim's aunt. Final arguments begin. Assistant County Prosecutor Thomas J. Parrino and Defense Counsel Arthur E. Peter-silge give views.

Jury Goes Out

DEC. 16—Arguments completed. Defense Attorneys Garmone and William J. Corrigan and Prosecutors Mahon and Saul S. Danaceau participate.

All defense motions renewed and overruled.

DEC. 17—Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin instructs jury. Jury deliberations begin at 10:15 a. m. and end at 10:30 p. m.

DEC. 18—Jurors return at 9:15 a. m. for second day of deliberations and wind up at 10:15 p. m.

DEC. 19—Their third day of study brings the jurors to court at 10 a. m., and they quit early at 6 p. m.

DEC. 20—Beginning at 9 a. m., the panel has the case for study until 10:05 p. m.

DEC. 21—The panel starts the final day of deliberation at 9:10 a. m. At 4:12 p. m. it signals it has reached a verdict. It reports the verdict to the court at 4:38 p. m.