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Mrs. William J. Corrigan came to court today to hear her famous attorney husband make another of his impassioned pleas for the freedom of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

Mrs. Corrigan met her husband at a famous trial 34 years ago. She then was Marjorie Wilson, reporter for the old Cleveland Leader, covering the trial of Mrs. Eva Kaber for hiring assassins to stab her husband, Dan, to death while she was at Cedar Point.

Defense Counsel Corrigan lost that case—Mrs. Kaber died in prison—but he married the reporter.

This was Mrs. Corrigan's first courtroom appearance of the Sheppard case. She sat with a familiar group that hasn't missed any phase of the courtroom drama—Dr. Sam's brothers and sisters-in-law, Drs. Stephen and Richard Sheppard and their wives.

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There was a romantic angle on the prosecution side, too.

Common Pleas Judge John J. Mahon, chief prosecutor during last winter's trial, peered into the courtroom to give encouragement to his wife, Assistant Prosecutor Gertrude Bauer. They were married just after the trial, during which they worked closely together.

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The murdered Marilyn Sheppard was represented among the spectators by her aunt, Mrs. Henrietta Munn.

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Presiding Judge Julius M. Kovachy won an early pledge from Corrigan that there would be "no repetition" in the argu-

ments of the three defense lawyers—Fred Garmone and Arthur Petersilge, plus Corrigan himself.

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Detective Chief James McArthur, who directed the investigation which resulted in Dr. Sam's arrest, listened silently when Corrigan denounced the "sloppiness" of the investigation.

"I am not a policeman," Corrigan said, "but if I couldn't do a better job of investigating I'd hang up my ticket. . . ."

