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The strangest reward ever offered to solve a Greater Cleveland crime is now drawing interest in Cleveland Trust Co.—with one of its four donors lodged in County Jail as the chief suspect.

Deposited in the name of three county commissioners—John F. Curry, Joseph F. Gorman and Henry W. Speeth—the $10,000 will remain there until "final conviction" in the case of Marilyn Reese Sheppard. If there is no trial or appeal pending by July 12, 1959, the $10,000 reverts to its donors, the Drs. Sheppard.

They are Richard A., and his three sons, Richard N., Stephen A. and Samuel H. Sheppard. Samuel H. is now in jail on a warrant charging him with the murder of his wife, Marilyn.

Bank book of the strange account shows the $10,000 was deposited July 13. It was subject to an agreement signed by the four Sheppards and by Curry Gorman and Speeth. If one of the three commissioners dies or withdraws, the other two select some person to fill his place.

The three agreed to be judges of how the $10,000 is distributed after the "final conviction" of the "person or persons who murdered Marilyn Sheppard." Until July 12, 1959, no money can be drawn from the $10,000 account except by signatures of two of the three trustees.

The bank book itself, Curry