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Brave Grim Surroundings Bearing Gifts

BY GEORGE J. BARRETT

Jails and police stations all have a mean and ugly smell, as though crime itself gives off an odor in confinement.

In the Cuyahoga County Jail, in the Criminal Courts Building, the disinfectant air from the steel and concrete cells above escapes down through the frightening doors to those who sit and wait with their brown paper sacks, their expressionless faces and their nervous fears of the law so close.

The hard, cold, waiting room, with its marble floor and severe wooden benches, look like a railroad station waiting room. Visitors to the jail line up at a window and their cards and express-like tags on packages are checked through as they are admitted to the voices and tears in the cells.

Into this unhappy and unfamiliar place yesterday for two hours the family and friends of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard came to talk and press their eyes closely against thick mesh screen. They brought him things to eat and read and comfort him. They came away less than comforted themselves.

First Visiting Day

This was Dr. Sam’s first visiting day since he was arrested in Bay Village on July 30 for “purposely and maliciously” murdering his wife, Marilyn, in her bed in their suburban home July 4. The charge was first-degree (Continued on Page 5, Column 3)
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LEAVING the Sheppard home, 3004 West Lake Road, Bay Village, last night after reviewing events of the murder night were (left to right) Richard S. Weygandt, Ray law director, Ray Police Sergt. Jay Holbach and Detective Harold Boyett and Patrick A. Garman.

Fred Garmon, asked to make the trip upstairs, but he decided to wait until later.

The visiting hours ended.

Miss Susan Hayes, of Rocky River and Downey, Calif., did not come.

WOMEN AND LAWYER MEET AT THE JAIL. Here Mrs. Betty Sheppard (left), wife of Dr. Steve, and Mrs. Dorothy Sheppard, wife of Dr. Richard N., chat with Fred Garmon, one of the attorneys defending Dr. Sam.

DR. SAM'S VISITORS at County Jail yesterday included Mrs. Betty Sheppard (left), wife of Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, and Dr. Richard A. Sheppard (right), father of the accused man. Mrs. Betty Sheppard is shown filling out a tag for her package for her brother-in-law. The father filled out a visitor's card at the window under the direction of Deputy Joseph F. Hetzel, Deputy David Yetts is the other man in the picture.
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murder and, of course, no bail from his fourth-floor room behind bars.

Photographers' flashing lights brightened, for a second, the dull appointments, but the crowds of other visitors—there were more than 200 of them—sat and watched the proceedings with a vast disinterest. It may have been because they had troubles enough of their own.

The first of Dr. Sam's visitors to arrive was his father (Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, coming to the jail on his 65th birthday to see his son.

Unfailingly a gentleman, even when the strain of the days might well excuse him, Dr. Sheppard talked with reporters about what he was bringing to Dr. Sam—a portable radio to replace another that had broken, some fruit in a bag and a magazine on neurosurgery, Dr. Sam's special field of medicine.

Father Brings X Rays

"And here," he added, patting a large brown envelope. "I've got some X rays taken of one of Sam's patients at the hospital. The patient is still there and has skull injuries. I wanted Sam to look at them, if they'll let me."

They did let him, and Dr. Richard came out a half hour later and went home. Dr. Richard told his son of his birthday anniversary as they talked through one of those seven-by-twelve screens in the "day" room on the floor.

The deputy at the door, John M. O'Connell, intermittently bellowed, "Comin' in, Harry!" to Deputy Harry Rapp, who, each time a visitor went in, would unlock the heavy, barred inner door.

A good looking, black-haired, brown-eyed girl got out of the way of the cameras on her way to Dr. Sam's floor. She would rather not give her name, she said, but the person she visited, she said, remarked to her: "They are sure giving Sam a hard time. The city's really rough."

Curses Cameraman

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Brown, 1861 Idlewood Avenue, East Cleveland, were the next callers.

"Thanks a lot, fellows, thanks a lot," Brown said to photographers who took their pictures on the waiting bench. "This certainly is a ghoul's paradise, isn't it?"

Mrs. Betty Sheppard, wife of one of Dr. Sam's brothers, Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, came in and filled out one of the identification cards. Deputy Rose Smith went through her pocketbook in the customary check.

Mrs. Sheppard said nothing.

A surprise visitor was 20-year-old G. M. Flick, 3137 Rocky River Drive N. W., who said he was a medical student at Colgate University and a two-year admirer of Dr. Sam. He had two magazines for the doctor, one on neurosurgery and another on hot rods.

"I know Dr. Sam as a fine water skier and as a good car driver," he remarked. "But I know him best as a great doctor."

Mrs. Dorothy Sheppard, wife of another of Dr. Sam's brothers, Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, signed up for a visit, standing in line with the other callers.

Mrs. Betty Sheppard and Mrs. Dorothy Sheppard both came out together at the end of the visiting time.

One of Dr. Sam's attorneys,