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'SANDY' SAYS SAM MASTERS ANGER

Wife of Hoosier Pitcher Doubts Doctor's Guilt

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard kept his emotions to himself when he became angry, a pretty friend of the Bay Village osteopath and his murdered wife, Marilyn, said yesterday at Indianapolis.

Mrs. Sandra Nussell Kelly, 27, wife of Pitcher Bob Kelly of the Indianapolis Indians baseball team, characterized Dr. Sam as "very quiet."

"I just can't imagine that he could have done it," Mrs. Kelly said of the murder of which Dr. Sam is accused.

Mrs. Kelly was at first thought by police to be another "other woman" in the life of the handsome doctor. She was known only as "Sandy" according to West Coast acquaintances.

Friend of Both

But it turned out Sandy was a friend of both of the Sheppards and lived with them briefly in 1949 at Los Angeles.

Mrs. Kelly was a sorority sister of Marilyn's during their high school days. While Sandra attended Shaw High School and Marilyn attended Cleveland Heights High School they became acquainted in the sorority.

For a brief period Sandy was engaged to a cousin of Marilyn's. When the engagement was broken Sandy accompanied Dr. Sam and Marilyn to Los Angeles in June, 1949.

From July to September, 1949, Sandy lived at the Sheppard home. She told the Plain Dealer that Dr. Sheppard was away a great deal due to his studies and that Marilyn was lonesome.

Friendship Renewed

While in California, Sandy renewed a high school friendship with Bob Kelly, a Shaw High classmate then living in Los Angeles.

They were married in November, 1949, and since then both couples saw each other socially in California and back here.

Mrs. Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem D. Nussel, 1895 Brightwood Avenue, East Cleveland, is a graduate of the Huron Road Hospital nursing school.

While in California she worked as a nurse at the Los Angeles County General Hospital, where Dr. Sheppard was an intern.

She said that her sister, Miss Barbara Nussel, 22, who lives with her parents, also had visited the Sheppard residence in Los Angeles.

Barbara, accompanied by Sandy, stopped off briefly in March, 1949, while Kelly was in spring training at Catalina Island.

Mrs. Kelly is the mother of Kim, 4, and Bobbie, 17 months. She and her husband live in Indianapolis during the baseball season and visit here frequently.

SANDRA KELLY denied yesterday at Indianapolis that she was a "mystery woman" in the Sheppard murder case. She was a friend of both Marilyn Sheppard and her husband, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

CONVERSATION AT RECESS. Left to right are Arthur E. Petersige, Sheppard family attorney; Dr. Richard N. Sheppard and his brother, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, charged with the slaying of his wife, Marilyn. The three huddled briefly for conversation in a break in the Common Pleas Court hearing on a writ of prejudice.