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Voices Faith
In Doctor Brother
Stephen Sheppard Tells Sam’s Son
‘God Took Mother’

Dr. Stephen Sheppard today expressed complete confidence that the story told by his brother, Dr. Samuel Sheppard, “was true” regarding events on the night of the slaying of the latter’s wife, Marilyn.

“If my brother did it he would have told me,” Dr. Stephen said. “We have always been very close. As boys we shared the same room. If he had done it he would say, ‘Steve, throw me away or get rid of me, I don’t want to live any more.’

“But he didn’t say that and I am convinced he is innocent.”

Dr. Stephen said that since the murder was committed all members of the Sheppard family had received numerous “blank” phone calls.

“The phone rings at all hours of the day and night, but no one answers on the other end,” he said. “I am not apprehensive, but I asked Rocky River police to give some attention to my home.” He lives at 19027 Englewood Rd., Rocky River.

“Picked by God”

Dr. Stephen also told how he had explained the death of Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard to her 7-year-old son, “Chip.”

“I asked him if he remembered when our baby, Pamela, died and went to Heaven. Then I told him that his Aunt Anna had been picked by God also to go to Heaven and look after Pam because she was so small and helpless.

“I explained that Aunt Anna was old and sick and God felt she needed help in looking after the baby so He looked around and chose his mother because she had done such a good job with him.”

The boy accepted the explanation without tears.