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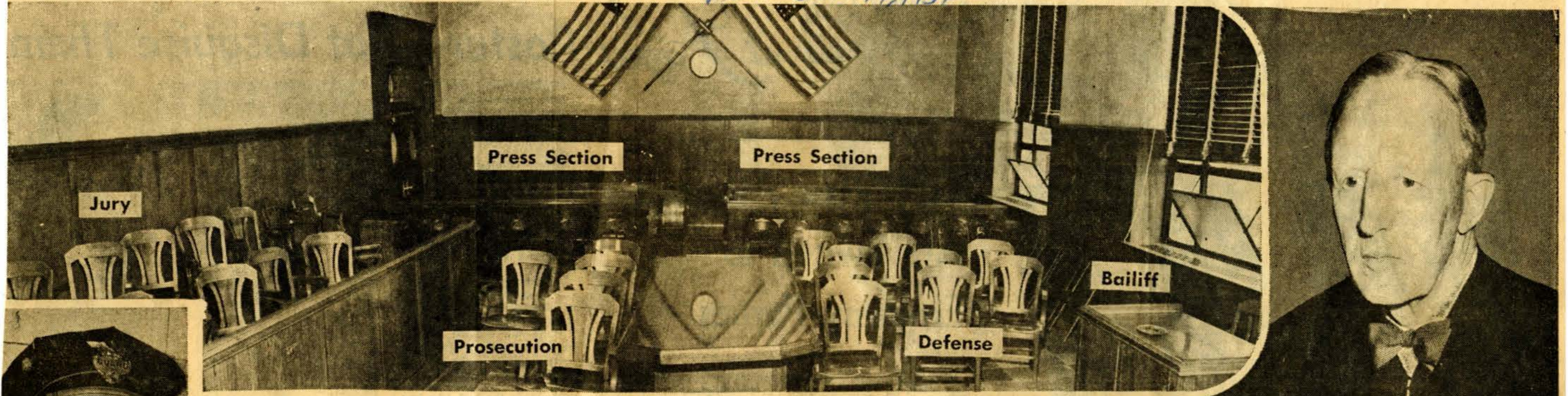
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Scene and Cast of Sheppard Murder Drama

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Keeping order in courtroom will be job of Eddie Lavelle, veteran guard.

Did Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, the handsome young osteopathic neuro-surgeon, brutally murder his pretty pregnant wife, Marilyn, in a July 4 outburst of anger?

The stage was set today for the courtroom drama that may provide the legal answer.

Dr. Sheppard contends that he couldn't have committed so horrible a crime—that he loved Marilyn and, as a physician, was devoting his life to helping, not harming, other people.

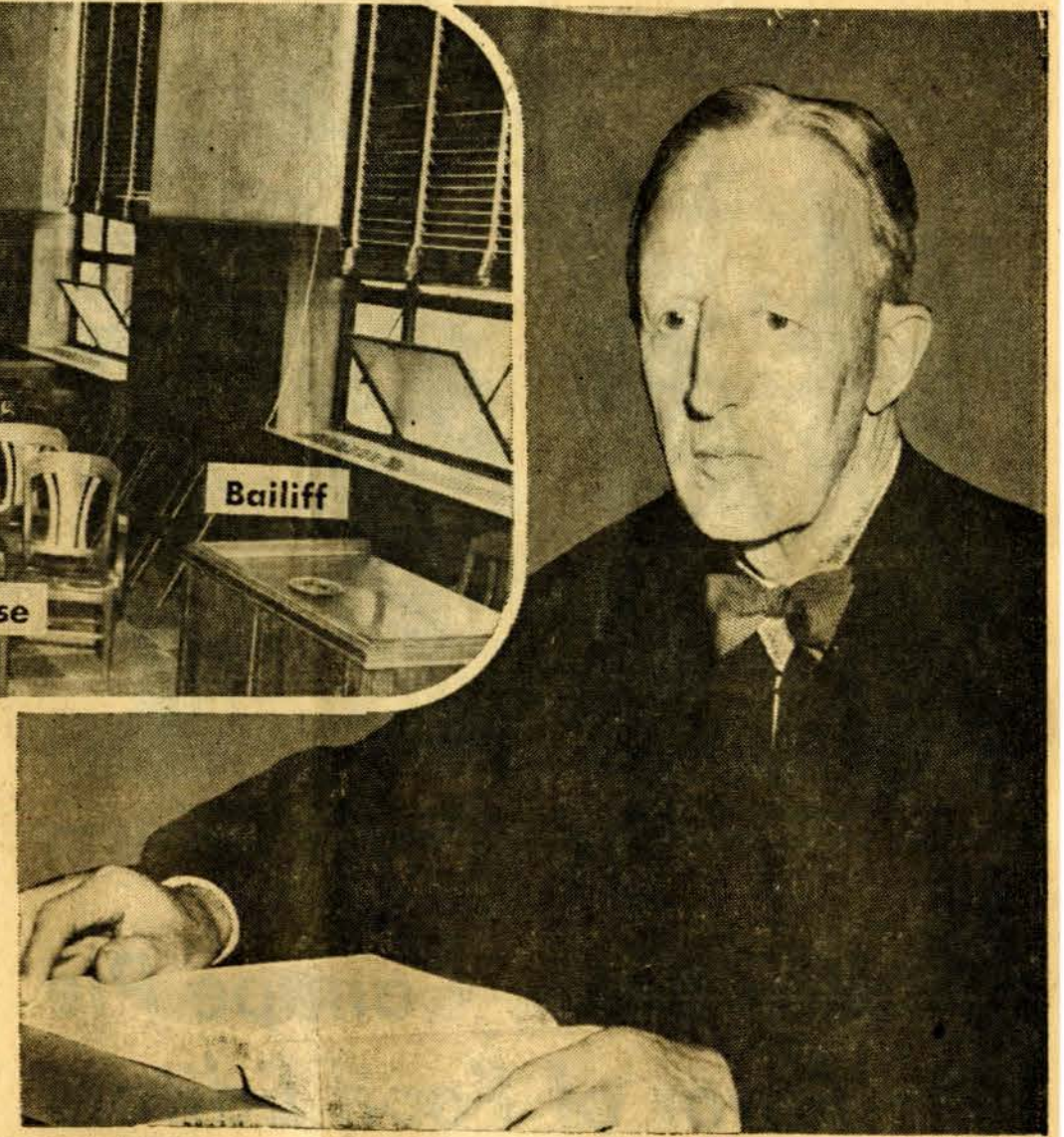
The prosecution charges that Dr. Sheppard's extramarital romances strained his marriage to his high school sweetheart and provided a "background for murder."

Trial of the case of "The People of Ohio versus Samuel H. Sheppard" will begin Monday morning in Courtroom 1 of the Criminal Courts Bldg., E. 21st St. and Payne Ave.

First order of business in what may become Cleveland's "trial of the century" will be selection of the jury. This may take several days. Then testimony will bare the once private lives of Sam and Marilyn Sheppard.



Death penalty demand will be made by this prosecution team—Assistant Prosecutors John J. Mahon (left), Saul S. Danaceau and Thomas Parrino.



Courtroom in which Dr. Sheppard's fate may be decided. Photo was taken from bench on which Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin, 70, a former mayor of Cleveland, will preside.



Defense team will be captained by William J. Corrigan (left) and Fred W. Garmone. Both attorneys have long list of trial victories.



Defendant is Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, onetime Cleveland Heights High quarterback.



Star witness will be Susan Hayes, 24, who admits intimacies with Dr. Sam.



House of tragedy at 28924 Lake Rd., Bay Village, in which Marilyn Sheppard (above) was slain in her upstairs bedroom. Jury will visit the house to review Dr. Sam's version of his struggles with a maniacal assassin.



Dr. and Mrs. Richard Sheppard Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Sheppard



Nancy Ahern



Dr. Hoversten



Coroner Gerber



Inspector McArthur



Mayor Houk

Key witnesses will include the defendant's brothers and sisters-in-law; Bay Village Mayor J. Spencer Houk; Dr. Lester T. Hoversten, a house guest at the Sheppard home prior to the murder; Mrs. Nancy Ahern, a neighbor, and Coroner Samuel R. Gerber. Detective Chief James McArthur took charge of investigation after Bay Village authorities failed to make arrest. He recommended that Dr. Sam be brought to trial.