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# TESTIMONY END BY NOON LIKELY

## Weary Attorneys Predict Close This Week

**BY SANFORD WATZMAN**

One or two more defense witnesses this morning, possibly a couple of rebuttal witnesses for the state, and the Sheppard trial will be over before noon today—so far as the testimony is concerned.

This was the outlook at adjournment late yesterday as Defense Chief William J. Corrigan and Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon, both showing signs of fatigue, mapped out their concluding strategy.

After the last witness is heard Corrigan will renew all the motions he made earlier in the trial, including a demand for a judge's verdict of acquittal, the lawyer said.

### Final Arguments Next

But little oratory is expected on that score. Considerable argument has already been devoted to all those motions, it was pointed out.

That would make the next order of business the final arguments to the jury by counsel for both sides. If Corrigan has his way a full day will be given to each side for the summations.

The state would open for a half day, give way to the defense for what would total a whole day and then come back for another half day in conclusion.

### Estimated Timetable

If this unofficial timetable is followed this would be the trial scheduled for the rest of the week:

**TODAY** — Witnesses and motions, with a possible beginning of final arguments in the afternoon.

**TOMORROW AND FRIDAY** — Arguments.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON** — Instructions to the jury by Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin (expected to last about 45 minutes).

After his charge to the panel Judge Blythin, unless something intervenes, will excuse the alternate juror, Mrs. Lois Mancini. The jurors will then be locked in their deliberating room.

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The jury will be quartered in a downtown hotel between sessions, Judge Blythin said, if its deliberations should last far into the night.

Corrigan said many of the witnesses he still had under subpoena had been excused. It was reported Mrs. Guilford R. Brown, the murder victim's aunt, would take the stand this morning.

## May Call Sitter

Another remaining possibility as a defense witness was Miss Jean Disbrow, 16, of 28919 West Lake Road, Bay Village. She was the baby-sitter for Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard and his wife for two years.

Corrigan said the rest of the

defense testimony would be "very brief." Mahon used the same phrase for his rebuttal witnesses, whom he refused to identify.

The prosecutor said he did not anticipate that his rebuttal testimony would be of the nature that would call for counterrebuttal from the defense camp.

Corrigan and Mahon will confer with Judge Blythin today on the amount of time to be given to the attorneys for their final arguments.

## Aides to Share Time

The defense chief said he would request a full-day, but the court determines how lengthy the summations should be after his talks with counsel.

Corrigan said his aides, Fred W. Garmone and Arthur E. Petersilge, would speak part of the time. Mahon's assistant, Thomas J. Parrino, is expected to share the final argument with his chief.

Besides papers containing the full text of the judge's instructions, the jurors will have with them 212 exhibits so far introduced in the case—87 by the state and 125 by the defense.

## Evidence Packed Up

These articles, now in the charge of Court Stenographers

Sanford Lester and Norman Stern, are packed together in the following way:

A THREE-FOOT-HIGH cardboard box containing the defendant's clothing and the victim's bed linen.

A SMALLER cardboard box housing only the murder pillow.

A LARGE ENVELOPE containing X-ray films.

A BRIEFCASE which has in it photographs and most of the other exhibits.

SUCH LOOSE ITEMS as a disassembled shotgun, a riding whip and a length of pipe.