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DOCTOR AND GIRL SIGHTED AT PARTY

West Coast Woman Tells of Poker Session

BULLETIN

Homicide Detective Robert E. Schottke and Assistant County Prosecutor Thomas J. Parrino were reported in Columbus or Toledo early today seeking Dr. Arthur Miller, West Coast osteopath coming east on a tour. Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard stayed at Dr. Miller's home for a week on a trip to California last March.

(Photo on Picture Page)

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was at a poker party with Miss Susan Hayes on his March trip to California, probbers out there disclosed yesterday, and his ill-fated wife spent 10 days apart from him, they found.

New facts from the west were showing Dr. Sheppard's earlier story about that journey was not quite accurate. He had said he saw Miss Hayes, 24-year-old medical technician he knew here, only twice on that trip, at a wedding and once to give her a watch later.

The poker party was at the home of Dr. Arthur Miller in a prosperous section of Los Angeles. Another osteopath, Dr. Dorothy Marsh, said she saw the two there.

While the California facts trickled in, Cleveland police bosses made their first visit to the death home, at 28924 West Lake Road, Bay Village. They took away the dead woman's golf clubs.

Stayed at Ranch

Marilyn Sheppard was staying with the wife of another osteopath, Dr. Randall J. Chapman, at Dr. Chapman's 2,000-acre Rancho Calera. The ranch is in

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City Police Officials Take First Look at Home in Bay

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Limekiln, in the mountains behind Monterey.

She was there from about March 3 to March 15, said Dr. Chapman. On March 12 Dr. Sheppard and Dr. Chapman drove up there, 375 miles, from Los Angeles and spent the next three days all together with their wives, said the owner of the ranch.

He practices in Burbank, within Los Angeles County, he said.

Dr. Chapman denied the Sheppards had any spat over the young Bay doctor's "playing around."

Only Disagreement

The only disagreement, he said, was between Mrs. Chapman and Dr. Sheppard "because of Dr. Sheppard urging me to come east and practice medicine in Cleveland."

"At the end of Sam's studies in Los Angeles, we drove up to the ranch for a little vacation," said Dr. Chapman. "The last time I saw the Sheppards they seemed very compatible.

"They probably had their difficulties. Most people do. But I never saw them in a violent quarrel. They seemed to me a well-adjusted young couple."

Asked for "Heads"

Dr. Sheppard last December was reported to have written to a doctor friend in California asking for "a couple of human heads," an investigator said there. The friend wrote back saying the heads could not be obtained, the investigator added.

Dr. Chapman said that nobody else was staying at his ranch home in that period excepting the two doctors' wives. There is a foreman with his wife and five children on the ranch, as well as other ranch hands.

Susan Hayes was going to be called for more questioning today. She lives in Downey, just outside Los Angeles.

Reported to Be Angry

District Attorney S. Ernest Roll was reported to have been angry at Susan's "lying to me." She had said she saw Dr. Sheppard only two times in March also.

He and Capt. James Hamilton, brilliant head of the Los Angeles police intelligence division, were both checking leads there. District Attorney Burr Scott of Monterey County was checking

that end.

Here Detective Chief James E. McArthur was asked, as he came out of the death house with the victim's golf sticks: "Did this visit change any of your ideas?"

"No, it amplified them," said McArthur firmly.

Boys working for the Bay service department had been putting up a stout rope around the entire Sheppard yard at 28924 Westlake Road.

At one point one of them was called in to do "a dirty job." The boy who was called was the mayor's son, Larry Houk.

'Asked to Dig in Ashpit

The investigators needed him to dig into the ashpit of the fireplace.

He came out with his arms soot blackened.

"Nothing there, a lot of cobwebs," Police Chief Frank W. Story of Cleveland said.

Story's team of homicide men, assigned to the Bay mystery, will not begin their gumshoe work in the field for a few days, he said.

They are collecting and studying all the reports and transcripts of questioning, the witnesses' statements and laboratory data first, said the Cleveland chief.

Cleveland Detective Robert E. Schottke and Assistant County Prosecutor Thomas J. Parrino flew to Columbus in the afternoon.

The Columbus hop was only the first short leg of Parrino's and Schottke's excursion. They are going to track back over the trail left by Dr. Sheppard and his wife when they went to California this year.

That trip took from Feb. 26 to March 22.

Homicide men here were to soak up all that has been amassed as evidence and, Chief Story said, were to make one composite report of the case.

Go to Bedroom

Those who converged upon the death home after the inquest adjourned were Chief Story, Deputy Inspector McArthur, Coroner Samuel R. Gerber, Chief Assistant County Prosecutor Saul S. Danaceau, Deputy Sheriffs Carl Roszbach and Dave Yettra, Bay Sergt. Jay H. Hubach and Detective Fred F. Drenkhan.

They filed in the front room, went immediately to the kitchen to commandeer the golf clubs in the kitchen to their right.

Then they went to the living room, where Dr. Sheppard was last seen asleep on a couch at the foot of the stairs. And from there they climbed up to the bedroom at the stair head where the horror of the murder is written still in blood.

From there to the living room again and the diagonal fireplace to dig the ashes out and then the probers left.



HEADING INVESTIGATION of the slaying of Marilyn Sheppard, Police Chief Frank J. Story (seated) and Deputy Inspector James E. McArthur of Cleveland confer at the coroner's inquest.