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With deftness and enthusiasm William J. Corrigan, defense attorney for Dr. Sam Sheppard, set about baiting Deputy Coroner Lester Adelson as the criminal lawyer cross-examined the doctor on the witness stand today.

"The Morgue," Corrigan kept calling Adelson's swank new headquarters on the Western Reserve University campus until finally the deputy coroner could stand it no longer.

"Would you please call it the coroner's office," he asked of Corrigan. "We don't have a morgue any more. It's a coroner's office."

Then Corrigan went on Dr. Adelson's educational background and brought a laugh from the alternate juror, Mrs. Lois Mancini.

"Now yesterday, Dr. Adelson, you said you belonged to Phi Beta Kappa. That has nothing to do with the medical profession, has it? All that means, you were a pretty bright fellow in school."

"I wouldn't say that," the deputy coroner said.

"Well, it didn't mean anything about medicine anyway, did it?" Corrigan dug. Everyone in court chuckled but Mrs. Mancini burst into outright laughter.

David S. Phillips, 2483 Electric Dr., Bay Village, was the only friend of defendant Am Sheppard in court today. His brother, Dr. Stephen Sheppard, and his wife, Betty, flew to New York last night with a neighbor, Miss June Hayes, who said she was not related to Susan Hayes.

A County Jail prisoner sent a letter from his cell today to Prosecutor John J. Mahon. It read:

"Noticing when I was reading The Press you were elected judge of Common Pleas Court. More power to you and I am with you. The best of luck."

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Sheppard and Mrs. Steve Sheppard, barred from further court visits at the Sam Sheppard murder trial until they are called as witnesses, have a date with Dr. Sam at his County Jail cell Saturday.

They left court late yesterday after Judge Edward Blythin ordered a separation of witnesses, but granted a defense request that one member of the family be allowed to be present at all times for consultation purposes.

Defense Lawyer Corrigan asked that Dr. Steve be permitted to remain.

Lawyer Corrigan got sleepy after his light lunch yesterday so solicitous St. Steenstra, the jolly jury bailiff, turned his office and tan leather couch over to Sheppard's attorney.

Sir turned out the lights, ordered phone calls shut off, and Corrigan enjoyed an undisturbed 45-minute siesta.

While the state was introduc-