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County Pays Out \$2900 So Far in Murder Trial

The Sheppard murder case has cost the county \$2961.90 so far, Clerk of Courts Leonard Fuerst reported today. It breaks down as follows:

For jurors sworn in and hearing the case: \$973.40.

For jurors excused: \$1885.70.

For Grand Jury witnesses: \$74.20.

For other witnesses so far, including those at Dr. Sam's bail bond hearing: \$28.60.

500.

Incidentally, Prosecutor Mahon, now earning \$9000, will be boosted to \$13,500 when he is installed as a Common Pleas Court judge after the first of the year.

Deputy Coroner Lester Adelson went back on the witness stand for cross-examination and Defense Attorney Corrigan resumed his needling.

Q.: You are the highest-paid public official in the county, outside of the judges, aren't you?

A.: I know what my salary is but I don't know the compensation of other officials.

Dr. Adelson reported he earns \$13,200 a year. His boss, Coroner S. R. Gerber, is paid \$7200 a year. For Corrigan's information, Budget Commissioner John F. Hehir is the county's best-paid official, earning \$14,-

For once, it wasn't Judge Edward Blythin who held up the Sheppard murder trial today with arraignments and other matters. But there was a delay just the same.

Attorney William J. Corrigan and his entire defense staff were in their seats promptly at 9:15. Two minutes later Judge Blythin emerged from his chamber and took his place on the bench.

But Saul Danaceau was the only member of the prosecution team on hand. John Mahon, who heads the state's staff, and Thomas Parrino finally came in five minutes late and the session started.