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CLEVELAND, OHIO, SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1954

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## 25th Homer To Score 3

# FIND BLOOD TRAIL TO BAY BASEMENT

## Police Trace Killer's Path Within Home

BY HOWARD BEAUFIT

A new trail of blood leading into the basement of the Bay Village home of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was reported revealed today under the police department's scientific black light.

Investigators believe the latest discovery indicates the killer of Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard ran to the basement in frantic confusion to wash blood from his hands and weapon.

Police using a black light and a luminal solution, which is sprayed over suspicious areas, said they have now charted a complete and jagged course of blood spots from room to room and into the garage of the rambling rearfront Sheppard home at 28924 West Lake Rd.

The blood trail shows clearly, according to investigators, that the killer, carrying perhaps a bloody weapon, did not hurry from the house after the brutal crime, but walked about in panic and uncertainty.

Gervase M. Flick, 19, son of a radiologist at Bay View Osteopathic Hospital and a staunch friend of Dr. Sheppard, was at police headquarters for eight hours giving homicide detectives several theories about the crime that shocked the community July 4.

Flick was described as "an amateur detective" whose theories about the murder were of no value to the investigation.

Deputy Inspector James E. McArthur said that Flick would be questioned about his theories under the lie detector. The youth who visited the osteopath in jail, said that he complained he was "disgusted with conditions in county jail."

The new basement blood spots were found 33 days after the murder was committed. Coroner Samuel R. Gerber said that the older blood gets the easier it is to see, particularly on concrete.

### Blood Spots "Glow"

Dr. Gerber explained that blood does not fluoresce under the black light, but stands out as dark spots in a luminous field. The luminal solution, which must be mixed fresh every 20 minutes because it deteriorates so rapidly, is sprayed over the suspect

spots and causes them to glow "like fire-flies."

The next problem, after the blood has been located, is to soak it up, or scrape it up and remove it to the morgue laboratory for typing.

As police continued to build a circumstantial evidence case against the tall, handsome osteopath, his attorneys prepared another legal attack against a scheduled Monday arraignment on a first degree murder charge.

Attorney William J. Corrigan filed an affidavit of prejudice in Bay Village against Council President Gershom M. Barber.

### Charges "Prejudice"

Corrigan said that Barber had disqualified himself to hear the case by making prejudicial remarks. Continued on Page 3, Column 5

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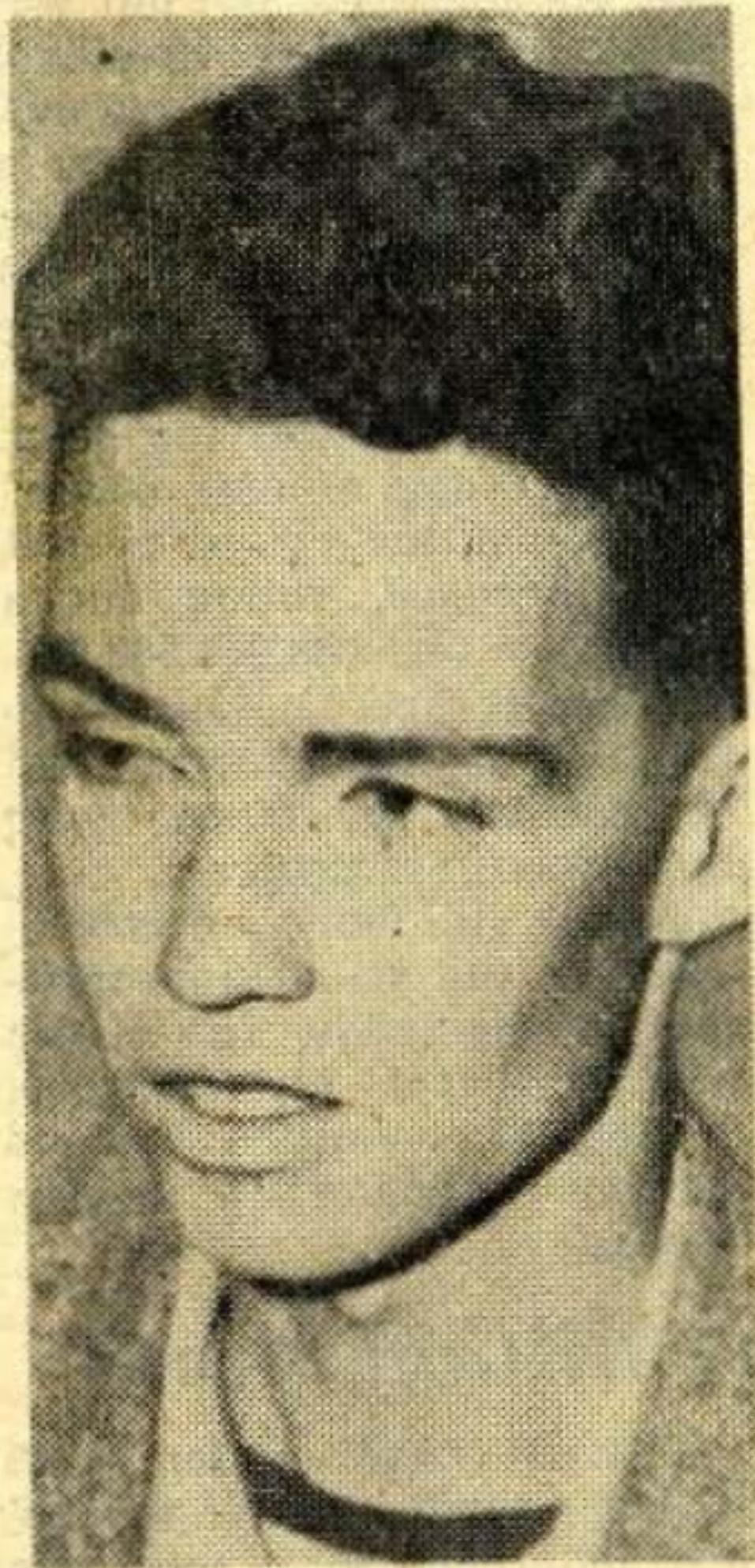
marks against Dr. Sam.

Arguments on the affidavit will be heard Monday at 10 a. m. by Common Pleas Judge Frank J. Merrick. The preliminary hearing before Barber will be postponed pending a ruling from the judge on the charge of prejudice.

The Court of Appeals turned down Corrigan's plea to have the hearing before Barber declared illegal on the grounds that he was a legislator and not permitted to act in a judicial role. Common Pleas Court earlier had refused to grant Dr. Sam his freedom on a writ of habeas corpus.

Mrs. Betty Sheppard, a sister-in-law, visited the prisoner in County Jail this morning. She brought him clothing, fruit and a letter.

Dr. Sam is still refusing to talk about the murder with detectives and spends his time listening to the radio and reading "hot rod" magazines.



**JERRY FLICK**

Adds to murder theories.