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TOMORROW — Scattered show-
ers and warmer.

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CHECK MORE DOCTOR 'DATES'

Names Given To Detectives By Hoversten

Investigation in the Marilyn Sheppard murder mystery today again switched to "other women" in the life of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, the victim's husband, following clearance of two close friends.

New names of women whom the young osteopathic surgeon dated in recent years were supplied police by Dr. Lester T. Hoversten, who was cleared of suspicion after taking two lie detector tests.

Also cleared was Mayor J. Spencer Houk of Bay Village, one of the first persons called to the scene when Marilyn's blood-spattered body was discovered on July 4.

Before his release Houk almost came to blows with Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, brother-in-law of the victim who suggested to police that the village mayor may have had a romantic interest in the 31-year-old woman.

Houk Convinces Police

During eight hours of continuous grilling, however, Houk convinced detectives that he was a simply "good friend" of both Dr. Sam and his wife and had not withheld information in previous statements.

After the questioning and the near-clash between Houk and "Dr. Steve," Police Chief Frank W. Story announced:

"We found no reason to hold Mayor Houk as a suspect in the murder."

Story said Dr. Hoversten, who was a house guest of the Sheppards in their home at 28924 W. Lake Rd., Bay Village for several days prior to the murder, had also been cleared of suspicion.

Dr. Hoversten, who returned from Los Angeles when Dr. Sheppard's attorneys suggested that he might know something about the murder, supplied police with the names of nine women with whom "Dr. Sam" dated while married to Marilyn.

Check to Be Started

Story said the names of four of the women were previously known by police and that a check would be started on the other five here and in Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, preparations were completed for the opening at 9:15 a. m. Monday of a preliminary hearing on a first degree murder charge against the victim's 30-year-old husband.

Common Pleas Judge William K. Thomas, assigned to conduct the hearing after the granting of a writ of prejudice against Acting Mayor Gershom M. M. Barber of Bay Village, announced that the public would be barred from the hearing in the Criminal Courts Building.

Patrol to Be Maintained

Additional deputy sheriffs will be assigned to patrol the building at 1560 E. 21st St. to maintain order outside the courtroom and prevent curious crowds from disrupting the sessions.

At the hearing, attorneys led by Solicitor Richard S. Weygandt of Bay Village will attempt to prove that there is "probable cause" why Dr. Sheppard should be bound over to the County Grand Jury on the murder trial.

No defense is presented at such a hearing but Dr. Sheppard's attorneys may cross-examine each witness presented by the state and he may make a statement to the court without being placed under oath.

William J. Corrigan, chief defense counsel, said he could not

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Detective Adelbert O'Hara (left) accompanies Bay Mayor J. Spencer Houk from Central Police Station after long grilling in murder.



Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, brother-in-law of murder victim, avoids newsmen after near-clash with man he linked to July Fourth slaying.

Check More Doctor's 'Dates' Listed in Hoversten Quiz

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say whether his client would make a statement at the hearing. If he makes a statement it could be later used against him during the trial if he is bound over and indicted.

His failure to make a statement at the preliminary hearing, however, could not be used against him during a subsequent trial.

Corrigan or his aides, a son, William H. Corrigan, and Fred W. Garmon, may also ask for dismissal of the murder warrant at the opening of the hearing, but possible grounds for such a motion have not been disclosed.

Corrigan, has made it clear, however, that he will not attempt to delay the hearing through a request for a continuance at Monday's session.

"We are ready to go ahead," Corrigan told reporters.

Mayor Houk was brought to Central Police Station for questioning a short time after Barber, who issued the murder warrant against Dr. Sheppard, was ruled out of the case by Common Pleas Judge Frank J. Merrick because of remarks he is alleged to have made.

Houk was re-questioned after Dr. Stephen, younger brother of the defendant, told Chief Story on Thursday that during a professional visit to his office six months ago Marilyn had told him that Houk had been in love with her for two years; that they had spent considerable time together during a fishing trip; but that no intimacies had occurred between them.

The 43-year-old butcher emphatically denied these allegations and told Inspector of Detectives James E. McArthur that Marilyn was "one of the purest girls I have ever known."

"If anyone had made advances to her, he would never be a welcome guest at her home after that," Houk declared.

McArthur said Houk was grilled for five solid hours without interruption and added: "which was something we were not able to accomplish when we attempted to quiz Dr. Sheppard."

The detective chief conferred with County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan today to determine whether Dr. Hoversten would be permitted to return to Los An-

geles to await recall or would be held here under protective custody as a material witness.

McArthur said efforts to match a palm print found in the murder home would continue over the weekend with virtually everyone known to be a friend of the family or connected with the case required to submit to a test.

He said he expected that more than 40 persons would submit

their prints for checking by police.

Dr. Sheppard, who received 10 visitors in his cell block on Friday, was permitted no visitors today with the exception of his attorneys.

Among the Friday visitors were his father, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, his brother, Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard and his wife, and Drs. Richard N. Sheppard, another sister-in-law.