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Members of the County Grand Jury which today began hearing evidence against Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard in the Bay Village murder of his wife, are (first row, left to right): Foreman Bert R. Winston, Arthur R. Gutschmidt and Mrs. Gladys Henricks; (second row): Mrs. Belva Andrews, Mrs. Mary C. Byers, Mrs.

Catherine Carey, Mrs. Esther M. Bieger, Miss Frances Schumm and Mrs. Rebecca McCutcheon; (third row): Mrs. Katherine Sharkey, John Zippay, Kenneth Moughtin, John F. Doyle, John M. Martin and Mrs. Lucille Murphy.

## Holdover Grand Jury Hears Sheppard Case

Affirmative votes of at least 12 of the 15 men and women who make up the County Grand Jury will be required to return a first-degree murder indictment against Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

Headed by Bert R. Winston, auto loan company executive and civic leader, the present panel was sworn in by Common Pleas Judge Arthur H. Day and held its first session May 3.

Nine of the original members for the so-called "spring" session of Criminal Court are still active. The others represent replacements during May, June and July.

### Origin Is Obscure

The Grand Jury system dates back several centuries, but the exact reason for its founding is somewhat obscured. Says Webster's Dictionary:

"In England, the body of not less than twelve and not more than twenty-three, good and lawful men of a county who are returned by the sheriff every session of the peace and the assizes, whose duty it is, in private session, to examine into accusations against persons charged with crime, and if they see just cause, then to find bills of indictment against them, to be presented to the court, and to act on such other public matters, as may be brought before them, such as inquiries into misfeasance in office, prevalence of crime, public nuisances, etc.

"The Grand Jury and petit jury became established during the 14th Century, by what process it not certainly known; but the Grand Jury is now generally supposed to represent, to some extent, the inquest of Frankish origin.



Bay Village Mayor and Mrs. J. Spencer Houk await call to testify before the County Grand Jury at the Criminal Courts Building.



"In the United States the Grand Jury is guaranteed by the Constitution (Amendment V) but the number of its members varies under statutory law in the various states from 12 to 23."

### **Women on Jury**

In many states the Grand Jury system has been abolished, or done away with in part. In Michigan a one-man Grand Jury, can be set up.

The present County Grand Jury, made up largely of women, has heard evidence in 328 cases, returning 311 true bills and 17 no bills involving 394 defendants. The panel had been scheduled for discharge late in July but was held over to hear the Shepard case.

Of the women members five are housewives, one a school teacher, one a telephone operator, one a restaurant worker, the other a department store saleswoman.

### **Others on Jury**

Besides Winston, the men include a draftsman, an electronics inspector, a pressman, an electric motor winder and a factory worker.

Foreman Winston is president

of the Mutual Finance Co.,  
Cleveland Insurance Exchange  
and the Cleveland Underwriting  
Co. and lives at 2749 Ashley Rd.,  
Shaker Heights.

Other members of the Grand  
Jury scheduled to hear the case  
are:

Mrs. Gladys Henricks, 17301  
Riverway Dr., Lakewood.

Mrs. Mary C. Byers, 1358 W.  
112th St.

Mrs. Catherine Carey, 1915 W.  
52d St.

Mrs. Esther M. Bieger, 1455  
Lander Rd., Mayfield Heights.

Miss Frances Schumm, 1321  
Giddings Rd.

Mrs. Rebecca McCutcheon,

14100 Jenne Ave.

Mrs. Katherine Sharkey, 11023  
Royalton Rd., North Royalton.

John Zippay, 3481 E. 153d St.  
John F. Doyle, 2011 W. 100th  
St.

John M. Martin, 1621 Galion  
Ave.

Mrs. Lucille Murphy, 9801  
Parmalee Ave.

Mrs. Belva G. Andrews, 10301  
Chippewa Rd., Brecksville.

Kenneth Moughtin, 859 Grey-  
ton Rd., Cleveland Heights.

Arthur R. Gutschmidt, 3245  
W. 43d St.