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Thousands Flock to Murder Home

The hollow shell of what was once a home stands empty, dark and ghostly at 28924 West Lake Road, Bay Village. But to thousands of Sunday drivers it remains a West Side show place.

A heavy rope strung from tree to tree to warn away the curious marks the house, advertising the spot as well as any billboard.

Brakes screech as motorists slow up nearing the address. Traffic crawls and cars edge over neighboring tree lawns to park for a better and longer view for themselves and their families.

"That rope marks the place all right," Karl Robert Schuele, who lives next door, said yesterday. "But if police took the rope away I'm afraid souvenir hunters would tear the place down."

Dr. Sam Reads

Near downtown Cleveland, on the fourth floor of County Jail, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, a central figure in the July 4 slaying of his pregnant wife, contented himself in his wait for trial by reading and listening to the ball game on his radio.

Jailers said Dr. Sheppard played handball for the half hour permitted on one of the fourth-floor courts in the afternoon. He has played handball each day since he was jailed

after his indictment, the jailers reported.

On the dinner menu at the jail were roast beef, creamed potatoes, peas, berry or cherry pie and coffee.

No visitors were reported for the day.

Inspector James E. McArthur, detective chief, said investigators are checking tips which had accumulated while police were gathering material for the hearing before the grand jury. No new information has been found, he said.