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Jury Panel of 75
Thurs., Sept. 23, '54
to Report Oct. 18
in Sheppard Case

Summoning of a panel of 75 prospective jurors for the case of "State of Ohio vs. Samuel H. Sheppard" was ordered late yesterday by Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin.

The jury candidates will be asked to report for duty at 9 a. m. Oct. 18, the date set by the court for the opening of Dr. Sheppard's first-degree murder trial.

Although there has been no announcement as to who will preside at the trial, it is expected that Judge Blythin, who is presiding judge of the court's criminal branch, will take the case.

Twelve jurors will be selected for the trial after the candidates are examined by counsel for the state and defense. If necessary, a second panel of 75 may be summoned for possible duty.

Defense Attorney William J. Corrigan could stop these proceedings by waiving a jury and asking for a trial by three judges, or if he files a motion for a change of venue and is successful in getting the trial moved to another county.