

Thereupon the defendant, further to maintain the issues on his part to be maintained, called as a witness MRS. E. W. HOWELL, who, being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Petersilge:

Q Will you state your name, please?

A Mrs. E. W. Howell.

Q And that was your husband who just preceded you on the stand, was it not, Mrs. Howell?

A Yes, sir.

Q What was your maiden name before you were married?

A Kane.

Q And was it your father who was formerly editor of one of the newspapers here?

A Yes, sir.

Q What newspaper was that?

A The Cleveland News.

Q Are you acquainted with the defendant, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard?

A Yes, sir.

Q How long have you known him?

A Two and a half, three years.

Q During that time did you have occasion to consult him

professionally?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you also have any social contacts with him or with his wife or with both of them?

A Yes.

Q And did you know his wife, Marilyn Sheppard, for about the same length of time that you have known Dr. Sam?

A Yes.

Q Are you also a member of the Cleveland Sports Car Club?

A Secretary.

Q Do you drive a sports car?

A Yes, sir.

Q What car do you drive?

A Well, around I drive a Jaguar.

Q And have you had occasion to see Dr. Sam and Marilyn at some of the meetings of the Cleveland Sports Car Club?

A Yes, sir.

Q Have you also attended any races with them?

A Yes.

Q Now, as a result of your contacts with Dr. Sam and his wife at the Sports car events, and also on social occasions, also in consulting him professionally as a doctor, have you formed any opinion as to the kind of person that Dr. Sam is?

A Yes, sir.

Q Will you tell the jury what kind of a person he is, as you have observed him?

A Well, he is an extremely steady person and not easily excited. He drove a race at Put-in-Bay with practically no variation in his laps, which is an extremely steady driver under extremely exciting conditions.

Is that what you wanted to know, Mr. Petersilge?

Q Yes. Any observations that you have made of him.

Did you ever see him lose his temper?

A No, sir.

Q And have you had occasion to observe his conduct toward his wife?

A Yes.

Q And her conduct toward him?

A Yes.

Q And how did they seem to you?

A They were very considerate of each other, and to all appearances ideally suited to each other.

Q Now, Mrs. Howell, are you acquainted with Dr. Sheppard's general character and reputation in the community as being a law-abiding citizen?

A Yes.

Q And what can you say as to that?

A Well, --

THE COURT: Is his reputation good

or what?

THE WITNESS: Oh, excellent reputation,
well liked and admired by almost everyone.

Q Do you recall the last time that you saw Dr. Sheppard prior to his wife's death?

A Yes, sir.

Q And on what occasion was that?

A Well, on Thursday night before this happened, he came loping in about 10:30.

Q When you say loping in about 10:30 --

A Well, he was all excited because a friend of his had bought an MG. They brought it over to show us.

Q And how long did he stay on that occasion?

A Half hour, 45 minutes.

Q At that time did he seem to have anything on his mind except the friend's MG?

A Nothing.

Q Something like a kid with a new toy?

A Very much like a kid with a new toy.

MR. PETERSILGE: You may examine.

MR. MAHON: No questions.

(Witness excused.)

MR. CORRIGAN: Mrs. Vetter.