

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Corrigan:

Q Will you state your name to the jury?

A Alfred C. Kreke.

Q You are a minister of the gospel?

A I am.

Q And where is your church, Reverend Kreke?

A It is located in Bay Village.

Q And what is the name of the church?

A The Bay Methodist Church.

Q Now, Doctor, is Sam Sheppard a member of that church?

A Yes, he is.

Q And how long has he been a member of that church?

A Since 1951.

Q And you have been his pastor all the time?

A That's right.

Q Did you ever visit his home?

A Yes. I visited a number of times as a minister.

Q And did you visit his home when both his wife and he were

together?

A Yes. I have done that several times, and made a practice of calling usually when they were at home together.

Q Did there come a time when you performed a religious ceremony in his home?

A Yes, I did. Marilyn requested that I perform a baptism ceremony for her.

Q Did you baptize her at her home?

A I did baptize her in the living room of the home.

Q And who was present at that baptismal?

A Dr. Sam was present, also Dr. Richard, the brother, and Dr. Richard's wife, and Chip, the boy was present.

Q Now, is Chip a member of the church, also?

A No, he is not. He is too young to be a member.

Q Now, then, were there other occasions when you visited the home?

A There was a time this past June, this last summer, when I called there for the purpose of asking Marilyn whether she would help in the daily vacation Bible School by giving out a treat on the last day, since I would not be present, but would be up at a church congress.

Q Did Marilyn give some assistance at the church?

A As a secretary for the Board of Education, she did for about two years, and then for several years as registrar of the daily vacation Bible School.

- Q Now, then, sometime in June, do you remember being at the home of Dr. Sheppard, June of this year?
- A Yes. It was the first week of daily vacation Bible School when I knew I would not be present for that last day of the Bible School, to be able to purchase the treats for the youngsters. I stopped at their home to ask her to do that.
- Q Well, now, I am calling attention to a time, if you remember -- just to fix the incident in your mind -- do you remember a time when Dr. Sam Sheppard was moving a desk?
- A Yes, very definitely. That was on a Thursday afternoon, June the 17th.
- Q And how did you happen to go to the home on that day?
- A I went there with the purpose of asking Marilyn whether she would purchase the treats and give them out the following Friday, not the next day, but the following Friday.
- Q Now, on that occasion did you see Sam and Marilyn?
- A Yes. I arrived at the home and parked my car in the drive, and in a minute or two afterward they came in the driveway from the east in their jeep with a desk across the hood of the jeep.
- Q What was done with that desk? Just tell me what occurred there.
- A Well, when I stepped out of the car and in to greet them, both Dr. Sam and Marilyn stepped out of their respective

sides of the car, and then started to lift the desk off of the hood of the car, and Dr. Sam stopped Marilyn immediately and said, "You are in no condition to lift the desk. I will take it off."

And then -- well, I just volunteered then to take the one end of the desk and assisted Dr. Sam in getting it off the hood of the car, and then assisted him in carrying it upstairs to the den.

Q Marilyn was going to help, but he stopped her?

A Yes, that's right.

Q Did the result of that conversation bring out a further conversation?

A Yes, it did. They sprung, I would say, a surprise on me by telling me that Marilyn was pregnant, and it was such good news to them, and they wanted to share it with me.

Q Now, what would you say their manner and their attitude toward one another was at that particular time when they were sharing this news with you?

A Well, I would say it was certainly a very happy relationship, judging from all the appearances in their reaction to the announcement that they gave me at that time.

Q In your ministry, you are accustomed to analyze people to a certain extent, are you not?

A Well, I would say so. That is part of the training and experience.

Q And your ministry brings you into contact with all types and kinds of people, doesn't it?

A That's right.

Q Now, have you visited at the hospital at various times when you came in contact with Dr. Sam Sheppard?

A Yes, any number of times, when I made calls there on people who were members of the church, who were patients there.

Q Have you been present at any time when he was working in accident cases?

A Yes. One particular incident when a couple in our church, a Mr. and Mrs. William Wismer, were involved in a terrific accident on Lake Road where the Bay Village and Rocky River line border. There was a head-on collision, and I went there immediately when I learned of it, and saw him at work there.

Q You were there when Dr. Sam Sheppard was working on those people and giving them medical attention?

A That's right.

Q Now, have you also visited him in the jail?

A Yes, I have, since --

Q And how often have you visited him in the jail?

A Since the last week in July, with a few exceptions in August when I was away on vacation, I visited practically every week.

Q Now, from this acquaintance with him and these observations

that you have made, have you been able to determine what kind of a man Dr. Sam Sheppard is?

A Yes, and I would say I have had no change in my estimate from the first few years that I knew them after they became members of the church, in what I have seen of him in action, and he is a very selfless type of man, what you would expect in a doctor. He is always available for emergency calls. He had some relationship with the police department so that he was notified of emergencies, and any time of day or night, if he were in town, I do know that he made himself available for that.

Q What would you say as to his temperament, as to whether he was volatile or whether he was an even-tempered person?

A Well, under the circumstances that I saw him in his home and in these instances of the emergency, I would have to say he was rather even-tempered.

Q Even-tempered.

MR. CORRIGAN: Cross examine.

MR. MAHON: No questions.

(Witness excused.)

THE COURT: We will have a few minutes' recess at this point.

Please do not discuss this case at all.

(At 10:45 o'clock a.m. a recess was taken.)