



COMMITTEE MEMBERS for the Yacht Club semi-formal dance, Saturday, November 20, pose with a sample of the main event on the buffet menu — turkey. From the left, George Dimbat, Mrs. Howard Pernell, Carol Colvin, Mrs. George Dimbat, Mrs. Colvin, co-chairman with her husband; and Howard Pernell. — Photo by Stoner

Sheppard Defense Plans To Dispute State's Evidence

CLEVELAND (AP)—The defense prepared to strike back today against surprise testimony that the imprint of a surgical instrument was found on slain Marilyn Sheppard's bloody pillow.

"We're not just going to lay down and admit it was a surgical instrument," William J. Corrigan, chief defense attorney for Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, said.

The white-haired, 67-year-old attorney admitted he had not known about the claw-shaped mark on the pillow, but declared firmly he was not surprised, "nothing is a surprise to me."

Dr. Sheppard, a 30-year-old osteopath, is accused of killing his wife, Marilyn, 31, in the bedroom of their lakefront home July 4.

Asst. County Prosecutor John J. Mahon said the pillow slip was the "surprise" evidence which the prosecution previously said it planned to spring at the trial.

Its introduction, through testimony of County Coroner Samuel R. Gerber, completely overshadowed other events in the trial session yesterday.

Coroner Gerber, who for a period following the murder served as top investigator, was on the stand most of the day. The state said it would complete its direct examination today and surrender the witness to the defense for cross-examination.

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By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
AP Science Reporter

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They are apparently the first case of successful transplanting of these glands for this long a time.

The dramatic case was described to the American College of Surgeons by Doctors Julius A. Sterling and Ralph Goldsmith, of Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia.

The woman, now 31, had her own thyroid and parathyroids removed in 1941 because her thyroid was too active.

Later, she began suffering from

muscular spasms, tremors and pain due to lack of calcium, which is controlled by the parathyroids. An attempt, at another hospital, to transplant parathyroids in 1949 failed.

She grew worse, had to go to the hospital as often as four times daily for calcium injections. She also suffered from lack of thyroid hormone.

Just two years ago, she was given the glands from a baby who

died at 21 days of age. The baby's parents gave permission for removal of the glands from the infant's neck within an hour after death.

The glands were placed in the woman's groin. Blood vessels of

the glands were connected with her own blood vessels.

She has been free of disease complications ever since, Sterling said. Once in a while she takes calcium pills. She no longer needs thyroid pills or other medicines.

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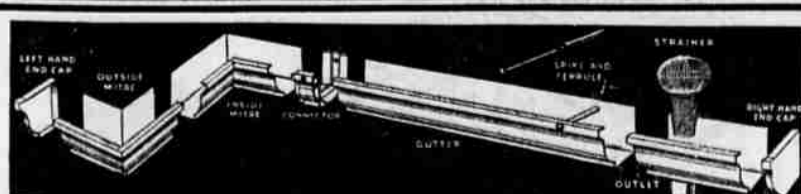
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