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Lois Mancini

Louella Williams

Louise Fechter

Elizabeth Borke

Ann Foote

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By RICHARD McLAUGHLIN

Housewives all, mothers all but one, the six women on the Sam Sheppard jury have pushed into the background their normal family routines to serve—how long nobody knows—as judges of evidence in the nation's most sensational murder trial since the Lindbergh baby kidnap-murder case.

In a trial in which, so far, only grim-visaged men in their drab blue or gray clothing have been featured, the women jurors offer refreshing relief as a backdrop for the courtroom scene.

They are attractive, intelligent-looking and pleasant. They are as pert and snappy-looking as any group of six women picked by lot in a community of a million and a half.

They dress attractively—but for comfort—in conservative clothing to keep them warm outdoors and at ease during the long hours in the jury box.

### All Like Small Hats

They all favor small, off-the-face hats and all wear earrings. Four of the six have short hair trims, the other two let their hair-dos frame their faces.

Take Mrs. Elizabeth Borke. She likes to wear white blouses. Yesterday's outfit included a black tailored skirt, a black ribbon tied at her collar. Over the blouse was a peach colored cardigan sweater.

Hardly discernible against her black hair was a black pillbox hat. Her earrings were huge pearls. Mrs. Borke goes home at the end of the day to her two children and hus-

band at 7010 Pearl Rd., Middleburg Heights.

Mrs. Fechter, 54, oldest member of the jury but not lacking in pep and enthusiasm, wore a golden, long-sleeved tailored blouse as she sat as Juror No. 5. Her skirt was beige and she had on a brown crown-style hat. Mrs. Fechter has no children, lives at 3541 Warren Rd.

### Mother of Five

Not far from her, at 2091 Warren Rd., Lakewood, lives Mrs. Ann W. Foote, mother of five children. She sat as Juror No. 7 yesterday in a vivid blue-violet wool dress with white collar and cuffs and black belt. Running under the collar was a short necklace. Her black pillbox hat featured a veil, a perky feather curling forward.

Next to her sat Mrs. Beatrice P. Orenstein, 33-year-old mother of two. She wore a turquoise sweater with a white cardigan over it, and a light colored skirt. A string of pearls was knotted in front and her hat was well back on her brown hair. She lives at 12712 Phillips Ave., East Cleveland.

Mrs. Louella Williams, 50-year-old divorcee and mother of four, was dressed in a cocoa-colored shirtwaist dress. A creamy sailor-type felt hat perched on her black hair. Mrs. Williams lives at 2209 E. 71st St.

The alternate juror is Mrs. Lois H. Mancini, youthful, attractive mother of two girls. She lives at 16920 Stockbridge

Ave. She was wearing a two-piece gray suit with white cuffs and a white collar with broad lapels. Pearls were tight about her throat and right wrist and she had on a black off-the-face hat, which set off her bangs and long curling brown hair.

There's nothing pleasant about the business these six women have been going about for three weeks.

And there won't be many

pleasant interludes between now and the day they hand down a verdict and take up their normal lives again.

But everybody who has spent much time in the Sheppard trial room knows they have one thing in common.

Despite the tenseness, the bitterness—even the horror—surrounding them—

All these lady jurors have real nice smiles.