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## 2 Jurors Face Long Separation

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Call it a legal separation. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dickerson have never been apart more than two weeks since they were wed eight years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sowell have never been apart more than a week in their 11 years of marriage.

The Jack Ruby murder trial might change all that.

Luther Dickerson and Douglas Sowell Tuesday became the fourth and fifth jurors selected in the slow-moving trial.

They'll be away from their families until the trial ends.

Dickerson, 27, of 2314 Candleberry in Mesquite, is vice-president of the Fritz Chemical Co.

His favorite diversion is playing bridge. There'll be plenty of time for that.

Sowell, 34, of 5716 Glen Forest, is a maintenance worker for Braniff International Airways.

The jury dormitory isn't equipped for Sowell's favorite pastime—fishing.

"We'll miss him. But we'll just have to manage, I guess," said Bernice Sowell. The Sowell children are Steven, 6, and Debbie, 3.

Secretary for a furniture firm, Mrs. Sowell, 31, said her husband thought there was no more than "a possibility" that he would be chosen for the Ruby jury.

Bernardine Dickerson, on the other hand, has been predicting since Thursday that her husband (she calls him Gene) would land on the jury.

"You have to know Gene. He's quiet. He doesn't discuss anything. Honest. I mean he just sits there with his arms folded like this while I yak. He's not like me at all."

Dickerson is running for treasurer of the Mesquite Junior Chamber of Commerce. The election is March 3. Mrs. Dickerson said he's already finished most of his campaigning so the jury service won't make much difference.

The Dickerson children are Kenneth Wayne, 7, and Gregory, 2.

"Gene's been trying to quit smoking. I hope the judge won't let him smoke in the jury box.

"Golly. It's going to be a long time. Maybe I can go downtown and watch when the jurors go to a restaurant to eat.

"Are there any pretty girls on that jury?"



Luther Dickerson . . . fourth Ruby juror.



—Dallas News Staff Photos by Tom Dillard.

Mrs. Dickerson with Kenneth, left, and Gregory.