

Grand Jury Seated

The 1968 Santa Cruz County Grand Jury was impaneled this morning by Superior Court Judge Gilbert B. Perry.

Eugene R. Friend, Watsonville insurance man, was named foreman.

The other members of the Grand Jury are Francis Oliverius, Walton Lovejoy, Lawrence Violante, Stanley Prolo, Lloyd Hebborn, Ted Schipper, Richard Page, Campbell Armor, Audrey Johnson, Charlie Jacobs, Mrs. Leigh Koppel, William Kelly, L. J. Brundige, Dr. Ton Jue, Donald Bailey, Melvin Moore, Persis H. Hyde and Gerald S. Sessions Jr.

The names of the 19 jurors were drawn by Tom Kelley, county clerk, from a cylinder

containing 28 names of citizens selected by the judges of Superior Court. A total of 30 names were chosen by the judges, but only 28 answered "present" when their names were called during the brief ceremonies conducted in the new and unfinished county courts building.

Judge Perry surmised the two absentees perhaps were confused by the change in location.

Instructing the new jury, Judge Perry said the function of the panel has changed over the years from that of an investigative body to one that is concerned with "the proper evaluation of government."

He said the jury must serve as a "shield" for those who are wrongfully charged and for public officers under criticism and attack.

He cautioned the jurors to remember that they are appointed rather than elected, and that it "would ill-become you to tell elected officials what to do." He added, however, that the jury may make suggestions and recommendations.

He admonished the panel to avoid impatience, to use the services of the district attorney as their adviser, to review past reports to save time and avoid duplication, and to discharge fairly the jury's obligation to conduct its operations in secrecy.

He added, "Modesty in your actions and conduct and deliberations is greatly to be admired. You are not a super-government. You are interested primarily in the economic operations of this county."

Explosion Toll Reaches Seven

Pittsburgh (AP) — The death toll climbed to seven early today in an explosion that rocked the business district of suburban Ingram, shaking homes a half mile away.

One person was still reported missing and 17 injured after firemen pulled a badly-burned body from the wreckage.

Workers at the scene said one man was thrown 90 feet across railroad tracks. Three were hurled against an iron fence 25 feet away by the explosion yesterday.

What had been a row of five business shops was leveled almost to the street.