

# County Grand Jury: How They Are Chosen And What They Can Do

A lady who called us the other day to inquire just how grand juries were formed and impaneled, not only had to take an excuse for an answer, but also was responsible for quite a blush in our collective face.

It seems that there wasn't a soul around the newsroom who could half-way authoritatively explain the procedure, or even the nature of that body which every now and then crops up in the news pages. And so we decided it was about time something was done about it.

Since everything concerning grand juries is regulated by law and incorporated in the various codes, our reporter contacted a local attorney in the quest for information. At that station, some of our blush subsided, because it turned out that the legal eagle, too, did not find himself on terra firma in respect to grand juries. He invited the reporter to a session with the law books, however, and this is what our man learned:

First of all, a grand jury is a body of persons, 19 in number, which is sworn to inquire of public offense committed or triable within the county. The definition was copied almost verbatim from a volume called the "Code of Civil Procedure", which deals rather extensively with the subject.

Each year, the code says, the superior court issues an order designating the number of grand jurors who, in the opinion of the court, will be required for the transaction of business of the court during the ensuing year. Immediately afterward, the court—i.e. the judge of the superior court—selects and lists the grand jurors required. As qualification, the code states that the selection "shall be made of men and women suitable and competent to serve as jurors".

Since the grand jury is a county-wide affair, the names for the jury list are selected from the different townships, and as nearly as can be determined, in proportion to the number of inhabitants in those townships. In this county, of course there are only two townships, Santa Cruz and Watsonville.

The names selected and listed by the judge of the superior court then go to the county clerk, who writes them on separate pieces of paper which he deposits in what is called the "grand jury box."

As the next step, all those listed are ordered to appear in superior court, and 19 names are drawn from the grand jury box. The 19 persons whose names are drawn will constitute the county grand jury for this year. The

group is instructed as to its duties by the judge and sworn in. This is the process known technically as impaneling.

It would take more space than is available here to list all the duties of the grand jury, but several shall be listed to give an idea of what the group does.

The law book known as the "Penal Code" states that "the grand jury may inquire into all public offenses committed or triable within the county, and present them to the court by indictment".

The same book provides that the grand jury must inquire into the case of every person imprisoned in the jail of the county on a criminal charge and not indicted; into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county; and into the willful or corrupt misconduct in office of public officers of every description within the county.

Further outlining the watchdog functions of the grand jury, the

law prescribes that it must make annual complete and careful examination of the books, records, and accounts of all the officers of the county, and of every city board of education.

In addition, the first grand jury empaneled in even numbered years, is to investigate needs for increase or decrease in salaries of the county supervisors, district attorney, and the auditor. Investigation is also mandatory of the needs of all county offices, including the abolition or creation of offices, equipment, and similar items affecting the efficient government of the county.

A new grand jury will be constituted here in Santa Cruz county soon. At the present time, Superior Judge James L. Atteridge is preparing a list of between 25 and 30 names, from which the 19 grand jurors will be chosen. The empaneling is expected to take place in May.

## RADIO PROGRAMS

KSCO  
1080 kc

KGO  
810 kc

KCBS  
740 kc

KNBC  
680 kc

### MONDAY EVENING

5:00 to 5:30

KSCO—Polka Time; 5:15, Win Holiday  
KGO—Challenge Yukon  
KNBC—Jolly Bill; 5:15, Bandstand  
KCBS—Goss; Hansen; Dr. Crane  
KFRC—Mark Trail

5:30 to 6:00

KSCO—News; Spts.; 5:45, Trade Winds  
KGO—J. Armstrong  
KCBS—C. Huntley; 5:45, Ed. Murrow  
KNBC—Voice of Firestone  
KFRC—Tom Mix

6:00 to 6:30

KSCO—Melody; 6:15, Congress  
KGO—Hill; Garred; Davis  
KCBS—Lux Theatre  
KNBC—NBC Theater  
KFRC—Gabriel Heatter; 6:15 News Reel

6:30 to 7:00

KSCO—Ruth Perry; 6:45, Tr. Chest  
KGO—Melody Promenade  
KCBS—Lux Theatre  
KNBC—NBC Theater  
KFRC—Tello-Test; Ans.; News

7:00 to 7:30

KSCO—Sports; 7:15, Quartet  
KGO—The Lone Ranger  
KCBS—My Friend Irma  
KNBC—Lyons Busy; M. Carson  
KFRC—Murder By Experts

7:30 to 8:00

KSCO—Music of Manhattan  
KGO—Ethel & Albert  
KCBS—Bob Hawk Show  
KNBC—Guy Lombardo Show  
KFRC—Cisco Kid

8:00 to 8:30

KSCO—Ft. Ord Army Band  
KGO—Dixie Jambake  
KCBS—L. Thomas; 8:15, J. Smith Var'ly  
KNBC—Lite Up Time; 8:15, News  
KFRC—Let George Do It

8:30 to 9:00

KSCO—Serenaders; 8:45, Guest Star  
KGO—Henry Taylor; 8:45, Rhythm  
KCBS—A. Godfrey's Talent Scouts  
KNBC—Railroad Hour  
KFRC—Saint

9:00 to 9:30

KSCO—News; 9:10, Jumpin' Jacks  
KGO—Speaking Of Songs  
KCBS—Hollywood Theatre  
KNBC—Telephone Hour

KNBC—Jack Berch; 8:45, Human Side  
KFRC—Haven Of Rest

9:00 to 9:30

KSCO—News; 9:15, Organ  
KGO—Ladies Be Seated; Fashions  
KCBS—W. Warren; 9:15, Aunt Jenny  
KNBC—Music for Today  
KFRC—K. Smith; 9:15, Garden Guide

9:30 to 10:00

KSCO—Walz Time  
KGO—Quick As A Flash  
KCBS—H. Trent; 9:45, Our Gal Sunday  
KNBC—Woman's Magazine  
KFRC—E. Barton

10:00 to 10:30

KSCO—News; 10:05, Hawaii Calls  
KGO—Surprise Pkg.  
KCBS—Big Sister; 10:15, Ma Perkins  
KNBC—Fiesta Time  
KFRC—News; 10:15, Songs

10:30 to 11:00

KSCO—S. C. C. Schools  
KGO—True Story; 10:55, B. Crocker  
KCBS—Dr. Malone; 10:45, Guiding Light  
KNBC—D. Garraway; 10:45, Melody  
KFRC—Show Tunes

11:00 to 11:30

KSCO—From the Record Album  
KGO—B. Crocker; 11:15, V. Lindlar  
KCBS—2nd Mrs. B'rton 11:15, P. Mason  
KNBC—Double or Nothing  
KFRC—Ladies Fair

11:30 to 12:00

KSCO—Bing Crosby; 11:45, F. Martin  
KGO—Baukhage Talk; 11:45, Music  
KCBS—N. Drake; 11:45, Brighter Day  
KNBC—Today's Chit; 11:45, Light of Wild  
KFRC—Queen for a Day

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

12:00 to 12:30

KSCO—Man on St.; 12:15, News  
KGO—Music; 12:15, News  
KCBS—Don Mozley; 12:15, Nona  
KNBC—News; 12:15, Road of Life  
KFRC—News; 12:15, Sidewalk Reporter

12:30 to 1:00

KSCO—Trading Post; 12:45, Noon Tunes  
KGO—Modern Romances  
KCBS—Linkletter Party; News  
KNBC—Pepper Young; 12:45, Rt. to Hap  
KFRC—Reporter; Spice of Life

1:00 to 1:30

KSCO—Request Hour  
KGO—Welcome to Hollywood

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