

Grand Jury Returns Indictment Against Engineer

Elementary Districts

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Philip H. Partridge, former Highland County engineer, was indicted by the September term grand jury Wednesday on two counts charging him with burning a school and burglarizing of a school.

The second count, which was brought by the grand jury during the three day session ended Wednesday night, came as a surprise to all but certain county officials. Prior to the convening of the grand jury, only one count, that of burning the Lincoln School building here on the morning of July 5, had been filed against the engineer. The new count charges him with forcibly entering the school to commit a felony.

Partridge, who has been free under \$2,000 bond since pleading guilty to the charge of burning the school at a preliminary hearing on July 7, will be arraigned for pleas to both counts of the indictment Saturday morning.

During the three-day session, the longest held by a grand jury here for several years, the panel returned 24 other true bills of indictment, one of them secret, against 18 people. A total of 11 cases were ignored, and no cases were continued. The panel examined 88 witnesses during the session.

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INDICTED by the jury were:

Ralph H. Robinson, manslaughter (three counts); Ralph Helterbrand, issuing and uttering checks with insufficient credit (two indict-

Board Approves Building Plans

Vote to Retain Site As Permanent Grounds

By resolution, the directors of the Highland County Agricultural Society are on record today as approving a building program for the county fair and retention of the present site as a permanent fairgrounds.

This action was taken formally at a meeting of the group here Tuesday night, with all but two directors present, Clarence Larkin, board secretary, said.

The fair board also made a recommendation that a space be set aside for the possible future development of a race track on the present grounds.

The present 26-acre grounds has been the subject of debate for a number of years. A few times in recent years, attempts have been made to find other sites for the fair but nothing concrete developed.