Partridge Returned From Lim Hospital; Held "Legally Sane"

ASC Ballots Mailed Farmers; Township Candidates Listed

Approximately 3,650 ballots were mailed out Friday for the annual election of community ASC Committees who will administer the Commodity Stabilization and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Program in Highland County during the coming year. The election will be conducted entirely by mail.

Any farmer who does not receive a ballot from the county office should call in person or phone the office immediately. The ballots, different for each township, carry the name of at least 10 men nominated for the community committee. Farmers are to mark the ballots in a designated spot. They are to vote for five men—and no more. If a farmer wishes to vote for a person other than those nominated, and on the list, he may write the name in a space provided at the bottom of the list and place an "X" opposite his name.

Farmers are to make no marks on the ballot other than the "X"s. They are NOT to sign their own name. Return envelopes are provided for sending the marked ballots to the county ASC office. The ballots may be brought to the county office in the farmer's own name.

However, those mailed in must be marked not later than midnight Friday, Aug. 20. They may be delivered at the county office up to closing time that day.

BALLOTS will be tabulated by community election boards on Aug. 23.

The county ASC committees administer the price support programs for corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley and soybeans; acreage allotment programs for corn, wheat, sugar beets and tobacco; tobacco marketing quotas for wheat and tobacco; and the Agricultural Conservation Program in their counties. Community committees help the county committee make the determination which affects the farmers in their own townships.

Some changes were made in regulations governing ASC committees this year, to overcome criticisms leveled at the administration of ASC county offices in previous years. The principal changes involved the method of nominating farmers for election of community committees, the number of consecutive years which men might serve as community or county committee members, and the participation of community members in the operation of general farm organizations. Fundamentally, the community committees and county committees will serve as they have in the past.

FOLLOWING is a list of the nominees by township:


CAP Squadron Is Activated; Need Members

The newly-formed squadron of the Civil Air Patrol here has been officially activated, according to its chief, W. M. Partridge. The unit is auxiliary to the regular Air Force.

Engineer Is Freed After Taking Tests

Philip Partridge, 43, Highland County engineer, has been declared legally sane, following a 30-day examination at the Lima State Hospital, and was returned home here from the hospital by sheriff's officers, Friday morning.

A report of the examination and the findings was made by Dr. R. E. Bushong, superintendent of the state hospital, in a letter to Commissioner Judge George McDowell. The letter was received here Thursday.

Partridge was committed to Lima on July 9, two days after he entered a guilty plea to a charge that he set fire to the Lincoln elementary school on the morning of July 5, during a severe electrical storm.

The order of commitment signed by Judge McDowell at that time said that there was some question as to his sanity.

IN THE letter to Judge McDowell, Dr. Bushong said that Partridge "...has superior general intelligence, but has been rather poorly adjusted for several years. He has a crush, mostly imaginary, and is very conscientious and has, for a long time, been sympathetic toward the underdog."

He cited several intimate points in the engineer's background, and said that these have "...given rise to projection, suspicion and paranoid thinking to a point where he has almost been delusional."

"Another factor which is more or less important," the doctor said, "is that he has driven himself very hard for some time, and this has lowered the threshold for clear and logical thinking, especially since he apparently does not have the capacity or ability to relax."

AS TO the offense, the superintendent said that Partridge realizes it was wrong, but his "crusader's spirit" will not let him consider the consequences of such an act.

Although the examination showed him to suffer from impairment of judgment at times to a point where he could almost be classified as "psychotic," Dr. Bushong said that it was his belief that the engineer is sane.

Following his return to Hillsboro, Friday, Partridge was released under the bond that was posted at the time of his preliminary hearing last month.