

# Partridge Returned From Lima 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 if the farmer so desires.

However, those mailed in must be postmarked 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 affect 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 committeemen, the number of consecutive years which men might serve as community or county committeemen, and the participation of committeemen 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 townships:

**BRUSHCREEK**—Robert Carroll, Ivan Collier, Eugene Crum, Jack Head, Ervin Hoop, Lawrence Kessler, Hugh Russell, Henry Slagle, Harry Smittle, Ray Storer.

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## CAP Squadron Is Activated; Need Members

The newly-formed squadron of the Civil Air Patrol here has been officially activated, according to

## 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 Common Pleas Judge George W. 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 is rigid, greatly inhibited, overly conscientious and has, for a long time, been sympathetic toward the under-dog."

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 classed 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.

## Two Injured in Series Of Six Highway Accidents in County; Report Heavy Property Damage

Six highway accidents were reported in this area during the weekend but no one was seriously injured. Considerable property damage resulted, however.

A 54-year-old Mowrystown man was fined \$15 and costs by Mayor Karl Doebele, Sunday evening, on a charge filed as the result of an auto accident on Route 321, 2.7 miles east of Mowrystown, at 11 A. M., Sunday, it was reported.

Patrolman M. T. Hobbs, Wilmington State Patrol Post, charged Dewey D. Roberts, of Mowrystown, with driving left of center, after his auto sideswiped another car.

Hobbs said Roberts, going west, went off the left side of the highway on a curve, and in attempting to right the vehicle he sideswiped a car driven by Gene E. Cook, 18, Mt. Orab. Cook had swerved his vehicle from the highway to avoid a head-on collision, the patrolman said.

Neither party was injured in the crash, but both cars were damaged considerably.

George R. Fenner, 25, Lynchburg, suffered possible back injuries in a collision on Green Road, 1.3 miles south of Route 134, Sunday about 11:45 A. M.

Fenner was the driver of a 1948 Chevrolet sedan, headed south, which collided with a 1948 Pontiac convertible driven by Gerald L. Conley, 17, of Piketon.

Both cars were damaged extensively. Fenner came to Highlands Community Hospital at 2:25 P. M. Sunday for a checkup on possible back injuries. Conley was cited to appear in juvenile court Saturday, Aug. 21, at Wilmington, to answer charges arising out of the accident.

**FOLLOWING** an accident which apparently occurred about 11 P. M. Sunday, the patrol found a wrecked car abandoned on Route 134, 2.8 miles north of Lynchburg. The patrol received a report on the accident about 12 P. M. The driver had left the scene.

The owner of the 1950 Ford was later identified as Vaughn Jones of

## Examine 23 In Heart Clinic

Local Doctors And Nurses Participate

Twenty-three youngsters were examined during the fourth annual heart clinic conducted Thursday at Highlands Community Hospital.

Physician in charge was Dr. Robert A. Lyon, Cincinnati Children's Hospital physician. Assisting him were Dr. Sam Kaplin and Dr. E. C. Matthews, heart specialists of Cincinnati. Three technicians accompanied them here, two running the electrocardiographs and the other taking doctor's dictation during the examination.

**THE 23** youngsters examined compares to 35 examined last year, 29 in 1952 and 23 in 1951. Parents and physicians were advised con-